

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE INDIANA  
BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009, AT 7:00 PM, IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

PRESENT: President Fruehstorfer, Presiding; D. Peffer, Recording; Council Members Gallo, Hartman, Hogan, Jones, Kravetsky, Petrosky, Shively, Simmons and Thorell; Borough Manager Gabler, Police Chief Sutton; Mayor Hood; Wayne Kablack, Esquire; Public Works Director Fairman; Code Officer Kirk; Chuck Kelly, Indiana Fire Association; Sam Kusic, Indiana Gazette; Celeste Gossman, Renda Broadcasting; Betsy Lauber, Downtown Indiana; Timothy Barnes, IUP Student Government; John Barbor, Esquire; members of an IUP Journalism class; and several visitors.

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

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

Pres. Fruehstorfer asked for a Roll Call. All Council members were present, with the exception of Councilmen Bricklemeyer and Thompson.

There was a motion by Hartman, second by Thorell, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 6, 2009, as written. Motion Carried.

There was a motion by Gallo, second by Jones, to approve the Financial Reports for October 2009 as presented. Motion Carried.

The following action occurred during Public Participation:

- ◇ Betsy Lauber, Downtown Indiana, high-lighted several special events that are scheduled to take place during the month of November.
- ◇ Timothy Barnes, a member of the IUP Student Government, introduced himself and stated he will be attending future Council meetings in an attempt to open up the lines of communication.

The following action occurred during the Committee Reports:

**ADMINISTRATION/PUBLIC WORKS:**

- ◇ In regard to some flooding problems in the 300 block of Water Street, Borough Manager Gabler wrote a letter to the property owner but he hasn't heard anything back yet.
- ◇ The sludge mate was delivered to the plant, but the tarp wasn't installed properly. No payment will be made until the problem has been corrected.
- ◇ Chairman Hartman then explained the possibility of summary billing. If all parties with five or more bills accept summary billing, it would be quite a savings to the borough. The Committee feels we should implement this service and allow customers an opportunity to opt out of the current system if they choose.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

- ◇ Councilman Simmons will be replacing Councilwoman Hogan as the Borough's new representative on the Downtown Indiana Board.
- ◇ Everyone is invited to attend the Borough Flag/Anthem Ceremony scheduled for tomorrow morning.
- ◇ There was a motion by Gallo, second by Simmons, to approve the addition of 2 ½ crossing guards as requested by the Indiana Area School District. During the discussion period, Councilman Thorell suggested waiting until after budget discussions to vote on this request. A motion was then made by Hartman, second by Thorell, to table action on this motion until after budget discussions. Motion Carried.

**SHADE TREE COMMISSION:**

- ◇ Everyone received a detailed list of the Commission's activities, and Councilman Simmons reported that the fall planting has been completed.

**RECREATION COMMISSION:**

- ◇ White Township has decided to pull out of the maintenance of the parks. The programming will remain, and the Commission is looking at the budget to see where to go from here.
- ◇ The Commission is looking for a new aquatics director since Lea Donahue left to take a job at the YMCA.

Borough Manager Gabler reported the following items during his report:

- ◇ The leaf collection season has started, and the schedule will be posted on our website and updated every Friday.
- ◇ There have been a couple of meetings relating to Town Gown affairs, and a webinar was held recently. Another meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM, at the Indiana County Planning Office.
- ◇ The Pension Committee will be meeting tomorrow evening at 6:30 PM.
- ◇ Everyone received a copy of a memorandum regarding the FIUP Housing Inspection. Borough Manager Gabler reported that as far as the Borough Code is concerned, there wasn't anything out of compliance. However, we would need to talk with our Solicitor about how it relates to the PILOT agreement.

Chief Sutton reported the following items during his report:

- ◇ Everyone received a copy of the Police Department Activity Report for October 2009.
- ◇ Council also received a copy of the Parking Department statistics for October 2009, as well as October 2008 for comparison.
- ◇ Sutton submitted a memo summarizing the 2009 IUP Homecoming activities. If anyone has any questions, please contact Chief Sutton.

Code Officer Kirk didn't have a report this month, but Councilman Thorell wanted to call Council's attention to the unapproved minutes of the Indiana Borough Comprehensive Plan Meeting. Thorell was referencing Ron Lunardini's comments about needing to provide a location for the IUP Greek population in particular. Thorell feels this is an issue that could be addressed with IUP in attendance. Councilwoman Hogan agreed and stated the sororities have lost their meeting space, and this needs to be brought up to IUP. Thorell then also asked Council to review the development guidelines from the city of Arlington, VA that were included in the packet.

The following action occurred during Mayor Hood's report:

- ◇ Hood thanked everyone for their public participation.
- ◇ The next ICBA meeting will be held on November 18<sup>th</sup>, and will include a tour of the new jail.
- ◇ Hood asked that everyone keep the military personnel in their thoughts and prayers.

The following action occurred during Unfinished Business:

- ◇ There was a motion by Hogan, second by Hartman, to adopt an ordinance amending the Management Pension Plan. Roll Call Vote: 10 yes, 2 absent. Councilmen Bricklemyer and Thompson were absent. Motion Carried.
- ◇ There was a motion by Hartman, second by Jones, to adopt an ordinance amending the Non-Management Pension Plan. Roll Call Vote: 10 yes, 2 absent. Councilmen Bricklemyer and Thompson were absent. Motion Carried.
- ◇ There was a motion by Jones, second by Kravetsky, to approve for publication the 2010 Tax Ordinance. Motion Carried.
- ◇ There was a motion by Kravetsky, second by Hartman, to approve for publication the tentative 2010 Budget. During discussion, an error was noted in the figures that were provided for the additional 2 ½ crossing guards. The total cost would \$17,000, to be divided evenly between the Borough and the School District. Gabler stated the budget figure should have reflected an increase of \$8,500, and he will make the necessary adjustment. Councilmen Kravetsky and Hartman then amended their original motion and second to approve the 2010 Budget as corrected. However, as a point of order and before a vote was taken on the budget, there was a motion by Hartman, second by Jones, to bring the Crossing Guard matter back to the table. Motion Carried. After a discussion on the pros and cons of hiring additional Crossing Guards, a Roll Call Vote was taken and the result was: 6 yes, 4 no, 2 absent. Council members Fruehstorfer, Gallo, Kravetsky, Petrosky, Shively and Simmons voted yes; Council members Thorell, Hartman, Hogan and Jones voted no; and Councilmen Bricklemyer and Thompson were absent. Motion Carried. Pres. Fruehstorfer then asked for a vote on advertising the proposed 2010 Budget as corrected. Motion Carried.

The following action occurred during New Business:

- ◇ Councilman Simmons explained the Indiana Fire Association's desire to purchase their portion of the building for \$1 in order to implement a live-in situation similar to the one that currently exists at the White Township Fire Station. Simmons stated that program has been quite successful and has really helped with their response time. Separate meters would be installed for the utilities, so it would be a savings to the borough for expenses normally incurred. In the event the IFA outgrows the facility or doesn't want it any longer, they would sell it back to the borough for \$1. Several questions were asked about who would be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance. Attorney John Barbor, representing the IFA, stated there are special rules for condominiums, and these are the kind of things that need to be worked out ahead of time. Pres. Fruehstorfer stated tonight's vote would just give them permission to pursue this further and work out the details. There was a motion by Hartman, second by Hogan, to authorize the Indiana Fire Association and Indiana Borough to proceed with developing plans to sell Fire Station 1 to the IFA for \$1. Motion Carried.
- ◇ There was a motion by Gallo, second by Hogan, to adopt a song written by Abby Morris as the Indiana Borough Anthem. Motion Carried.
- ◇ There was a motion by Gallo, second by Hogan, to approve the Flag/Anthem Ceremony scheduled for tomorrow morning. The vote was 9 yes, 1 no, 2 absent. Councilman Thorell voted no; and Councilmen Bricklemyer and Thompson were absent. Motion Carried.

Pres. Fruehstorfer announced an Executive Session would be held after adjournment, for personnel matters.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM, upon a motion by Simmons and a second by Shively.