

The Fairland Town Council met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at 6:00 P.M. The meeting was held in the Fairland Volunteer Fire Department located at 106 S. Walnut St., Fairland, Indiana.

The following board members were present: Richard Daily, Jeremy Creech and John Hanson.

Also present were Clerk-Treasurer, Christine Brinson, Attorney, John Merlau, and approximately 13 others.

President, Richard Daily, called the meeting to order. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROUTINE BUSINESS:**

Minutes: The minutes of the March 2, 2010 meeting were considered. John Hanson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jeremy Creech seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

Claims: Two claims were presented for approval as follows:

#19 Brookfield Sand & Gravel, salt purchase	\$1,719.20
#20 Wessler Engineering, sewer study (5 <sup>th</sup> installment)	\$3,750.00

John Hanson made a motion to approve the claim #19 as submitted. Jeremy Creech seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

John Hanson made a motion to approve the claim #20 as submitted. Jeremy Creech seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

Clerk-Treasurer gave report.

President Daily explained that the funds reported include the proceeds from the \$30,000.00 loan received from Shelby County.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Sewer Study:** President Daily advised that pursuant to the open meeting of the sewer steering committee, that plans are proceeding to set up the sewer district.

**Roads:** President Daily advised that the Calumet construction company was attempting to finish the 400 N project and have it open by the Fish Fry date, and that additional work was having to be done due to residents continuing to go around the detour signs and cut across the work area. Wellman Thermal Systems was asking for a curb cut. Drainage issue has been discussed with Commissioner Mohr.

Town is trying to get assistance through the State for the town roads damaged by the construction traffic. Since asphalt plants are not yet open we are unable to obtain asphalt, and cold patch would not work for the condition of the roads. That Representative Eberhart was working on getting us information regarding who controls the project.

Discussion ensued regarding how best to handle the road repair, and amount necessary for repair, and funds available. Resident, Craig Larkey, commented about spending money for repair and the Calumet contractor continuing to tear up roads with construction traffic.

Questions arose regarding bid work. Attorney Merlau advised that the Town by statute may spend up to \$25,000.00 without being required to take bids. However, if labor was included in the amount the Town would have to bid it regardless of the amount.

After discussion Jeremy Creech made a motion for the town to purchase asphalt in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 for road repairs, provided the County Highway Department assists in repair of the roads and no outside company is necessary. John Hanson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

A question arose regarding the poor condition of the Railroad crossings in town. Residents were urged to call CSX to complain about the RR crossings in town.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Shelby County Economic Development Commission:** No one showed up from the Shelby County Economic Development Commission.

**Fall Festival Committee:** No one showed up from the Fall Festival Committee.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

James Goodwin, Dave Carnes, and Dave Loyd, Representatives of GMC Security, Inc. were present and President Daily advised that the town was still interested, but presently did not have adequate funds. That security services would be considered at budget time.

There was nothing new on the annexation plan.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Keith Fisher asked if the town had any plan in place for missed payments in Racino revenues due to the financial status of the Casino. President Daily advised that the Town viewed those funds as "bonus" money, and it was not considered a guaranteed source of revenue.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Discussion regarding securing a grant writer. Jeremy Creech made a motion for the Town Board to interview two grant writers per the list recommended by Mike Thiesing. Motion was amended to add that said interviews be in executive session between the May and June meetings. Richard Daily seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

Richard Daily advised that the County approved the rezoning request of the Fairland Volunteer Fire Department for the location of the new fire station.

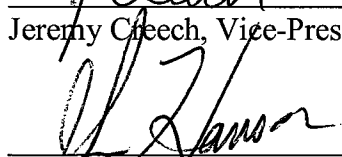
Attorney John Merlau pointed out that the next regular meeting would fall on Election Day and since the fire station is a polling place, the Board scheduled the May meeting for Thursday, May 6, 2010.

There being no further comments, Jeremy Creech made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Hanson seconded the motion, and by unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.

These minutes were approved: May 6, 2010

  
Richard Daily, President

  
Jeremy Creech, Vice-President

  
John Hanson, Secretary