

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Saturday October 4, 2014
8:00 a.m. Town Hall

The New Palestine Town Council met on Saturday October 4, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at the New Palestine Town Hall. Jan Jarson called the meeting to order with Clint Bledsoe and Larry Jonas in attendance.

Minutes –Larry Jonas made the motion to accept the minutes of September 17. Clint Bledsoe seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.

OLD BUSINESS

STREET VENDORS- The New Palestine Town Council discussed the street vender issue. The priorities are the placement of the trucks, ease of staff to process the permits and police to patrol and cost effective fines. Dave Book to take the information to Gregg Morelock to draw up an ordinance.

NICHOLS BUILDING – Town Manager Dave Book reported that the front windows were installed this week and the heating and air-conditioning had been checked and were in good shape. A water heater needs to be put in. The interior exit lights, the rear security light and 2 front entrance lights need repair. Town Manager Dave Book recommends that the Nichols Building be used for the Indiana Mainstreet group and the New Palestine Museum. A lease agreement will be drawn up with the 1st six months cost free and a minimal rent thereafter. Dave Book to contact the county tourism to see if monies were available to help them.

STREET LIGHTS-Larry Jonas made the motion to turn over to Attorney Morelock the problem to resolve the extra cost for the street light project with The Schneider Corp. Clint Bledsoe seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.

DLGF APPROVAL RAINY DAY APPROPRIATION- Clerk-Treasurer Becky Hilligoss reported that the Dept. of Local Government Finance had approved the Rainy Day Resolution 091714A for the appropriation change.

NEW BUSINESS

SEWER LAPTOP- Sewer Manager Dave Book presented at quote for a laptop to replace the old one the quit. Clint Bledsoe made the motion to accept the quote from Walker-IT for a laptop at \$1,119.98. Larry Jonas seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.

LEAF BINS- The Town Council agreed by general consensus to place the leaf bins for Oct. 27 through Dec. 1 this year.

SOCIAL MEDIA CONSULTANT- Town Manager Dave Book stated a need for social media that is not currently being done well and which our staff was not able to do. He would like to hire Caralee Griffith at \$5,200.00 per year to do weekly updates to the website, do a town Facebook page, and collect emails to be able to release email blasts to residents. This will be paid 50/50 town/ sewer.

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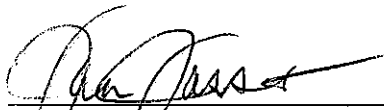
Larry Jonas made the motion to hire Caralee Griffith as social media consultant at \$5,200.00 per year starting as soon as possible. Clint Bledsoe seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.

BAND PRACTICE- Larry Jonas made the motion to allow the NPHS Band to practice on Oct. 18 starting at 5:30am for the regional contest. Jan Jarson seconded and the motion carried with 2 ayes and 1 abstain.

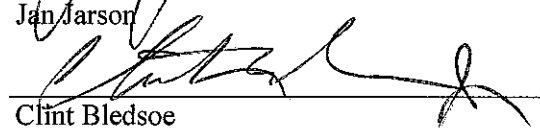
SCOUT VISIT- Scout Ethan Haeverle visited for his work on his citizenship badge.

CLAIMS –Larry Jonas made the motion to approve claims and Clint Bledsoe seconded with 3 ayes and 0 nays. The Council signed claims 14465 through 14511.

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



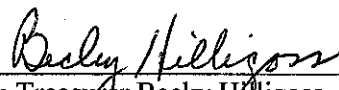
Jan Jarson



Clint Bledsoe

Larry Jonas

ATTEST:



Clerk-Treasurer Becky Hilligoss