

JANUARY 2, 2019

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Those present:

Chalmer Tobias	Tom Dale	Jim Kirk	Steve Shumaker
Laura Rager	Adam Penrod	Cam Kissinger	Anne Myers
Jim Smith	Carrie Mugford	Craig Walters	Ben Vineyard
Allen Miracle	Matt Mize	Aaron Popplewell	Eric Christiansen

Those absent: None. A quorum was attained.

The January meeting of the North Manchester Town Council was held at the Public Safety Building, 709 W. Main Street, North Manchester, Indiana, on January 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., pursuant to notice duly given in accordance with the rules of the Council. The meeting was called to order by Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Mugford.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Councilmember Jim Smith made a motion to keep the officers as is. Motion to hold over the council officers of president and vice-president: Smith/Dale. Motion passes unanimously.

**MINUTES**

None at this time.

**VISITOR COMMENTS**

Council President Chalmer Tobias presented a response to Mr. Bob Sklar's concerns about trash service from the December 19<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Tobias gave a detailed account of each of six times that Mr. Sklar's trash or recycling was not picked up as scheduled. Each of those six times reparation was made within a few days. Tobias stated that the overall service from Republic Services is positive and nowhere near fraudulent, though the town will continue to expect the best service possible. The ordinance regulating refuse removal allows for businesses to obtain their own trash and recycling services. The council is willing to extend this provision to Mr. Sklar's home because of the home-based business. Councilmember Allen Miracle remarked that most towns don't offer trash and recycling to businesses for the price North Manchester does. Businesses getting their own service contract would pay much more. Miracle agrees that Republic Services needs to provide good service, but the service for the price is a respectable benefit to businesses.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Town/County EMS Service Contract Renewal – Town Manager Adam Penrod explained that the town council recently agreed to a new 5 year contract with Parkview EMS for emergency medical services north of State Road 16. The town also has a contract with Wabash County Commissioners to receive funds from the county for EMS services provided outside of town limits. Both the town and the county are seeing the financial benefit of a reduced service contract with Parkview. This proposed contract with the county is also for 5 years. If it is approved by the

council, the county will review it at their January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion to approve to contract as presented: Rager/Miracle. Motion passes unanimously. Town Attorney Matt Mize explained that this contract process was a little different because the town went through a bid process to secure an EMS provider. Mize acknowledged that the approach was objective and very well done. Mize expressed that TM Penrod deserves accolades for his work on this arrangement.

## **DEPARTMENTAL & COMMISSION REPORTS**

Appointments – Councilmember Laura Rager submitted a list of new appointments for approval:  
Park board: Maureen Reed will be replaced by Raju Shah for a full term  
Park board: Mandy Fierstos will be replaced by Becky Kreps for the remainder of Mandy's term.  
Motion to approve new appointments as presented: Smith/Dale. Motion passes unanimously.

Police Dept. – Police Chief Jim Kirk reported that Kody Cook was sworn in December 20 and will go to law enforcement academy on May 26.

Fire Dept. – Fire Chief Cam Kissinger reported that the official switch to central dispatch was today. The fire department has been dealing with numerous alarm tests.

Code Enforcement – Nothing to report.

Plan Commission – Building Commissioner Steve Shumaker reported that plan commission will meet in January to consider a request for special exception use.

Board of Zoning Appeals – Building Commissioner Steve Shumaker reported that BZA will meet in January to consider a request for special exception use.

Traffic Commission – Did not meet.

Parks & Recreation – Nothing to report.

Town Life Center – Nothing to report.

Tree Advisory – Tree Commissioner Ben Vineyard reported that Dave Good is the newest member of the Tree Advisory Committee. Vineyard is excited to add Good's knowledge and experience to the group.

Grow Wabash County – Nothing to report.

RDC – Did not meet.

Medcor – Did not meet

Solid Waste – Nothing to report

Storm Water Board – Nothing to report

Public Works – Street Superintendent Craig Walters noted that Christmas tree curb side pick-up will be January 7 and 14.

## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Town Manager Adam Penrod reported that the county road 1100 N project is still coming along. The railroad initially didn't want to repair the 1100 N crossing at this time. Town Attorney Matt Mize contacted US Congresswoman Jackie Walorski for assistance. A meeting with several influential people was called, including Norfolk Southern representatives, and the railroad is now moving up the timeline to get the crossing fixed in conjunction with the new road. Penrod stated that bids will be opened at the February council meeting for two utility projects. The first is a water main relocation at Premedtech. The second is a sewer extension out to the new Midwest Poultry headquarters.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT**

1. Financial Reports – Approved subject to audit.
2. Claims - The Town claim docket totaling \$161,815.50 and the Public Works docket totaling \$276,634.16 were submitted for payment. Motion to pay for our obligations: Smith/Miracle. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote of members present.

**VISITOR COMMENTS**

None.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

TOWN COUNCIL, TOWN OF N. MANCHESTER

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Chalmer Tobias, President

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Laura Rager, Vice-President

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Tom Dale

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Allen Miracle

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Jim Smith

ATTEST

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Carrie Mugford, Clerk-Treasurer