

**Trafalgar Town Council
Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2017**

Jason opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Roll was taken. Jason Ramey - President, Jeff Eisenmenger - Vice President, Betty Davis, David Moore, Steve Scott, Donna Moore - Clerk Treasurer and Town Attorney Bill Barrett

Betty Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wastewater Credits/Utility Office – Nothing to report

New Business:

Brian Tomlanson – Circle City Cryogenics presented a presentation to the Town Council about the process his Company uses to extend wear life on products guns, gears, rotors, blades, transmissions any metal with a wear life and makes them stronger and more durable. They saved White River Township Fire Department \$30,000 last year and the City of Indianapolis \$250,000 for the 10th year in a row. This can benefit small and large communities as well as individuals.

Keli Ankney – Heather Heart - NHJ Educational Foundation, we created the Education Foundation in 2012. Since May 2012 we have given \$57,030.28 through teacher grants to the Indian Creek School System. We would like to get support from the Town Council and become involved with our fundraiser Music at the Creek which is the last Saturday in September. Things we would like to add to the event would be adding a parade, bike decorating contest, fireworks, hot air balloon rides or any other ideas. Our Board will meet Sunday night at 7:00p.m., at the Learning Center and we meet once a month.

Lisa Lintner, Director – Johnson County Public Library – Spring Update, Lisa gave a brief overview of the spring program guide. Last year the library circulated over a million items in Johnson County over 900,000 items were books, movies or music. About 75,000 items were checked out at people's homes. Things happening in 2017 would include a trail walk at the Trafalgar Library and we will be hosting a story walk this summer. The Trafalgar staff is interested in assisting individuals with accessibility issues.

Hensley Fire Protection District – Mike Hodge, Tom Allen, and Kerry Lancaster - Mike Hodge asks about hooking up to the sewer utilities and understands there might be some solutions to the problem. Bill stated there were issues related to 2 easements with REMC and then the sewer hookup issue. The sewer hookup issue is what was alluded to earlier in the RDC Meeting

with the developer in the sub-division through which the sewer hookup would have to go, in filing the wrong plat which doesn't record the easement. All the documents that lead to the approval of the sub-division and the plat have the easement in it for the utilities. The developer needs to replace the plat to show the easement or we won't be able to give them building permits. Bill stated the major legal steep that has to be taken is to appoint the Trafalgar Municipal Building Corporation Committee, which is on the agenda tonight. Mr. Allen asks if he could run his pipe down the road which is already a platted easement. Bill stated he had not looked at the plat and could not answer that question. Bill stated his office would look at the plate if the Town wanted him to. Lee stated that Stephen Watson was looking at the platted easement. The Council agreed Bill's office will review and get back with Mr. Allen.

Mark Bowman – Trafalgar Lot #9 - Mr. Bowman is here on behalf of his client Scott Weaver. My client is seeking a letter from the Town of Trafalgar saying that Lot #9 is not buildable as it sits today because there is a sewer line easement running through the center of the Lot. Mr. Bowman brought a sewer location map to show the easement. Bill stated that the letter should come from the Planning and Zoning Committee. Steve will bring this up to the Committee and have a letter composed. Steve asks that Mr. Bowman add this to the agenda for the May 8, 2017, planning and zoning meeting.

Trafalgar Municipal Building Corporation Committee – member appointments – Bill stated the Corporation itself needs to have new Director's appointed. That is the entity that owns this land where we are located right now. The bylaws of the entity state that the person who appoints the Director's is the President of the Town Council. The President will appoint the Director's. The Council itself does not have the authority to issue that easement Mr. Allen was referring to. Jason did find three people in the Town and did verify their residency and requirements and they all do fit. Jason appointed Amanda Waddle, Eric Woodke & Nick Weltich. The Director's will meet and form their officers.

Bob Griggs – Contact form inquiry – Golf Carts – Mr. Griggs would like to find out about allowing golf carts under the same rules as Bargersville. David stated that with certain areas in Town it should not be a problem. The Council agreed that Bill's office would research Golf Cart Ordinances and give the Council some examples.

Review and approve the minutes from Town Council Meeting for March 16, 2017, David made a motion to accept and approve the Trafalgar Town Council Minutes from March 16, 2017, Jason 2nd. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

Old Business:

Park Project – Lee spoke with Stephen and he is generating an addendum to go with the contract with K&M Fence Company. Lee stated that they would start removing the end of Kentucky St. next week. Jason stated that Recreation Unlimited, LLC will begin installing the playground equipment May 19th. Jason spoke with Mr. Ball owner of McDonalds regarding the park donation letter Donna sent out to the businesses and Mr. Ball has an affiliation with the Ronald McDonald house, they have a grant program for playground equipment and will forward Jason the grant application and try and expedite the process. The Council gave Jason the approval to go ahead and work with Mr. Ball and try obtaining the grant. Jason suggested that maybe looking for a June or July opening ceremony date and looking for interest of people to set on a Committee to help us get that together. It may be an opportunity to bring vendors in for the event. Jeff stated that we had spoken about having food, refreshments and music at the grand opening ceremony.

Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant and Street Commission – Lee stated that there has been an offer on the existing fire department building and they are requesting that the tornado siren be moved. Lee is researching the distances between the 2 sirens and what the allowable distance would be. Lee suggested to move the siren to the park or possible to the wastewater treatment plant. Lee will have an update for the May 18, 2017 meeting. Lee spoke with Stephen regarding the driveway agreement at the wastewater treatment plant with Verizon and Stephen has recommended to the representative at Verizon that they give the Town \$15,000.00 up front to put into the driveway and that we would be in agreement with what they had proposed. Lee stated they have started the mapping on the GPS coordinates we received the grant for on the water lines, meters, sewer system and spouts. Lee had a meeting with the representative on the GIS mapping equipment with possibly buying the equipment. The cost would be approximately \$10,000 - \$15,000. Lee stated he does have a meeting set up with Brown County Water to discuss either a secondary connection or a main connection to our water, when I know more I will see if one of the Council members would also like to attend the meeting with Brown County Water. Jason stated he received a call from Indiana American Water and they offered to purchase our water utility, so that interest is out there as well. Betty asks about the increase from Princes Lake for our water, Steve thought it was a 16% increase. She asks Lee if he could figure out how much that would mean for our customers. Lee said they would come up with that information once we know the exact percentage of the increase. Jeff stated that the Town has had 2 water decreases and was anticipating another decrease in 2019 but with this rate increase from Princes Lake it appears that would not be possible now.

Planning Commission & BZA- Planning Commission did not have an April 10, 2017 meeting.

Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners – Bill stated the Police Board meet April 5, 2017 and the Chief gave his report, no actions were taken at that meeting.

Police- Charles wanted to let the Town Council know that one of the contractors was tearing up property and a fence that possible belongs to the home owner. Charles spoke with the contractor and he advised he had a survey and the survey marker showed that approximately 6-8 ft. of the complaints property was on the White Oakes Sub-Division's property. Charles advised the homeowner to contact their attorney as this was a civil matter. It appears this would run all the way down Pearl St. where 6-8 ft. could be an issue for property owners.

Charles stated he had received several complaints from residents regarding a resident flying a drone, several of the complaints stated the drone was about gutter level on their homes, possible looking in windows or scoping out the resident. I spoke with the resident who was operating the drone. I am asking the Town to possible look into an Ordinance that prevents drones from flying over residential areas. Bill stated that they have started looking into this and drone flying is heavily regulated, but there are things a municipality can do in regard to this. You can have provision's that can prevent voyeurism, but you cannot prohibit the resident from flying the drone. Bill's office will check into drone Ordinances and bring back to the Council.

Charles asks about the law regarding body cameras. Bill stated the law has not yet had enough litigation to be tested to the point the cost is justified.

Charles was notified by the Johnson County Sheriff that their deputies can no longer work for us until there is an indemnification agreement signed by the Town. I have been working with Roger Young on this. I have been moving the schedule around and paying straight time and overtime to have 24 hour coverage. Jason stated that the Sheriff's office has an underwriter that is willing to state that we do in fact have the coverages that would cover the indemnification agreement or they are willing to sell us the additional coverage that would cover the agreement. The insurance company has asks for particular language to be added to the indemnification agreement. We will present that back to Mr. Young to include that in the agreement send it back to the County and we will see if the County and Sheriff's Dept. agrees to the new language. Bill stated that when the Chief hires a part-time officer from any other agency and that officer is wearing a Trafalgar Police uniform our insurance covers them for any liability that arises from his/her duties as an officer. There may be liability that runs back to his home agency for allegations that they were mistreated or untrained as to certain issues that caused or could cause someone harm. The Council agreed as presented to the new language Jason was submitting for the indemnification agreement.

The school zone and speed limit signs on Indian Creek Dr. are up; the speed limit went from 30 miles an hour to 25 now. Jason stated Stephen has submitted the information to make that a

school zone; we will need an Ordinance to make that a school zone. Also, we will need additional signage, the beginning and end of the school zone and the hours the school zone is in observed for.

Charles stated that parts are needed for the speed trailer which should cost approximately \$200.00 - \$300.00.

One of the reserve officers Chris Gray has been with the Town 10 years and I have spoken with the Nook about making him a plaque. We had spoken about getting him a gift card but the amount was not decided on. Steve suggested \$100.00 for each year of service plus the 10 year plaque. David made a motion to give a prepaid gift card in the amount of \$1000.00 and purchase a 10 year plaque to be presented to Reserve Officer Chris Gray. Jason 2nd. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

Reserve Officer Eric Hill has resigned.

A grant was received from South Central REMC in the amount of \$6,603.00 for 2 new radios. I am requesting to purchase 2 new radios with the money received. The 2 radios will cost approximately \$6,000.00 and I will also purchase new batteries. Jason made a motion not to exceed the amount of \$6,603.00 on the purchase of 2 new radios and accessories. Jeff 2nd. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

Charles stated 2 of the vehicles needed repairs, one of the vehicles the rear end went out. We did have this fixed and the cost was \$2,500.00. Jason did authorize the Chief to have the repairs done prior to this meeting. The second vehicle overheated, this is the vehicle we are trading in for the new vehicle and is at Honey Creek Auto to get an estimate on repairs.

Next merit board meeting is June 7, 2017.

Betty asks if there was any rules or regulations on opening a gun store in Town since one just opened. Bill stated first it was a question of Federal Firearms licensing, and zoning. The Council agreed the owner went through all the proper steps to open the gun store.

Jason did have a meeting with INDOT regarding the crossing signs for the School and the State agreed. The State does not put in ramps or sidewalks. INDOT said if we put in ADA compliant ramps and sidewalks at the intersection they will put in the crossing signs. Lee is working with Jared Sneed with the School System. The School is paying for ramps and sidewalks on their property and we will need to do whatever is required on the other side and acquire the permit. The Police will also be able to control the cross box from the intersection at dismissal for the School buses. The Council will need to allow Jason to move forward with the permit process.


Clerk Treasurer –The Town Council will need to review and accept the April 20, 2017 Fund Report. Jason made a motion to approve as presented the April 20, 2017 Fund Report. Jeff 2nd. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0. The next item would be approval of the invoice from Williams Barrett & Wilkowski in the amount of \$3,371.33. Jeff made a motion to approve the invoice for Williams Barrett & Wilkowski in the amount of \$3,371.33. David 2nd. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0. The invoice for London Witte Group was also presented to the Council in the amount of \$4,867.50 for services performed regarding downsizing of meter sizes and also PILOT and water and sewer debt payment transfers. Jeff made a motion to approve the invoice for London Witte Group our financial advisor in the amount of \$4,867.50. David 2nd. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

Donna also presented the Council a copy of the park donation letter she sent out to the area business. Williams Barrett & Wilkowski is donating \$500.00 to the park fund.

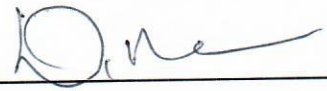
Attorney – Bill stated they have sent a letter to the owner at Trafalgar Point regarding the maintenance of the private road. Related to that we talked about this earlier with Mr. Allen regarding the sewer easement for the new Fire Department and the failure of the developer to include the easement on the plat, do you want us to make that approach on correcting the plat. The Council agreed to allow Bill to make the approach on correcting the plat. David asks about the properties that were on the prior agenda's where there was debris on the property. Jeff stated Dave Parsley was supposed to go look at the property on Ward St. and report back. Jason said they would follow up with Dave to report back on the property. Bill said they would add the Ordinances that were discussed tonight including the sub-division control Ordinance that we are currently working on. Several items where you will need Jason to execute documents and negotiate on your behalf which would include the park grant, the revised fence contract with K& M Fence Company, the common use agreement with Verizon for the cell tower and the permitting process for the crosswalk. David made a motion to allow Jason execute and negotiate on behalf of the Council the four issues with the park grant, contract with K& M, the common use agreement with Verizon and the permitting process for the crosswalk. Jeff 2nd. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

Adjourn

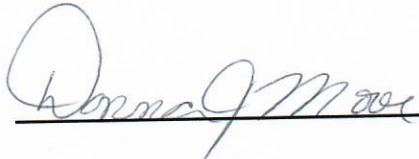
Motion to adjourn the Trafalgar Town Council Meeting at 8:44 pm, Jeff 2nd. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.




President, Jason Ramey



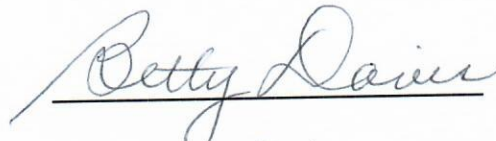
Member, David Moore




Attest: Donna J Moore



Vice President, Jeff Eisenmenger



Member, Betty Davis



Member, Steve Scott