

MAY 3, 2017

TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Those present:

Jim Smith
Allen Miracle
Tom Dale

Chalmer Tobias
Laura Rager
Adam Penrod

Carrie Mugford
Ryan Shock

Aaron Popplewell
Jeff Hersha

Those absent: None. A quorum was attained.

A May special meeting of the North Manchester Town Council was held at Town Hall, 103 E. Main Street, North Manchester, Indiana, on May 3rd, 2017, at 5:30 p.m., pursuant to notice duly given in accordance with the rules of the Council. The meeting was called to order by council president Jim Smith, who presided.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Water and Wastewater Utility Rate Study Discussion Continued – The goal of this discussion is to determine whether or not to start the process to raise utility rates. Town Manager Adam Penrod gave a synopsis of capital improvement needs, debt obligations, and long term control plan requirements of the utility department. Also discussed was the need to plan for required maintenance of the towns two aerial water towers. Penrod outlined a plan to generate funds to meet future utility needs with a series of rate increases on the minimum bill totaling:

Wastewater: \$3.24 increase, which would generate approximately \$150,000 additional revenue per year

Water: \$10.72 increase, which would generate approximately \$550,000 additional revenue per year

Penrod acknowledged that rates can be phased in over a period of years. This will lessen the immediate impact on residents, but also reduce the amount of revenue available for improvements. Council would like to have an initial increase of less than \$10.00 per month with phased in increases every two years after that. Penrod will work with Jeff Rowe of HJ Umbaugh & Associates to ensure the process is done correctly.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

TOWN COUNCIL, TOWN OF N. MANCHESTER

Jim Smith, President

Laura Rager, Vice-President

Tom Dale

Allen Miracle

Chalmer Tobias

ATTEST:

Carrie Mugford, Clerk-Treasurer