

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE INDIANA
BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2010, AT 7:00 PM, IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

PRESENT: President Gallo, Presiding; D. Peffer, Recording; Council Members Bricklemyer, Geesey, Hartman, Jobe, Jones, Kravetsky, Petrosky, Shively, Simmons, Thompson and Thorell; Borough Manager Gabler; Police Chief Sutton; Mayor Hood; Wayne Kablack, Esquire; Chuck Kelly, IFA; Dr. Rhonda Luckey, IUP; Betsy Lauber, Downtown Indiana; Chauncey Ross, Indiana Gazette; Celeste Gossman, Renda Broadcasting; Ruth McGeary; Nancy Fricke; Jeff Raykes, Indiana County Planning Office; and several visitors.

President Gallo called the meeting to order, at 7:00 PM.

After a moment of silent reflection, Councilman Thorell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pres. Gallo asked for a Roll Call. All twelve (12) Council members were present.

The first order of business was the presentation of two Community Service Awards to the following individuals: Nancy Fricke, who has served on the Indiana Borough Planning Commission for approximately 15 years. Fricke has submitted her resignation due to the fact that she will be relocating out of the area. Council thanked Fricke for her many years of service and wished her well in the future. The second recipient was Ruth McGeary, who has worked as a School Crossing Guard at the intersection of Fourth and Philadelphia Streets for the last 50 years. Council expressed its sincere appreciation for her dedicated service through the years. Both ladies received plaques and a round of applause.

There was a motion by Thorell, second by Geesey, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 6, 2010, as written. Motion Carried.

There was a motion by Jones, second by Hartman, to approve the Financial Reports for March 2010 as presented. Motion Carried.

The following action occurred during Public Participation:

- ◇ Betsy Lauber, of Downtown Indiana, stated six representatives from Clarion, PA visited Indiana today, and it was very nice to be able to promote everything that we do right here.

The following action occurred during the Committee Reports:

ADMINISTRATION:

- ◇ There was a motion by Jones, second by Shively, to approve First Commonwealth Advisors as our broker of record for the borough's health insurance. Motion Carried.

- ◇ There was a motion by Jones, second by Hartman, to accept the new Cable Franchise Agreement with Comcast, which is for 10 years. Motion Carried.
- ◇ The Library Board has approached us about extending their lease for the library for an additional five years. Chairperson Jones explained that the current lease expires in 2012, so the Committee felt more comfortable with a three year extension which would take it to 2015. This alternative proposal has gone back to the Library Board, and Jones would welcome comments or thoughts from Council regarding this.
- ◇ There was a motion by Geesey, second by Simmons, to appoint Mayor Hood and Councilman Thorell as voting delegates at the upcoming PLCM Convention. Motion Carried.
- ◇ There was a motion by Jones, second by Shively, that Ken Gabler be appointed as the Borough Agent for the 75% reimbursement of the Emergency Snow Storm expenses that were incurred on February 6 & 7, 2010. Motion Carried.
- ◇ There was a motion by Jones, second by Geesey, to approve the Commonwealth of PA agreement for Public Disaster Assistance. Motion Carried.
- ◇ Following a thorough evaluation and interview process, Jeff Raykes introduced two students that have been recommended to serve as ICUC Student Representatives on Borough Council for a one-year term, which will begin in September. Peter Roquemore is a Political Science major, and Alex Pfeffer is an Accounting major. There was a motion by Geesey, second by Simmons, to accept the nomination of these two individuals. Motion Carried.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

- ◇ Chairman Simmons presented an ordinance authorizing outdoor dining with alcohol. Simmons stated the Committee was able to obtain a number of sample ordinances to review, and Chief Sutton has prepared a rough draft resolution to address the issue of the open container law that exists in the borough. There was a motion by Simmons, second by Geesey, to advertise the proposed ordinance and discuss the policies and procedures at the next Work Session. Motion Carried.
- ◇ There was a motion by Simmons, second by Jones, to approve the transfer of a liquor license from Center Township to Indiana Borough, per the request of Matt and Kim Coy for a new convenience store at the west end of town. Motion Carried.
- ◇ Simmons reported on a meeting with Dr. Luckey and the IUP Planners to discuss the future of off-campus housing. JJR Planners are going to send some information that summarizes what was said, and we will be sharing that information soon.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- ◇ Chairman Kravetsky stated there weren't any action items, but he wanted to comment on the outstanding performance of staff. Numerous letters of appreciation are received each month regarding the manner in which the department's personnel conduct themselves.
- ◇ Kravetsky commended Chief Sutton for all of the work he did regarding the outdoor dining regulations.

- ◇ Sergeant Clement is putting together a small presentation for the May 20th Public Safety Committee meeting. It will deal with the rise of alcohol and drug use in Indiana Borough, and all of Council is invited to attend.
- ◇ At a future meeting, Councilman Bricklemyer would like to discuss the South 7th Street and South Street intersection; as well as Grant Street between Eleventh Street and Oakland Avenue.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- ◇ There was a motion by Hartman, second by Kravetsky, to approve the alternate bid of Tresco Paving in the amount of \$166,284.23 for the borough's 2010 paving contract. Motion Carried.
- ◇ IUP had wanted us to replace some curbing on Maple Street. After Borough Manager Gabler told them that we didn't have the funds, they found the money to do the project so we will let them replace it at their own expense. Chairman Hartman stated we will provide a small amount of BCBC for restoration.
- ◇ A survey of Klondyke Avenue shows we should fix the end of the culvert over Marsh Run before it deteriorates more. We have asked Rhino Construction, who did the South Street project, to look at it for us since they are working in the area. Hartman stated we don't have any results yet, but it would be a very small project.
- ◇ There are some drainage concerns along Willow Avenue, between Papermill Avenue and 12th Street. Public Works Director Fairman plans on using the camera to view the existing storm pipes and observe that area during storm events to come up with a viable solution to the problem.
- ◇ Hartman stated the Cherry Avenue project has not been completed, and it will probably fall back to the general contractor. According to Hartman, there is guard rail and restoration work to be completed.
- ◇ The Committee briefly discussed the old exit of Carriage House. Currently there are "jersey" barriers to block the exit but at one time, there had been some sort of litigation going on. Councilman Kravetsky stated it would be nice to see some shrubbery there instead. Solicitor Kablack stated there isn't anything going on with the litigation now, but he will review the file to see where we are at with it.
- ◇ No further action has been taken on the Harley hole drilling request because a monetary amount was not found yet. There was a motion by Hartman, second by Thorell, to put those negotiations in the hands of Borough Manager Gabler to negotiate with Mr. Harley. Motion Carried.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION:

- ◇ The Street Department planted 42 trees this week at various locations.

RECREATION COMMISSION:

- ◇ A routine business meeting was held.
- ◇ Discount tickets to various amusement parks will be offered again this summer.
- ◇ A website will be developed with links to websites of Indiana Borough, White Township and possibly IUP.
- ◇ The staff has gone through files at the former garage. Historical papers and pictures were kept, but the Blind Association will be shredding the rest of it.

- ◇ The summer program brochures will be coming out soon.
- ◇ They are very happy with the way the Paul McGregor Memorial Park field has been prepared for soccer.
- ◇ Councilman Geesey stated the current positive fiscal picture may be a bit deceiving due to the way the allocations have been received.

Borough Manager Gabler reported that DEP will be coming to town on May 18th to walk along Marsh Run. They are interested in moving that project along.

The following action occurred during Chief Sutton's report:

- ◇ Everyone received a copy of the Police Department Report for April 2010.
- ◇ Council also received a copy of the Parking Department statistics for April 2010, as well as April 2009 for comparison.
- ◇ Sutton met with IUP officials regarding the increase of assaults and other crimes. Sutton stated IUP is on board with us, and they plan to meet again and come up with some projects that go beyond enforcement.
- ◇ Sergeant Clement plans to make a presentation at the next Public Safety meeting, and Sutton urged everyone to attend.
- ◇ Councilman Hartman asked if we have any type of brochure for the students when they move into town. Hartman was told that the ICUC is working on something that will include ordinance information and parking regulations, but it is specifically for the Second Ward. There are two (2) ambassadors assigned for the Second Ward, but hopefully they will have two students for each Ward. Councilman Geesey suggested utilizing *The Penn* as a means to communicate with the students as well.
- ◇ President Gallo stated his wife recently brought a group of children from the Seeds of Faith School to the Police Department for a tour. Gallo wanted to commend Patrolman Randy Allmendinger for the great job he did with the students that day.

The following action occurred during Chuck Kelly's IFA report:

- ◇ Kelly stated it wasn't a good month in terms of fires. They had over \$120,000 in losses.
- ◇ Kelly wanted to thank the Police and Street Departments for their help with the recent fire in the 1200 block of Gompers Avenue. Kelly then stated there is a real parking problem in the alleys around town. Referring to the fire on Gompers Avenue, Kelly stated they had a bit of trouble there, and Council needs to be concerned with how the IFA is going to get their equipment through places in the event of an emergency. Kelly stated that at one point, there had even been some discussion about taking parking off at intersections, so that it is easier to make turns. Pres. Gallo suggested Kelly bring those concerns to the Public Safety and/or Public Works Committees.

Dr. Luckey reported the following items during her report:

- ◇ This was the last week of the spring semester. Graduation for 1,300 students is on Sunday. Luckey stated they are looking at changing the graduation date for subsequent years, so that it doesn't conflict with Mother's Day.
- ◇ Tomorrow concludes the census count work. They house about 4,000 students and with the exception of about 11 individuals, they will have 100% participation.
- ◇ Luckey invited Council members to be her guest on Wednesday, June 9th, at noon, for the "Picnic in the Grove." It is a wonderful experience, and she will be sending an email invitation for Borough Manager Gabler to forward to everyone.
- ◇ Luckey is very pleased to have two student representatives joining the Borough Council in September.
- ◇ The ICUC "Hawk Walk" will be held on September 8th.
- ◇ Luckey is appreciative of the good working relationship with the Borough, and she is looking forward to more in the future.

President Gallo reported the following items during his report:

- ◇ The Clarion group that visited today was very impressed with our strengths. Gallo feels that working with the IUP students will be great.
- ◇ There will be a National Day of Prayer program at the Seeds of Faith School on Thursday, at 8:30 AM.

The following action occurred during Mayor Hood's report:

- ◇ Hood wanted to congratulate Crossing Guard Ruth McGeary for her many years of service.
- ◇ Indiana Borough will be fielding a team at the upcoming Relay for Life, which benefits the American Cancer Society. Council's support of the "Indiana Borough Bunion Busters" would be greatly appreciated.
- ◇ Hood commended Chief Sutton for all of his work on the outdoor dining ordinance.
- ◇ Hood asked who would be going with DEP on the tour of Marsh Run. Borough Manager Gabler and Public Works Director will be accompanying them.
- ◇ Hood invited everyone to hear Sergeant Clement's presentation on May 20th.
- ◇ Hood asked that everyone keep the military personnel in their thoughts and prayers.
- ◇ Mayor Hood can't attend the National Day of Prayer program, but President Gallo will go in his place.

There wasn't any Old Business.

The following action occurred during New Business:

- ◇ There was a motion by Simmons, second by Bricklemyer, to approve a resolution authorizing the signing of a Cooperation Agreement with the County in regard to administering our 2010 CDBG Program. Motion Carried.
- ◇ There was a motion by Jones, second by Shively, to approve the resolutions approving the Continuation of Operations plans for the Administration Office, Street Department and Wastewater Treatment Plant. Motion Carried.
- ◇ Councilman Hartman reminded Council that they still need to complete a Chain of Command to be implemented in the event of a disaster emergency.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM upon a motion by Geesey and a second by Shively.