

MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF SPRING GROVE

September 10, 2019

HELD AT QUAKER HILL CONFERENCE CENTER

7:00 P.M.

Board members present included Dr. Ernest Hendricks, Doug Brenneke, Annemarie Chasteen, Murlin Clark and, Robert Erbse.

Also, present was A.J. Sickmann, Tammy Glenn and Tony Noble.

Dr. Hendricks called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Doug Brenneke made a motion to amend the agenda to include the 2020 Proposed Budget for the Town of Spring Grove. Murlin Clark seconded. All in favor.

The minutes of the August 13, 2019 meeting were reviewed. No corrections were presented. Doug Brenneke made a motion to approve. Annemarie Chasteen seconded. All in favor.

Vouchers for payment were distributed for approval and signature.

Dr. Hendricks updated the Board on the Spring Grove Heights retaining wall project and the re-striping of Waterfall Road and the speed humps.

Legal report – A.J. Sickmann had no report for this meeting.

Tammy Glenn presented the proposed 2020 Budget. She met with the Department of Local Government Finance on August 16th. All preliminary information was entered into the State database, Gateway. The proposed rate is \$.98. This is an inflated to capture the total allowable levy. It is estimated that the Spring Grove tax rate will increase by approximately \$.01 for the next tax year. This is the public hearing. The adoption hearing will be at the October Board meeting.

Plan Commission update. Doug Brenneke said that we are currently waiting for State approval of the zoning changes that were previously approved by the Board. The Board will then be asked to consider the proposed Unsafe Building Code.

Dr. Hendricks update the Board on the status of the previously reviewed zoning issues with the Eastern Indiana Recovery. The Board was encouraged to visit the facility.

Old Business. Dr. Hendricks reminded the Board that the 2020 Fire Contract with the City of Richmond is pending approval from this Board. The City Board of Public Works had previously

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approved the contract. Tammy said that she would request additional information on what was driving the approximate 10% increase in the contract. The contract will be brought back to a future Board meeting for consideration.

There was a lengthy conversation on the previous meeting that Dr. Hendricks has with the Mayor of the City of Richmond about annexation or reorganization. The Board agreed that it was worthy of gathering information and continuing to consider but, the Town of Spring Grove appreciates its autonomy and lower tax rates and, at this time, does not think that it would be beneficial to seriously consider this option.

Fall Clean-up. Dr. Hendricks asked if the Board would like to schedule the fall clean up. It was agreed that we need to schedule this soon. Dr. Hendricks said he would call to schedule the roll-off. Dr. Hendricks would report back to the board at the next meeting.

With no other business to discuss, Doug Brenneke made a motion for adjournment. Robert Erbse 2nd. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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