

MINUTES OF A WORK SESSION OF THE CLARKSVILLE  
TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON JANUARY 3, 2017

A work session of the Clarksville Town Council was called to order on January 3, 2017 at 7:40 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Clarksville Municipal Center Administration Building by Council President Paul Fetter who chaired the meeting.

**Council Members Present:** Tim Hauber, John Gilkey, Paul Fetter, David Worrall, Jennifer Voignier, David Fisher and Aaron Stonecipher.

**Flooding Remediation Alternatives and South Clarksville Drainage Improvements...** Town Manager Kevin Baity and Project Manager Brittany Montgomery introduced Rob Huckaby of Stantec Engineering, who gave a brief overview of Flooding Remediation Alternatives and South Clarksville Drainage Improvements, which will be Attachment A to these minutes.

**Background:**

The Clarksville-Jeffersonville Flood Control District was created by State Statute with the purpose of preventing flooding within the regional area including Clarksville and Jeffersonville. Various studies have been completed over the last fifteen plus years indicating the need to make significant changes to and/or replacement of, the Flood Control Pump Station #5 (Cane Run Pump Station), located in the western most area of the Cane Run Creek basin. However, previous attempts to find resolution to the recommended work have failed.

Since 2011, the increased number of interior flood events and the frequency in which they occur have reinforced the need to undertake replacement or rehabilitation work of the Cane Run Pump Station. The most recent flooding events of 2011 and 2015 caused several businesses and residents to suffer over \$1 million in flood loss damages. The flooding also forced the closure of streets in Clarksville causing concern for access by emergency responders, and caused the near loss (due to electrical failure from flooding) of a major sanitary sewer pump station which serves south Clarksville.

In August 2015, the Council contracted with Stantec Engineering to investigate drainage and flooding concerns in this area. The work included the evaluation of the existing drainage structures under South Clark Blvd, Colgate Park and Newman Avenue as well as developing proposals for eliminating the frequent flooding of the parking lot between the Clarion Hotel and Derby Dinner.

At the January 3, 2017, Council Work Session, Rob Huckaby and his staff from Stantec presented their report findings. Two projects were identified from the report.

The drainage structure under Colgate Park has been determined to have exceeded its useful life and significant improvements are needed. The report indicates the need for a combination of slip lining in certain sections and complete replacement of others. The estimated cost for this work is \$706,800. The design work and initial construction will occur in 2017 with construction completed in 2018.

The current drainage structure serving the parking lot between the Clarion Hotel and Derby Dinner is part of Cane Run Creek which carries both storm water from the upstream watersheds and combined sewer overflows when the City of Jeffersonville's 10th Street pump station becomes inundated with water. Based on data available, the number of combined sewer overflows averages 22 every 6 months or 3.7 every month. When the water level in the Cane Run Creek Basin exceeds 426.9 feet, the water begins to back up causing flooding in the parking lot and Colgate Park. The Cane Run Pumping Station does not reach full pumping capacity until the water level is 432.18 feet which means the depth of water in the parking lot is over 5 feet deep.

The proposed local solution for Clarksville is to install a new drainage line in the parking lot isolating the surface storm water drainage from the existing line serving Jeffersonville. The design and construction of the separate drainage system is estimated to cost \$1.5 million with construction estimated to be completed by the end of 2018.

The best method to correct the regional flooding problem is for significant changes and/or replacement of the Cane Run Pumping Station to be undertaken by the Flood Control District. Estimates for this work, including design, permitting and construction are \$5.0 million. The design work, permitting and construction is estimated to take 36 months. Due to the fact the flooding is a regional issue and concern, the Town of Clarksville is committed to contributing up

to \$1.5 million of the cost, provided the City of Jeffersonville matches this commitment dollar for dollar, with the remaining costs to be paid for by the Flood Control District.

In the event the Flood Control District Board and the City of Jeffersonville do not commit to this offer and enter into an Interlocal Agreement by March 1, 2017, the Town of Clarksville's commitment of funds will be rescinded and plans for the design and construction of a separate drainage structure to serve and protect its residents and businesses will begin.

A timeline of Events for the Cane Run Pump Station will be attached to minutes as Attachment B

Former Council Presidents Greg Isgrigg and Bob Polston both stated that a Stormwater plan was developed and it is finally being fulfilled as this situation has become extremely serious and action needs to be taken before we have another storm/rain event.

Luther James of the Clarion Hotel came before the council and thanked them for anything they could do to prevent any further flooding in his parking lot and hotel. Cindy Knopp from Derby Dinner Playhouse also stated they appreciate any plan that will deter further flooding so that they will be able to continue to operate their business in Clarksville. Mary Ann Crabtree, representing residents of the Lakeshore Condo Association asked the Council to consider wisely for future generations and to base their decision not on the monetary outlay, but on the economic, cultural and ecological impacts of the area for tomorrow.

Council President Fetter stated Clarksville is willing to continue working toward an agreement with Flood Control, but a plan to move forward with a plan to help Clarksville's citizens and businesses' from being flooded is eminent. Mr. Fetter hopes that the City of Jeffersonville and Flood Control will see the importance of this issue and will contribute to what is a regional flooding issue.

No vote was taken at this meeting. A special meeting will be called for Tuesday, January 10, 2017.

**Adjournment**... There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Gilkey made a motion to adjourn, Council Member Voignier seconded the motion and was carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:26P.M.

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

Minutes approved by the Clarksville Town Council  
on the 1<sup>7th</sup> day of January 2017

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Paul Fetter, President  
Clarksville Town Council