

The special meeting was called to order by President Loretta Smart at 6:00 p.m. on September 13, 2005.

Silent roll call: Loretta Smart, Ron Sullins, Steve Brown, Joe Thomas and John Ludy were present.

Chris Snyder and Kathy Parsons attended the meeting.

No one from the public attended.

First order of business was to adopt the 2006 budget. Discussion followed. Joe Thomas moved to adopt the 2006 budget, Ordinance 2005-17. Second was made by Steve Brown. All in favor. Ron Sullins moved to waive the second reading on Ordinance 2005-17. Second was made by Joe Thomas. All in favor.

Ron Sullins moved to approve the budget transfers of \$2,000.00 from police liability insurance to police telephone and \$1,500 from park repair and maintenance to park other services and \$500 from park liability insurance to park electricity. Second was made by Steve Brown. All in favor.

Chris spoke on information that he received from Tom Eikholtz concerning trees. Discussion followed. Joe Thomas moved to approve for John Ludy to attend the workshop, "All about Trees" in Indianapolis on October 12<sup>th</sup> for the cost of \$90.00. Second was made by Steve Brown. All in favor. There is also a workshop at Pokagon on October 1<sup>st</sup> for \$15.00.

Ron Sullins moved to approve that Officer Walt Merrick attend the workshop, "Managing School Emergencies" in Indianapolis on October 11th and 12th for \$225.00 plus 2 nights lodging. Second was made by Joe Thomas. All in favor.

There will be additional costs involved in the purchase of software for the Water Department in the amount of \$1,340. This is because customer support is no longer provided at Underground. There is also the cost of a Panasonic Tough Book laptop computer for \$2,800.00. John Ludy moved to approve the additional costs. Second was made by Steve Brown. All in favor.

In trying to save the town money and provide a better insurance policy to employees, a quote was given for \$8,380.30 from Anthem. This quote is the best case scenario if everyone is in perfect health. The quote may be higher; we will find that out when the applications are reviewed through underwriting. John Ludy moved to send in the applications without short term disability with the one month premium of \$8,380.30. Second was made by Ron Sullins. All in favor. John would like to lock in their rates for 1 year. He would also like to pursue the Section 125 plan. We will get a quote on long term disability.

Two quotes were received for the Fire Department car. Blake Ruge from Coldwater made an offer of \$200.00, Gary Green from Angola made a bid for \$102.00. Ron Sullins moved to accept the higher bid. Second by Joe Thomas. All in favor.

Discussion followed on the Open House of the new Town Hall to be held on October 2, 2005. The Council would like to have a free hand out for attendees if time allows for production. Chris, Kathy and Loretta will work on this. Joe Thomas made the motion not to exceed \$500.00 to make the purchase. Second was made by John Ludy. All in favor.

Discussion was held on public participation at meetings. The consensus from the Council was that they like the idea of a policy to follow. Chris will put together in resolution form and present at the next council meeting.

Discussion was held on North Snow Bay Sewer line. Consensus is that the Town wants to maintain the rights to the line. Chris will contact Keith Mullendore from North Snow Bay, NSBEEA.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Steve Brown. Second was made by Joe Thomas. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

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Loretta Smart

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Ronald Sullins

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John N. Ludy

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Joe Thomas

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Steve Brown

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Mary K. Parsons  
Clerk-Treasurer