

**Trafalgar Town Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 18, 2017**

Jason opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

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

Betty Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wastewater Credits/Utility Office – Nothing to report

**New Business:**

**Crossroads Family Dentistry – Dr. Pooja Kumar**, Dr. Kumar wanted to thank the Town of Trafalgar for making a smooth transition for the Crossroads Family Dentistry and making her apart of the Community.

**Triumph Acquisitions, LLC – Steve Appelt**, Mr. Appelt was not present. Lee Rogers explained that Mr. Appelt owned Lancaster Gateway subdivision. The Town has never accepted the land that consists of the section of the street from where the residential area starts out to SR252. Bill Barrett will review the plat for the subdivision and give feedback back to the Town Council.

**Brad Hofmann/Carla Stevason**, Mr. Hofmann or Ms. Stevason was not present. David Moore had spoken with the residents regarding their request for a blind person sign in the area. Lee Rogers will order signs and put up in the area. Steve made a motion that the Town would install 3 signs for blind person in area, beginning at Pearl St starting at Gloria Drive and by the old Fire Department and on the street into the Lancaster Gateway subdivision. David 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0. Lee said the price was approximately \$75.00 each.

**Sam Kramer** – Mr. Kramer had sent a request asking about the fence row adjoining the new Fire Station, the Town Council determined that Mr. Kramer contact the Fire Department himself. Donna will give Mr. Kramer the name of someone at the Fire Department to contact.

**Elyssa Everling** – Johnson County Library- Summer Learning Program, Ms. Everling wanted to announce that their summer learning programs started on Monday May 15<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year is “to build a better world”. This is at all the Johnson County Library branches.

Review and approve the minutes from Town Council Meeting Minutes for April 20, 2017, & Town Council Special Meeting for April 28, 2017. David made a motion to accept and approve the Trafalgar Town Council Minutes from April 20, 2017, Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion passed

4-0. Betty made a motion to accept and approve the Town Council Special Meeting Minutes from April 28, 2017, David 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

### **Old Business:**

**Park Project** – Lee had a meeting with Duke Energy regarding removing the poles that are not being used, and they are going to remove those. To remove the pole close to the parking and relocate it it would cost approximately \$ 3,800.00. Also, once the fence is installed Children at Play signs will be installed at every intersection approaching the Park. Bill Barrett mentioned that the fence is related to the survey issue Mr. Konda had on the agenda for tonight's meeting. Bill had spoken with Mr. Maurer from Maurer Surveying and he had spoken with Mr. Konda from CKW Land Surveying. We are at a point where the surveyors agree that the historical record is ambiguous, and really cannot be resolved to a mathematical certainty on the issue of how wide the easement that the railroad had that they conveyed to the Co-Op and that the Co-Op conveyed to the Town. Mr. Maurer said is it 40 ft., Mr. Konda said it is 20 ft., there is evidence supporting both. Bill explained that to avoid litigation both parties need to sit down and discuss the issue, with Lee and maybe a couple of the Council Members. Bill suggested that the fence contract could be signed tonight but holds off from installing the fence until a resolution on the survey. Bill's office will set up the meeting with the surveyors. Jason mentioned that the playground equipment has been delayed due to the rain and they are looking at the first part of June. Bill's office has added the addendum to the contract with K&M Fence Company and is ready to be signed. Jason made a motion to accept the addendum to the contract with K& M Fence Company, Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

Jason mentioned that we already have in place by Ordinance for a Park Advisory Board; it would be a 5 person panel. Jason has 2-3 people who would be interested. Donna mentioned she also put this on the Town Facebook page for anyone who might be interested. David thought it would be a good idea to maybe get someone from the Library to also serve on the Committee. Judy Misiniec asks if the person would have to be a resident to serve on the Park Board. Jason said that they had reviewed and by Ordinance they did not have to be a resident.

**Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant and Street Commission** – Lee stated they have another option for the relocation of the tornado siren he will look into and that location would be the Indiana Architectural Plywood Company. Lee stated they have had 2 meetings with Brown County Water; the Town engineer is going to evaluate both water systems to see what would need to be done for the systems to be compatible. But it appears that the rates are going to be higher going off of their current Tariff sheet. The next item would be the driveway at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for the cell phone tower. Verizon is willing to pay \$15,000.00



toward paving of the road and the Town would be responsible for the remaining portion. The total cost would be approximately \$25,000 - \$30,000. Lee mentioned that the road is accessed by adjoining farmers which is a shared easement and they could not be responsible for any damages. David stated that due to the heavy equipment that the farmers are using paving the road would not be practical. Bill suggested that we have Verizon contribute the money to a Sinking Fund for maintenance and then share the cost past that. Bill's office will work with Lee on the best approach and give an update at the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The lower door at the Town Hall is damaged further than his ability to fix the problem, so he has contacted Suburban Glass. Everyone agreed this would be the best solution to get the door fixed.

The grit removal machine at the Treatment Plant has had a substantial amount of money for repairs it is somewhere between \$1,500-\$2,000.

According with our contract with Princes Lakes we are obligated to flow test the water meter that is reading the water we are purchasing. The meter has never been tested since it was installed. The cost to flow test is between \$300-\$500. Typically the lifespan of the meter is 10 years and it's well surpassed that. The cost for a new meter is \$1,200-\$1,800.

Princes Lake was required to give the Town a 90 day notice of a rate increase, they gave 60. The increase amounted to around \$1,700.00. Donna can send a note to Princes Lake to let them know that our notice was below the 90 days and the Town feels like a credit is due for 30 days.

Betty suggested the possibility of talking to American Water Company. Jason stated that American Water did contact him regarding selling the water. Steve felt like the Town was making money from the utilities. David stated that he didn't want to see the possibility of installing new lines which would be very costly for the Town if existing lines would have to be replaced. Lee stated that all of the lines in the Town are PVC. Lee stated that the current rates for Brown County Water were being revised and it would be over \$4.00 a gallon to purchase. Donna asks if we knew the effect yet after the increase. Lee stated Sue Haas was working on that and she would let us know if we could absorb the cost or if we would have to do a rate increase on water.

**Planning Commission & BZA-** Planning Commission's next meeting is June 12, 2017 at 6P.

**Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners** – Next meeting is scheduled June 7, 2017 at 7P.

**Police-** Charles stated that Officer Chris Grey has been with the Town for 10 years as a Reserve Officer and will be resigning. He has impacted several lives in the Community. He has



volunteered over 2200 hours and saved the Town over \$35,000. The Town would like to present a plaque to Officer Grey as a token of our appreciation for your 10 years of outstanding service as a Reserve Officer. The Town has also presented Officer Grey a gift certificate in the amount of \$1000.00.

Charles stated that they had received a grant for \$6600.00 to purchase 2 new radios. I did make a purchase for 2 radios; we thought they were new however they were demo radios. The radios have been sent back. I have contacted Owens and they have not provided me with a quote on new radios. It will probably be another \$2,000.00 for the radios. We also have another option in June at the Johnson County Chief's meeting, Kenworth will present their radios; they may be less than the Motorola radios from Owens. Next month I should have an update on the radios.

The next item is the Indemnification Agreement in reference to our paid Part-Time Officers, our Insurance Company has agreed to cover Johnson County and we are still waiting on Johnson County's response to see if they approve that. Jason stated that the Insurance Company said they would not charge anymore this year to add that coverage, but we would anticipate somewhat of an increase with the renewal for next year.

The School had a raffle for a ride to School with an Officer; we will be doing that the last day of school. We also take the children to McDonalds before School.

The Officers have increased patrol for speeding on Pearl St.

**Clerk Treasurer** –The Town Council will need to review and accept the May 18, 2017 Fund Report. Jason made a motion to approve as presented the May 18, 2017 Fund Report. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0. The next item would be approval of the invoice from Williams Barrett & Wilkowski in the amount of \$4,918.47. Jason made a motion to approve the invoice for Williams Barrett & Wilkowski in the amount of \$4,918.47. David 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

Donna presented an Ordinance for the Park Donation Fund, a letter was sent out to the area businesses asking for a donation for the Trafalgar Park, and currently we have received \$1,250.00. Ordinance 2017-001 Establishing A Non-Reverting Park Donation Fund. Bill stated on all of Ordinances tonight if everyone agrees unanimously you can make a motion to waive second reading and proceed to final reading tonight and then if everyone votes to unanimously adopt the Ordinance it passes tonight. David made a motion to waive the second reading on the Ordinance 2017-001, Jason 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0. David made a motion to pass Ordinance 2017-001 Establishing A Non-Reverting Park Donation Fund, Betty 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

The next Ordinance is 2017-002 to Establish A Community Crossing Grant Fund. Last year we received a Community Crossing Grant and our match was \$143,900.00. From that we have already used from the MVH Fund \$82,506.00 for the paving project. To complete our match that amount we will use is from the Rainy Day Fund in the amount of \$20,732.45 and from the LOIT Fund in the amount of \$40,661.55. Jason made a motion to waive the second reading on Ordinance 2017-002, Betty 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0. David made a motion to pass Ordinance 2017-002 Establish A Community Crossing Grant Fund, Betty 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

The last Ordinance is 2017-003 to Establish and Designate A School Zone Speed Limit. Jason made a motion to waive the second reading on Ordinance 2017-003, Betty 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0. David made a motion to pass Ordinance 2017-003 to Establish And Designate A School Zone Speed Limit, Betty 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

Donna stated she is working on the 2018 Pre-Budget worksheet which is due June 1, 2017.

Jason stated we have completed the paperwork for the permit for SR252/SR135, we will submit that back to the State and once we receive the approvals Lee will start on the ramp and sidewalks at that intersection so the State can come in and do the crosswalk work.

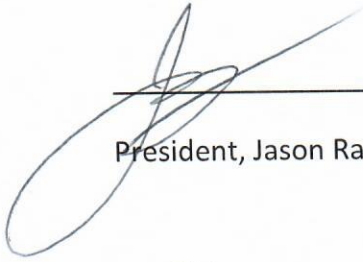
**Attorney** – Bill stated last month he was asks to take a look at drone Ordinances and golf cart Ordinances. As to the drone's, State Legislators passed a number of statutes this year that will solve some of the problems. Starting July 1, 2017 it will be a crime for remote aerial vulgarism. In addition there will be limitations on photographic use. If the Town is still interested in adopting an Ordinance of its own I would Council waiting to see how the State's statute plays out. Donna has provided you copies of materials to take a look at. We have also provided copies of several Town's golf cart Ordinances for you to review and next month we can revisit these. Donna will let the resident that had the golf cart question know the Council is still reviewing.

The last item is the sub-division Control Ordinance; we have begun the drafting and will need to meet with John Young because it will have to go before the Planning Commission before it comes to the Town Council.

### **Adjourn**

David made a motion to adjourn the Trafalgar Town Council Meeting at 8:50 pm, Jason 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.



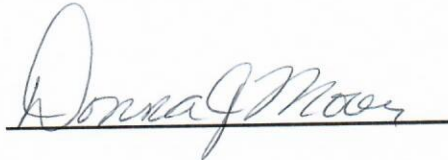


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President, Jason Ramey

Absent

Member, David Moore

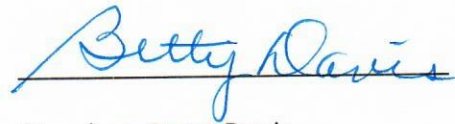


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Attest: Donna J Moore

Absent

Member, Steve Scott



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Member, Betty Davis