

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
Teleconference via GoToMeeting
Wednesday, April 27, 2022
3:30pm

Mayor Paulin, Vice Mayor Sitoula and Councilwoman Grumbine met in work session via teleconference on Wednesday, March 23, 2022. Also, in attendance were Town Manager Ryan Hicks and Town Clerk Andrea Brady and Jennifer Gimmel, Instructional Specialist, Judy Center.

Judy Center Grant – Mrs. Gimmel gave a power point presentation on the Judy Center and their grant application to expand to Indian Head Elementary School. The Judy Center would serve all residents who live within the Indian Head Elementary School zone. The Judy Center serves from prenatal through school. Judy Center component standards include full day/full year services and programs, meals, case management, integration of early education services, family engagement, early identification and intervention, children with disabilities, health related services, professional development, adult education and career services, accreditation, and partnerships. Mrs. Gimmel spoke about the strong community in Indian Head and the Judy Center's desire to partner with the Town. Vice Mayor Sitoula asked if there would be any fees associated with the programing for the families, and if there is the possibility of the 3-year commitment being extended. Mrs. Gimmel explained that there are not fees associated for the parents through the Judy Center and historically the Judy Center has been a one-year grant which had to be renewed each year. When Mrs. Gimmel wrote the grant last spring it was the first time it became a 3-year grant. The grant is dependent on funding. Mrs. Gimmel does not fear that the funding will decrease or go away. The Judy Center has been in existence for 22 years. Vice Mayor Sitoula asked if the Judy Center coordinates with the public library system and asked the nature of the programing through the Judy Center. Mrs. Gimmel explained they do partner with the public library and discussed programing they have had through that partnership, currently at Dr. Mudd and Eva Turner the Judy Center holds five play groups that are age specific with activities tailored to that age group. Getting established at Indian Head, Mrs. Gimmel would like to start with at least 3 play groups and hopes to bring the activities to the community without the need to travel outside of the town. Mayor Paulin thanked Mrs. Gimmel for being part of the meeting and expressed his excitement about the Judy Center coming to the community. Mayor Paulin asked Town Manager Hicks if he saw any issues/concerns with the Town Council commitments on page 2 of the draft MOU. Town Manager Hicks did not see anything major listed in the MOU. Mrs. Gimmel asked about the requested use of the Pavilion for events when available. Town Manager Hicks asked how many events a year would need to utilize the facility. Mrs. Gimmel said Power Tots would be the only program on a weekly basis, but there would be additional programs sprinkled in throughout the year. Mayor Paulin said the youth enrichment center would also be a great facility for these programs and the Town will be looking for partners to provide programs at the facility. Councilwoman Grumbine asked how the parents go about signing up for the Judy Center's program. Mrs. Gimmel said if they are approved for funding in June, they would spend July and August in the community to do outreach. Mayor Paulin made a motion to move forward with the MOU for the Judy Center. Councilwoman Grumbine seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

RXBSA Ground Lease – The Council discussed the proposed ground lease from RXBSA, the purpose of which is a congressional earmark. The proposed lease does not require maintenance from the Town. Mayor Paulin said if the lease does not require any maintenance from the Town, he would feel okay with it. Town Manager Hicks will reforward legal counsel's response for their further review before making a decision on the requested lease. A final decision will be made via email.

Resolution 04-01-22 – Town Clerk Brady read Resolution 04-01-22. It is a Resolution reappointing a member and appointing three new members and establishing their respective terms of office to the Board of Zoning and Appeals for 4-year terms. Dennis Scheessele is on the Resolution for reappointment. Thomas Blake, Anita Sampson, and Michael Pellegrino are on the Resolution for appointment. Mayor Paulin made a motion to approve Resolution 04-01-22. Vice Mayor Sitoula seconds the motion. Motion carried. The Resolution will be posted on the website.

Boardwalk Ribbon Cutting – Town Manager Hicks asked if the Council has a date for when they would like the ribbon cutting to take place. The call boxes should be installed within the next two weeks. SMECO has come out and set the meter. Mayor Paulin suggests May 13th when state officials will already be in the area for the USBTA event. At this time there is no confirmation on if it will be the Governor or Lieutenant Governor in attendance. Town Manager Hicks will be out of Town and Nate from ARRO who has been lead on the project will also be out of Town. The Council will need to put together a list of who they would like to invite. The Vice Mayor said the Town will also need to verify that the parking spaces will be available, and he agreed with the date of May 13th. Mayor Paulin said USBTA's event goes from 11:30am to 1:00pm, and he suggested scheduling the ribbon cutting for 1:00pm. Town Clerk Brady will prepare a draft invitation for the Council's review.

May Town Meeting Agenda – No changes or additions.

Roundtable:

Mayor – None.

Vice Mayor – Vice Mayor Sitoula discussed things he observed on the Boardwalk that will need the contractor's review.

Councilwoman – None.

Town Manager – Town Manager Hicks asked Council if they are comfortable with implementing the on/off charge this quarter. Council agreed. Town Manager Hicks asked if the Council wanted to reinstate the fee to pay over the phone. In 2020 the waiver of the fee cost the Town around \$5500. The Council will make their final determination via email. Town Manager Hicks asked the Council view on how to move forward with the Pavilion if they would like to move forward with rentals or if they would like to have further discussions of an alternate use. Mayor Paulin suggested renting up to June 2023 since the Town will have to pursue grant dollars to turn it into the Town Hall and suggested discussing it further at the next work session. Vice Mayor Sitoula agreed. Town Manager Hicks said the SMECO key accounts breakfast is coming

up, Mayor Paulin said he will be able to attend on behalf of the Town. Town Manager Hicks requested Vice Mayor Sitoula's iPad so he can repair his email. Town Manager Hicks asked about the email to the schools for Bike to Work Day. Mayor Paulin said he has been working on that and will follow up. Town Manager Hick said Verizon Fios is working on running their backbone for service in Town. Mayor Paulin suggested this update be shared with the company who recently reached out in reference to broadband, and he asked for an update on when that service will be available.

Town Clerk – Town Clerk Brady asked if the Council would like to begin posting outside organization's events on the Town sign, or if they would like to continue posting only Town and Town co-hosted events. Mayor Paulin suggested a list of identified community partners that could utilize the sign for events. Council agreed.

Mayor Paulin adjourned the meeting at 4:25pm.


Andrea Brady, Town Clerk