

Minutes of the St. Paul Town Council Meeting

Held November 5, 2024, in Civic Center

The meeting was called to order by Joshua Sangl @ 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Council members Joshua Sangl, Tim Ray and Kim Livingston were present. Clerk/Treasurer Alyssa Hall, Town Marshall Josh Kuntz, Water Superintendent Les Day, gym/civic center rentals Richard Rampley and Fire Department Dan Pennington all present for reporting.

Joshua Sangl welcomed the public and opened the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The minutes of the board meeting held October 1, 2024, were presented for approval. Josh Sangl made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Tim Ray and Kim Livingston seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote and the motion was carried.
- The minutes of the Adoption Budget Meeting held October 22, 2024 were presented for approval. Josh Sangl made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Tim Ray and Kim Livingston seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote and the motion was carried.

TOWN MARSHALL

Josh Kuntz gave his report.

- The month of October 11 calls for service, 19 warnings, 7 citations and 1 Gun Permit
- 82.5 hours.
- Requested a stop sign on West Washington Street.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dan Pennington gave his report.

- The month of October there were 7 calls, 21 active members and 70 hours of training.
- Presented a budget for extra documentation to be able to increase the fire contract.
- Requesting the Town reimburses for the turbo expenses.

GYM/CIVIC CENTER

Richard Rampley

- 7 rentals for the month of October
- 1 rental for the Civic Center
- Kim Livingston spoke on behalf of the St. Paul Gym; Adams Township Trustee has agreed to sell the St. Paul Gym to the Town in the amount of \$500 with the Town paying for all the fees associated with the closing. Purchasing is contingent upon guidance from town attorney Alec Whitted. (Kim to follow up on this process with attorney)

Kim Livingston made a motion to purchase the St. Paul Gym in the amount of \$500 contingent upon attorney Alex Whitted direction. Tim Ray and Josh Sangl seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote and the motion was carried.

WATER/SEWER OPERATOR

Les Day reporting on behalf of the water and sewer operations

- Presented a full monthly water report.
- A quote was presented on fire hydrant replacements, waiting on one more.
- Les requested the town buy a box storage tank- council requested quotes.
- IDEM follow up settlement in relations to case #2024-301-06-W (the overall sewer discharge issue) Town had asked for relief in paying the penalties IDEM agreed to reduce penalties by 50%. The Council agreed to pay the reduced penalties in the amount of \$6,300, 100% out of the sewer funds. Town has also agreed to complete a compliance plan

Kim Livingston made a motion to approve the penalty fees to be paid to IDEM out of SEWER FUNDS as presented. Tim Ray and Josh Sangl seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote and the motion was carried.

CLERK TREASURER

- Presented accounts Payable vouchers/claims to be approved and signed by the board.
- Presented payroll allowance dockets for approval and signatures.
- The Holiday Schedule for 2024 and 2025 to be approved and signed by the council.
- Discussion on Suburban estates, C/T and Deputy C/T met with Gary & Anna Pea some discrepancies were found with previous billings from 2020-2023. The council previewed the information that was brought to the board meeting council asked c/t to present a spreadsheet for better understanding and contact town attorney for legal advice. In hopes we can get something settled with the Suburban Estates account that has been neglected for the last four years.
- Presented an ordinance to authorize a payment of certain claims prior to council approval whereas Indiana code 36-5-47-12 allows the town council to adopt an ordinance allowing the town fiscal officer paying certain types of claims prior to board allowance, questions and comments were opened to the council members as well as the public. Closed comments to the public reopened them to the council, no further comments.

Tim Ray made a motion to pass Ordinance 2024- 13 Josh Sangl and Kim Livingston seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote and the motion was carried. Will do a second reading in December.

NEW BUSINESS

- Jeff Sangl presented pictures and documentation of a tree that has been growing in an alleyway causing a hazard. He can't get duke to remove it being its partly on town property and half on his. Asking if he hired a tree trimmer to remove the tree and grind the stump, would the town be willing to pay half of the expenses? The council agreed to pay half of the tree removal after the first of the year with the 2025 budget. Jeff agreed to go ahead and have it done and have the town reimburse their half. Total estimate was \$3,000
- **Tim Ray made a motion to approve the town paying half of the tree removal expenses totaling \$3,000/(\$1,500 towns portion) Josh Sangl and Kim Livingston seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote and the motion was carried.**
- 2nd reading on an ordinance providing golf carts requirements. Opened to the board for comments, opened to the public for comments, closed public comments and reopened to the board-no further comments.
Kim Livingston made a motion to approve ORDINANCE 2024-12 An Ordinance providing golf carts requirements. Josh Sangl and Tim Ray seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote and the motion was carried.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Russell asked about changing the dump hours, and the council requested he check with Decatur

County Recycling before we make those changes. Council approved it as long as the DCSWM was okay with hour changes- update new hours on social media and web pages.

Next Board Meeting set for December 3, 2024 @7PM

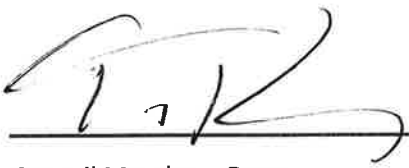
The meeting was adjourned @ 9:30 P.M.

Town of Saint Paul, Indiana

Town Council Meeting Minutes Approval

Date: 12/3/24

Council President - Date



12/3/24

Council Member - Date



Council Member - Date

Clerk-Treasurer - Date