

LAPEL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

In attendance: Noah Bozell, Brian Robertson, Gary Shuck, Lindsay Washmuth, Chad Blake, Dax Norton, Paula Lee, and Evan McMullen, Town Attorney.

7pm meeting called to order.

Motion to amend agenda to include Pay App #15 Thieneman made by Shuck, 2nd by Washmuth and all were in favor.

Motion made by Bozell to amend the agenda to move Council Comments and Concerns up on the agenda to after Public Comment, 2nd by Washmuth and all were in favor. Blake is unable to attend entire meeting and will have to leave early.

Motion to approve agenda as amended made by Blake, 2nd by Robertson and all were in favor.

Bozell opened the floor for Public Comment:

Andrea Baldwin 125 W 9th Street spoke for the LCA regarding a fallen tree in Central Park

Victor Wakely 922 N Main spoke on behalf of Save Our Veterans upcoming motorcycle ride September 30.

Motion made by Blake to conditionally approve the benefit ride on September 30 contingent upon Police Department approval and proof of bond and waive the 30 day requirement for event permit, 2nd by Washmuth and all were in favor.

Matt Wood 5060 S 800 W spoke to the Council regarding semi traffic on 800 and 500 during INDOT project.

Blake addressed the public.

7:19pm Bozell paused the regular meeting and opened a Public Hearing for the 2024 Budget. Bozell opened the floor for public comment.

Andrea Baldwin 125 W 9th asked about a grant given to Park Department was under the impression grant funds were in the Riverboat Fund. Explained to Baldwin the grant has its own fund and is used only for work at park.

Kristi Worthman 1405 N Vine St asked about replying to Blake's comments at this meeting. Comments can be made at next meeting as this is a Public Hearing for the Budget. Worthman then asked about a Town Manager and was the Town planning on hiring one. Worthman then asked about Professional Services fees and the allowance being \$30,000.00. Explained that not all of the professional services come directly out of that line item. Worthman asked about Clerk/Treasurer salary and was the Clerk/Treasurer being paid and also where could she access the Fund Report. Fund Report is a public request form. Norton working on Budget form for each month to present to Council.

7:29pm Bozell closed the Public Hearing for the Budget and reopened the regular meeting.

7:30pm Bozell paused the regular meeting and opened a Public Hearing for Resolution 24-2023 a Resolution Authorizing Additional Appropriations from MVH 2203 in the amount of \$29,000.00. Bozell opened the floor for public comment being no comment from the public Bozell closed public comment.

7:31pm Bozell closed the Public Hearing and reopened the regular meeting.

Bozell asked if the Council had any questions, Shuck asked if this was the last bill from Midwest Paving was told it would be.

Motion to approve Resolution 24-2023 made by Blake, 2nd by Robertson and all were in favor.

7:32pm Bozell paused the regular meeting and opened a Public Hearing for Resolution 25-2023 a Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds from Cascadden Fund to the Park in the amount of \$40,000.00. Bozell opened the floor for public comment.

Kristi Worthman 1405 N Vine St asked about the forensic audit and has the Town found someone to do the audit. Blake explained some of the history of the Bodenhorn Park and the audit he conducted. Worthman asked how Blake's audit was independent he stated he independently researched it and the information was reviewed by SBOA during our recent audit. Discussion was held between Blake and Worthman.

7:45pm Bozell closed the Public Hearing and reopened the regular meeting.

Motion to approve Resolution 25-2023 made by Shuck, 2nd by Blake voting yes, Bozell, Robertson, Blake and Shuck. Voting no, Washmuth.

Motion to approve meeting minutes August 3, August 17, August 24 and September 7 made by Shuck, 2nd by Washmuth and all were in favor.

Unfinished Business: First reading of Ordinance 8-2023 Ordinance to authorize the Town to restructure the Lapel Park Board. Bozell opened the floor for public comment.

Matt Wood 5060 S 800 W asked if the Council could explain the ordinance. Blake explained the ordinance for restructure. McMullen stated it maintains the entity of the Park Board but the Council becomes the Park Board itself.

Andrea Baldwin 125 W 9th spoke on the Park Board its members and the liaison to the Park Board.

Olivia Wood 5060 S 800 W Park Board Member spoke to the Council regarding lump sum deposits made by Park Board President and stated that's what they were told to do. Wood asked Council for help in making Park Board decisions. McMullen stated that the President was addressed regarding the deposits and that lump sum deposits were made again. McMullen spoke on contracts regarding field rental and his advice against entering into them stating his advice had been ignored. McMullen asked that in the future attorneys be present at Park Board meetings.

Matt Wood 5060 S 800 W asked if the Park Board had been made aware an attorney could represent them and be present at meetings. Discussion was held on Council working with Park Board and the reorganization of the Park Board.

8:10pm Blake left the meeting.

Kristi Worthman 1405 N Vine St asked why this just popped up on the agenda with no warning. Is there a corrective measure to fix this? When was decision made to discuss this ordinance? McMullen stated discussion began when he had to go to prosecutor. Worthman discussed frustration with lack of discussion on this issue.

David Bodenhorn 16610 E 186th St Noblesville spoke regarding his family's donation of the land to build Bodenhorn Park, land was used as a match for the grant. Not happy about family name being drug into this thing. Asked how do we finish the park? \$200,000.00 was used to build park how do we finish the park. Asked about township levy. Discussion was held on DNR grant and what could be done in the future to improve Bodenhorn Park and all parks.

David Phelps 3035 Oakmont Drive spoke on the parks and asked if Park Board members were paid for what they do. They do not. Asked that member of Park Board be appointed to work directly with Council for future restructuring.

Steve Berry 602 Woodward spoke on issue of growth with our existing sanitary sewer system will there be a hyper focus on that could we raise taxes to support it. Norton stated tax dollars did not support sanitary sewer infrastructure expansion. Discussion held on sanitary sewer capacity.

Motion to approve 1st reading of Ordinance 8-2023 made by Washmuth, 2nd by Robertson and all were in favor.

Motion to approve Pay Application #15 Thieneman Construction in the amount of \$5,000.00 made by Washmuth, 2nd by Robertson and all were in favor.

Motion to approve Pay Application #5 Midwest Paving CCMG 2022 Round 1 project in the amount of \$55,721.61 made by Washmuth, 2nd by Robertson and all were in favor.

Motion to approve Kleinpeter invoice in the amount of \$12,400.00 made by Washmuth, 2nd by Robertson and all were in favor.

Motion to approve Commonwealth Amendment to Owner/Engineer Agreement made by Washmuth, 2nd by Robertson and all were in favor.

Motion to approve Gripp Invoice in the amount of \$4,143.00 for installation and calibration of meter made by Washmuth, 2nd by Shuck and all were in favor.

Motion to table Utility Supply quote for water meters until December meeting made by Shuck, 2nd by Robertson and all were in favor.

Motion to accept Reedy Financial Contract and Engagement Letter for the potential issuance of the General Obligation Bond made by Washmuth, 2nd by Robertson and all were in favor.

Motion to accept Regal Computer Services General Service Agreement made by Washmuth, 2nd by Robertson and all were in favor.

Motion to approve Commonwealth On Call Contract made by Shuck, 2nd by Washmuth and all were in favor.

Motion to approve the Public Records Request Form made by Robertson, 2nd by Washmuth and all were in favor.

Motion to approve Sunbelt Quote for rental of leaf trailer for 4 weeks made by Washmuth, 2nd by Shuck and all were in favor.

Motion to approve claims as submitted made by Shuck, 2nd by Washmuth and all were in favor.

Being no further business to discuss, Motion to adjourn was made by Shuck 2nd by Washmuth and all were in favor.