

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE INDIANA
BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2011, AT 7:00 PM, IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

PRESENT: President Simmons, Presiding; D. Peffer, Recording; Council Members Bricklemyer, Geesey, Hartman, Jobe, Jones, Kravetsky, Petrosky, Shively, Thompson and Thorell; Chief Sutton; Solicitor Kablack; Public Works Director Fairman; Code/Zoning Director Kirk; Dr. Rhonda Luckey, IUP; Randy Wells, Indiana Gazette; Maria Miller, Renda Broadcasting; and five (5) visitors.

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

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

Pres. Simmons asked for a Roll Call. All Council members were present, with the exception of Councilman Gallo.

There was a motion by Kravetsky, second by Bricklemyer, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 3, 2011, as written. Motion Carried.

There was a motion by Jones, second by Geesey, to approve the Financial Reports for April 2011 as presented. Motion Carried.

The following action occurred during Public Participation:

- Mike Barber, a Downtown Indiana Board Member, stated there are a lot of exciting activities happening in the downtown area this weekend, and he invited everyone to attend.

The following action occurred during the Committee Reports:

ADMINISTRATION: No minutes to discuss.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

- There was a motion by Thorell, second by Hartman, to approve the “Back to School Bash” request made by several local churches for Saturday, August 20, 2011, from 7:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Church Street, between 6th Street and 7th Street will be closed during this time. Motion Carried.
- Jay Knarr had explained to the Committee that a Business Improvement District or BID is a self-help tool, created by the PA Legislature, allowing property owners within a self-defined area to organize and assess the cost of providing desired services in their area. Downtown Indiana and borough employees will meet to map out the different roles that each entity will play. Pres. Simmons stated the BID will be the main topic of the June 21st Work Session, so no action was required at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Several officers received letters of appreciation regarding their performance.
- The crosswalk maintenance program is in progress and proceeding as weather permits.
- In regard to the South 4th Street right turn lane at Sheetz, the markings have been completed and it is working well.
- Councilman Bricklemyer asked for an update on the removal of the North 7th Street left turn lane for Philadelphia Street pending review of the HRG traffic study. Chief Sutton received a response from Penn Dot, and they are requesting more information from the engineer.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Chairman Hartman met with Tim Long, Director of the Recycling Center, to discuss ways to improve recycling within the community.
- We were contacted by Mecuria Energy, who wanted to obtain exclusive rights to the borough's effluent water. They were offering a 99 year contract, and would add improvements to make the water usable. The Committee was concerned about several issues, which include liability for the use of our water, the length of the contract, minimum flow requirements into the stream or watershed, and license restrictions we may have on our plant.
- Sustainable Energy, Inc. has told us that a windmill at the WWTP would be impractical.
- The Locust Street Project is proceeding well.
- There was a change order approved to remove two trees and add some Y's and stem to the sewer line.
- Pay Estimate #2 in the amount of \$181,661.46 was approved for payment to Terra Works.
- There was a motion by Hartman, second by Kravetsky, to agree to spend up to \$6,500 from the Liquid Fuels account as a match to available federal money to install flashing warning lights at the railroad crossing on 11th Street, between Water and Oak Streets. Motion Carried.
- 32 pairs of shoes were removed from utility lines and disposed of.
- The crosswalks and yellow curb painting is progressing as weather permits.
- The material used on the west end Fire Department garage floor is not suitable for the police garage floor. A permanent solution will be needed, so this needs to be taken into consideration during budget preparation. Public Works Director Fairman stated one estimate from Nathan Contracting was for \$10,000, but it may be higher once they start working on it, and could be as much as \$25,000.
- There is a large sinkhole in front of 1699 Church Street. This is an on-going dispute between Indiana Borough and White Township because the pipe causing the issue is from White Township. We feel that since the pipe comes from the Township, they should be held responsible. Chief Sutton will contact Larry Garner to discuss this matter.
- Referring to the recycling charts provided by Chairman Hartman, Councilman Bricklemyer questioned the decline in the amount of aluminum cans being

recycled. Hartman said this could be due to the fact that more people are recycling the cans themselves since the price has gone up significantly, and/or manufacturers have change the packaging to plastics. Hartman then stated that maybe Council should look into requiring commercial establishments to recycle.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION:

- Councilman Thorell has agreed to serve as Council's liaison on the Shade Tree Commission. He will be replacing President Simmons.

RECREATION COMMISSION:

- The Commission approved the purchase of two new computers for the office.
- The White Township garage that the Rec. Dept. had occupied needs to be cleaned out. If anyone is interested in doing this work and taking all of the remaining material for their personal use or recycling, they are more than welcome to do so.
- The summer programs are doing well, and private swimming lessons are up.
- Discount tickets to area amusement parks are available again this year.

The following action occurred during Interim Borough Manager Sutton's report:

- Sutton called Council's attention to the fact that the sound system wiring had been removed from the floor and securely mounted. Sutton thanked Jim Fritsch for his efforts.
- All operational tasks are running smoothly.
- The budget is comfortably in the black, and he hopes to have a mid-year report available shortly.
- Two items for the June Work Session will be the proposed BID program and the borough's trash service. If anyone has other items, please notify Sutton as soon as possible.
- Councilman Hartman asked that a garbage bid proposal be prepared and ready for review at the June 21st Work Session.

The following action occurred during Chief Sutton's report:

- Everyone received a copy of the Police Department Report for May 2011.
- Council also received a copy of the Parking Department statistics for May 2011, as well as May 2010 for comparison.

The following action occurred during Dr. Luckey's report:

- They have been welcoming prospective students to campus.
- Luckey wanted to publicly thank Mayor Hood for his involvement in welcoming the parents of students, who will be attending IUP in the fall.
- The ICUC will continue this coming year. They will be working to evaluate and identify someone to replace Peter Roquemore, as a student representative on Borough Council. Luckey plans to ask the ICUC to work on raising awareness about recycling.

- Dr. Luckey again reported on the good volunteer work of the IUP Students. For the third year in a row, they have made the National Community Service Honor Roll. Luckey stated that 58% of their students participate in volunteering efforts.
- Dr. Luckey invited Council to be her guests at the “Picnic in the Grove”, which is scheduled for tomorrow at lunch time.

The following action occurred during President Simmon’s report:

- Simmons received correspondence from United States Senator Pat Toomey, in response to our letter of support for CDBG money.

Due to Mayor Hood’s absence, Pres. Simmons presented the following report:

- Please return to Chief Sutton the resolution copies that Mayor Hood had previously handed out. The PLCM will be voting on them this month.
- There will be a Flag Day ceremony held at the Elks, on June 14th.
- Please keep the military personnel in your thoughts and prayers.

Council adjourned into an Executive Session at 7:35 PM.

Council reconvened into Regular Session at 8:13 PM.

President Simmons stated the purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss a personnel matter.

The following action occurred during Unfinished Business:

- There was a motion by Jones, second by Thompson, to hire Jeff Raykes, as the new Borough Manager, effective July 1, 2011, at an annual salary of \$70,000. Motion Carried.
- Jeff Raykes, currently the Chief Planner in the Indiana County Office of Planning and Development, was in the audience and expressed his appreciation at being chosen for the position. Raykes stated he is excited about the possibilities for Indiana Borough, and he sincerely appreciates Council’s confidence.
- There was a motion by Hartman, second by Jones, to adopt an ordinance regulating outdoor fires, which will replace a previous outdoor burning ordinance that was inadvertently omitted when the borough’s Code Book was updated. Roll Call Vote: 11 yes, 1 absent. Councilman Gallo was absent. Motion Carried.

There wasn’t any New Business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM, upon a motion by Geesey.