

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CLARKSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL HELD
ON JULY 21, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Clarksville Town Council was called to order on July 7, 2014, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Clarksville Municipal Center Administration Building by Council President Bob Polston who chaired the meeting.

Council members present: Bob Polston, Paul Kraft, Bob Popp, Don Tetley, Tim Hauber and John Gilkey. Absent: Paul Fetter. Also present at the meeting Clerk Treasurer Robert Leuthart, Town Attorney Chris Sturgeon, Town Attorney Rebecca Lockard, Fire Chief Tom Upton, Police Chief Mark Palmer, Street Superintendent Brad Cummings, Matt Taylor for Wastewater Superintendent Mike Otto, Planning Consultant Sharon Wilson, Parks Superintendent Brian Kaluzny, Building Commissioner Ilpo Majuri, Administrative Assistant Anita Elliott-Neeld, Project Coordinator Brittany Montgomery, Redevelopment Director Nick Lawrence, and Deputy Clerk Treasurer Sherry Lockard.

Adoption of Street Ordinance 2014-ST-01... Town Attorney Chris Sturgeon presented ordinance 2014-ST-01, an ordinance designating a new road (between the Renaissance Academy and Clarksville Little League Park, described as Wolverton Way, with a designated speed limit of 20 MPH. For the first reading, Council Member Popp made a motion to approve ordinance 2014-ST-01. Council Member Kraft seconded the motion and passed with a 6-0 vote. For the second reading, Council Member Popp made a motion to approve ordinance 2014-ST-01. Council Member Kraft seconded the motion and passed with a 6-0 vote. Council Member Popp announced what an honor and a privilege it was to recognize 2 outstanding Clarksville residents, Dr. and Mrs. Betty Wolverton. Redevelopment Director Nick Lawrence then read from a letter regarding Dr. and Mrs. Wolverton regarding their service and dedication to the community of Clarksville. Whether it was medical services or the volunteer work and time given by both Dr. and Mrs. Wolverton to this community, both are highly regarded by the members of this community. The family members of Dr. and Mrs. Wolverton were then presented with a replica of the Wolverton Way road sign.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kelly Swanson: 1020 Irving Drive, Clarksville, IN. Ms. Swanson addressed the council regarding the issue of a potential vote on the removal of 3.8 acres of Ray Lawrence Park and the adjoining private property. Ms. Swanson expressed her concern and objection of this plan and would like to leave the park intact as it is. Ms. Swanson advised she understands the issue with the Stormwater issues in the area, but would like to see the council to come up with a solution that solves the Stormwater issues and leaves the park as it is. Ms. Swanson also stated that Council Member Gilkey wrote in a July 2nd article in the 2014 News and Tribune “We have for some time operated in an environment where town staff is making the rules and the elected and appointed members of boards and commissions simply serve only as a rubber stamp. I would like to see that change.” Mr. Swanson advised they too would like to see this change. (see attached letter). At this time, Ms. Swanson also submitted a petition signed by local residents urging the council to find an alternative way to alleviate the draining issues and leave the park as it was meant to be.

Mike Andry: 1010 Irving Drive, Clarksville, IN. Mr. Andry addressed the council regarding Ray Lawrence Park. Mr. Andry advised that in reference to Ms. Swanson’s comments, the community does need that park, however his yard floods all way up into his garage and he would like more information on this issue will affect the flooding of his property.

At this time, Council President Polston asked Harold Hart to come before the meeting attendees and explain in further detail the detention basin plan at Ray Lawrence Park. Mr. Hart gave a presentation of what the plan would consist of in regards to the detention basin and making upgrades to the park, stating that this project has two goals, improving drainage and enhancing the park. Mr. Hart supplied drawings of the park improvements which include a large open area for soccer or baseball practice, a tennis court, a pickle ball court, basketball courts, lighting, a new shelter house and an ADA approved drinking fountain, while also showing a grass bottom

detention basin. Council asked Mr. Hart to come up with a plan in conjunction with the 2008 report, while updating the lift station, and including the detention basin. Further discussion was held regarding this area being a high on the priority list to alleviate drainage issues. Council President Polston advised there would be no vote on this matter at tonight's meeting. Council Member Gilkey assured there would be neighborhood meetings prior to any decision being made by this council and a solution that works best for everyone will be found. Council Member Popp then spoke up and advised that not everyone will be happy with any project. Council Member Popp then went on to defend the staff of the Town of Clarksville by saying that they are the full time employees of the Town and that they do all of the research and work as to gathering and presenting information as requested by Council, (who are part time employees). Furthermore, he dislikes the fact that jobs are being taken at the staff by saying that the staff members are running the town and the council rubber stamps approval of anything presented, when all they are doing is the job they were hired to do.

David Thompson: 13 Sunset Drive, Clarksville, IN. Mr. Thompson addressed the council and advised he thought our State government is really the problem here. Mr. Thompson feels the Town would have the money to fix any issues but the State continues to cut funding and issue mandates. Mr. Thompson then thanked the council for not making him feel like he has a lack of freedom or choices.

Approval of Contract for Professional Engineering and Land Surveying between the Town and Hart's Surveying and Engineering... A contract was presented to the Council for professional services between the Town and Hart's Surveying and Engineering for design of a storm water pump station and expansion of the existing basin, and including park improvements as listed in agreement. Council Member Popp made a motion to approve the contract between the Town and Hart's Surveying and Engineering. Council Member Gilkey seconded the motion and was carried by unanimous vote. Council Member Hauber then advised this is just the beginning of the process and there will be some adjustments made as the project proceeds.

Announcement of Public Hearing/Special Meeting regarding the retention basin and park improvements to Ray Lawrence Park set for August 7' 2014 at 7:00 p.m. The following council members will be present: Bob Popp, Bob Polston, Tim Hauber, and John Gilkey.

Approval of Ordinance 2014-ST-02, authorizing school zone speed limit on Little League Blvd... Town Attorney Chris Sturgeon presented ordinance 2014-ST-02, authorizing school zone speed limit on Little League Blvd. at 20 MPH during the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. and again during the hours of 2:45 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on weekdays, during the school year. For the first reading, Council Member Tetley made a motion to approve ordinance 2014-ST-02. Council Member Kraft seconded the motion and was carried by unanimous vote. For the second reading, Council Member Tetley made a motion to approve ordinance 2014-ST-02. Council Member Kraft seconded the motion and was carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of Ordinance 2014-S-07, amending ordinance 2014-S-02, regarding the ranks and number of authorized positions in the Police Department... Town Attorney Chris Sturgeon presented ordinance 2014-S-07, an ordinance outlining the authorized positions under ranks as listed in the police department. For the first reading, Council Member Hauber made a motion to approve ordinance 2014-S-07. Council Member Gilkey seconded the motion and was carried by unanimous vote. For the second reading, Council Member Hauber made a motion to approve ordinance 2014-S-07. Council Member Gilkey seconded the motion and was carried by unanimous vote.

Swearing in of Officer Kevin Conklin... Chief Palmer, Assistant Chief Kirby, Council Member Hauber, welcomed Officer Kevin Conklin on board at the Clarksville Police Department, as Pro Tem Judge Brad Jacobs swore in Officer Conklin. Chief Palmer advised that Officer Conklin has worked within the department since 2008 in several capacities, including safety officer, dispatcher and reserve officer. Officer Conklin also received his rank of Sgt. with the Clark County Sheriff's Office.

Council Comments...

-Mr. Gilkey thanked all residents who came forward and expressed their opinions and hopes we can come to a viable solution.

-Mr. Hauber thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting and was happy to see so many people.

-Mr. Tetley extended a welcome for everyone to come back more often.

-Mr. Popp made another note regarding Dr. and Mrs. Wolverton and the dedication of the new road sign, Wolverton Way, saying that the time is right, the place is right and kids are here...with the area of Wolverton Way being in the midst of the school and the little league park.

Approval of Claims... Accounts payable registers presented for approval consisted of Town current claims in the amount of \$175,381.29, Town pre-approved claims issued 07/08/2014 through 7/21/2014 in the amount of \$403,999.04, Town and Wastewater/Stormwater utility gross payroll ending 07/11/2014 in the amount of \$424,740.45, Wastewater/Stormwater utility current claims in the amount of \$26,947.87, Wastewater/Stormwater utility prewritten claims in the amount of \$697,276.86, Wastewater Bond Claims paid in the amount of \$362,340.05, and SW BAN claims paid in the sum of \$2546.70. A motion was made by Council Member Kraft to approve the accounts payable registers as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gilkey and carried by unanimous vote.

Adjournment ... There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Gilkey made a motion to adjourn, Council Member Popp seconded the motion and was carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

Minutes prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer of
The Town of Clarksville, Indiana

Minutes approved by the Clarksville Town Council
on the 4th day of August 2014

Robert P. Leuthart, Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Clarksville, IN

Bob Polston, President,
Clarksville Town Council