

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Saturday April 6, 2013
8:00 a.m. Town Hall

The New Palestine Town Council met on Saturday April 6, 2013 at 8:00a.m. at the New Palestine Town Hall. Larry Jonas called the meeting to order with Jan Jarson and Clint Bledsoe in attendance.

Minutes- Jan Jarson made the motion to accept the minutes of March 2. Clint Bledsoe seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.

OLD BUSINESS

WASTEWATER GENERATOR-A letter from Triad Assoc. confirmed the generator bid by Edwards Electrical & Mechanical Inc. was within the wastewater bid specifications and lowest bid. Clint Bledsoe made the motion to approve the Edwards Electrical generator bid for \$87,365.00. Jan Jarson seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays. Mr. Book stated that it should take 6 weeks to receive the generator.

ANNEX WEST – Town Manager Dave Book reported that the legal was not completed and that we should have it for the 4-17 meeting. Attorney Morelock will be able to write the ordinance after that.

GEM ROAD SIDEWALK -Town Manager David Book stated that we need right of way along 500 S. for the sidewalk and have permission to stake Mr. Graves property on 500 S. to be able to purchase right of way. Work on the ditch extension is to be done for the project.

NEW BUSINESS

BECKY GAINES NEW PALESTINE PRESS- Becky Gaines of the New Palestine Press informed the council that April 10, 2013 will be the last publication of the New Palestine Press and clearing out the building. She has many historical items from New Palestine area and all prior newspapers printed since 1957. She requested space in the town hall to store and work on archiving the newspapers and items as they are historical to the town. Hopefully, Becky will be able to find a place for a museum for the town. Jan Jarson made the motion to allow the New Palestine Press items be stored in the empty room of the town hall and use the area to archive the items. Clint Bledsoe seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.

PERF RESOLUTION #040613-Clint Bledsoe made the motion to read resolution by title only. Jan Jarson seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays. Clerk-Treasurer Becky Hilligoss read PERF Resolution 040613 by title only. Jan Jarson made the motion to approve PERF Resolution #040613. Clint Bledsoe seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.

HANCOCK COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- Skip Kuker of the Hancock Co. Economic Development spoke to the council on the work HEDC has going and statistics. A new company is coming to Mt Comfort and working on growth with existing company. The HEDC is working all over the county in all communities.

STREET PAVING- The Town Council considered street paving quotes presented in writing by Street Commissioner Jonathan Higdon from Crim & Sons \$35,600 at specification and Milestone with \$46,000 plus \$2,500 to bring quote up to the town specifications.

Jan Jarson made the motion to approve the Crim & Sons quote for \$35,600. Clint Bledsoe seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.

400 S. will be paved by Hancock County this summer. The cost of the project for the Town of New Palestine's share not known at this time. They are working on it.


WIRE POLES, SIDEWALK & BARKING DOGS, -Chet Branham resident stated concerns of a pole leaning at the northwest corner of his property 5023 W US 52. He had contacted Duke and was told it is a telephone pole. The town office will address the phone company and try for a solution. Mr. Branham also stated a problem with no sidewalk along south side of US 52 to the library. Larry Jonas stated the town is acutely aware of the problem and has tried to work with the State of Indiana and we are still waiting for help. The town does not want to waste dollars on putting in a sidewalk and the State tearing it up right away. Bob Cherry our State Representative is looking into what the State might be doing at the Gem Rd. and US 52 intersection.

Mr. Branham also has constant barking dogs night and day by both his neighbors. The noisy dog problem will be given to the police department to deal with.

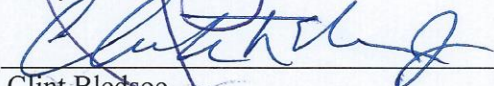
NEW PALESTINE PRESS- BECKY GAINES –Jan Jarson commended Becky Gaines time and dedication to the New Palestine Press for the community. The paper will be missed very much by all.

CLAIMS – The Council signed claims 12919 through 12953

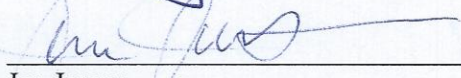
The meeting was then adjourned by motion from Clint Bledsoe and seconded by Jan Jarson. Motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.



Larry Jonas

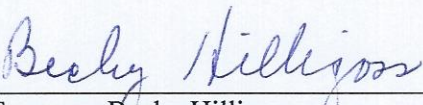


Clint Bledsoe



Jan Jarson

ATTEST:



Clerk-Treasurer Becky Hilligoss