

TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday June 11, 2014
7:00 pm

The Public Hearing for Tax Abatement filed by Justus Home Builders was opened by Council President Jan Jarson. Council members present were Larry Jonas and Clint Bledsoe. The rules of the meeting were explained. Those who wished to speak had signed in and were called to speak in order on the list. Information on the numbers of how the abatement could affect the taxes were available to all in paper form.

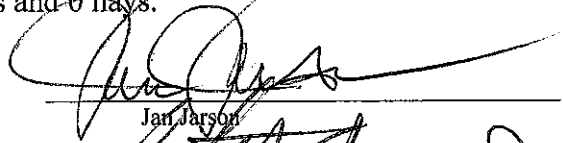
Town Attorney Gregg Morelock explained the procedure of tax abatements along with Skip Kuker of Hancock County Economic Development. This explanation included how the Town and Justus have to track compliance and how compliance is upheld. There is an annual review.

Five people (list attached) spoke with positive comments on the project and the tax abatement including the increase in business in town, the facility being a need in the area and the creation of jobs. Concern of a policy by the Town on abatements was voiced. Morelock also explained that a tax abatement could be a reduction of taxes on the improvements to the property and not the personal property with approximately \$15,000,000 of assessed value projected.

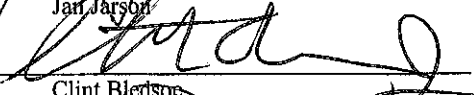
Bob Boyer Sugar Creek Township Trustee spoke favorably of the proposed project but with concern to the potential workload to the EMT service of the fire department. He thinks a full abatement would be very bad for the Sugar Creek Fire Department.

Three letters of support for the Justus project and tax abatement were presented at the meeting through the Clerk-Treasurer's office. (letters attached)

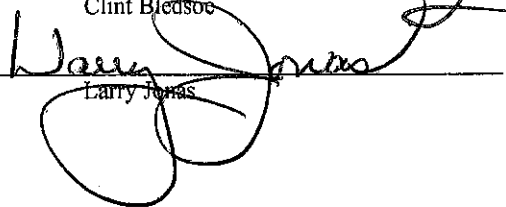
The meeting was then adjourned by motion from Larry Jonas and seconded by Clint Bledsoe. Motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.



Jan Jarson



Clint Bledsoe



Larry Jonas

ATTEST:



Clerk-Treasurer