

March 29, 2007

The special meeting of the Town Council was called to order by President Loretta Smart on March 29, 2007, at 5:00 p.m.

Silent roll call: Loretta Smart, Joe Thomas, Kay Clark, and John Ludy. Steve Brown was absent.

*Others representing the town were:
Chris Snyder-Town Superintendent
Joshua Burkhart-Town Attorney
Teri Steele-IAMC-CMC-Administrative Clerk*

Teri Steele recorded the minutes.

Others attending were: Jim Measel with WLKI radio station, David Koenig, with Region III A, and Jim Shilander with the Herald Republican.

Kay Clark moved to approve appointing Alan Mertz to serve on the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to approve Loretta signing the documents to submit for an Indiana Economic Development Commission grant for off-site infrastructure improvements needed to support the New Horizons Baking Company Facility, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

A discussion was held on the progress of the By-pass. Chris stated that all the appraisals are complete. He handed out a spreadsheet of land acquisitions. The limited notice to proceed is set up with three phases. Phase I includes the sewer portion of the project and has a start date of April 5, 2007. Phase II would include road construction to a point south of the planned Wastewater Treatment Plant Drive and the desired date to commence is June 1, 2007. Phase III would be construction of the remainder of the project and the desired date to commence is August 1, 2007.

After going through each parcel individually, only two parcels involved in Phase I of the project do not have right of entry documents signed allowing construction to begin, Parcel #17 and #30. Information from an Attorney representing the owners of Parcel #17 was received via fax during the meeting and will be reviewed by the Town Attorney and contact will be made to try and reach an agreement. A sewer easement agreement has been submitted to the Parcel #30 owners and we are waiting on their decision and signature. Parcel #14 has been found to have judgment against it by a bank. The bank has accepted an administrative settlement for this parcel after negotiation.

Joe Thomas moved to approve an Administrative Settlement on Parcel #14 in the amount of \$25,000.00, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

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Joe Thomas moved to accept the appraised value for Parcel #4 in the amount of \$33,310.00, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

This meeting will re-convene on March 30, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

Loretta Smart, President

Steve Brown, Vice President

Joe Thomas, Council Member

John N. Ludy, Council Member

Kay Clark, Council Member

Attest:

*Mary K. Parsons, IAMC-CMC
Clerk-Treasurer*