

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
Teleconference via GoToMeeting
Wednesday, March 22, 2023
3:32pm

Mayor Paulin and Councilwoman Grumbine met in work session via teleconference on Wednesday, March 22, 2023. Also, in attendance Town Manager Ryan Hicks, and Town Clerk Andrea Brady.

4165 Indian Head Highway – The Town recently agreed to put up a fence to allow AVSI to access the rear parking area to meet their requests due to the grocery store development. The Drinkards (AVSI) sent a letter with additional requests for the Council's review. Mayor Paulin stated that additional fencing beyond what was previously agreed upon would be the responsibility of the business owners to install. Town Manager Hick discussed the request for the 100-year lease. The Council did not agree to the requested length of time, and any change of ownership or use of 4165 Indian Head Highway would cause the parking area to revert back to the Town. Town Manager Hicks meets with the fence company tomorrow, he will email the quote to the Council for their consideration.

April Town Meeting Agenda – No changes or additions.

Roundtable:

Mayor – Mayor Paulin reminded everyone that if they see suspicious activity to contact the Sheriff's Department, and suggested additional money in the budget for extra town patrol. Town Manager Hicks currently has one officer willing to work, but the Town is in need of additional officers. Mayor Paulin will make some calls to garner additional interest.

Vice Mayor – Not present.

Councilwoman – Councilwoman Grumbine asked if the ring camera incentive was ever publicized. Mayor Paulin suggested including it in the FY24 budget. Town Manager Hicks stated the Council could set an amount not to be exceeded in the FY24 budget cycle and any further requests past that amount would need to be in the next fiscal year. Council stated a stipulation of the rebate would be that the camera would need to be registered with the Sheriff's Department. Town Manager Hicks is working on scheduling a meeting with the Sheriff's Department and he will see if they have forms for this program that could be utilized by the Town.

Town Manager – The Town received bids for the stormwater management work on East Poplar and the lowest bid was around 1.2 million dollars. The work will be done in house by the Public Works department which will save the Town around $\frac{3}{4}$ of a million dollars. The Town is still having some issues with the contractor for the retaining wall on Leslie Drive. The Town will be moving forward with pulling the contractor's performance bond and will reach out to the next lowest bid on that project to move forward with the work. The money from the performance bond will be put towards the cost of the project. The bamboo at Mattingly Park has been removed.

Town Clerk – Town Clerk Brady asked the Council if they would approve moving the June work session to Tuesday, June 20th; they agreed. Town Clerk Brady gave the Council an update on the plan for the upcoming July 4th event. The July Town meeting is currently scheduled for in person on Monday, July 3rd. Due to items for the event being in the pavilion, and the difficulty for residents to attend so close to a holiday, the Council is considering either making the meeting virtual, or moving the meeting to the following week on the 10th. The Council will make the final decision via email, and the date/location will be updated on the Town's website.

Mayor Paulin adjourned the meeting at 3:46pm.


Andrea Brady, Town Clerk