



## TOWN OF ATLANTA

Town Council Meeting

105 E. Main Street

May 9, 2022

7:00 p.m.

**Present:** John Phifer  
John Bengé  
Pam Van Hook  
Jody Price

**Absent:** Murry Dixon

**Others Present:** Andy Emmert, Utilities and Street Superintendent, Building Commissioner  
Jennifer Farley, Clerk-Treasurer  
Alex Nickloy, Attorney

**Minutes:** April 25, 2022 - Festival meeting- approved  
April 25, 2022 – Public Hearing – approved  
April 25, 2022 – Executive Session – approved  
April 25, 2022 - Regular meeting - approved

### REPORTS

**Water, Wastewater, & Streets: Andy Emmert**

Attached

In addition: Mr. Emmert informed the council; there is no room for a stop sign at Indiana & Kauffman St. without removing the residents Bradford pear tree. After a short discussion concerning contacting the resident and giving him the option to have the stop sign or his tree, the council decided to rescind the original vote to put a stop sign in this area. Mr. Bengé made the motion to rescind the original vote. Mrs. Van Hook, Seconded.

AYE: Mr. Phifer, Mr. Bengé, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Van Hook

Mr. Bengé is concerned about semi-trucks entering and leaving BIP supply located on 296<sup>th</sup> St. He questioned Mr. Emmert if there is anything the town could do to prevent them from leaving the business by way of the alley and damaging mailboxes and stop signs as they are leaving town. Mr. Emmert suggested putting a weight limit on the alleys to help with the problem. Mr. Nickloy also suggested, in order to protect the roads and not harm the business, we could provide them with a safe harbor. This would give them a preapproved route to enter and leave the town. Mr. Nickloy will investigate and have this information for the council review next meeting.

**Building Commissioner: Andy Emmert**

Attached

**Clerk Treasurer: Jennifer Farley**

No report

**Attorney:**

Foreclosure: Mr. Nickloy informed the council; the process is still ongoing.

**Illegal Sewer hookup:** This issue has been resolved. Mrs. Collett paid her past sewer bill in the amount of \$1932.48 and availability fee \$2460.00. Mrs. Farley will set her account up.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**ARPA Resolution: R-05-2022-4** Mr. Bengé made a motion to accept the resolution to adopt a plan for distribution of the proceeds for the Town's grant from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for the Town of Atlanta, Indiana. Mrs. Price, Seconded.

AYE: Mr. Bengé, Mrs. Price, Mr. Phifer, Mrs. Van Hook

**Train show:** Mr. Muffins, May 14<sup>th</sup> Train show has been cancelled.

**County Roads** – The council would like for Mr. Nickloy to press this issue with the county.

**Parking at N.E.W-** Mr. Bengé mentioned enforcing the parking rules at the subdivision. He would like to see the town hire a code enforcement officer.

**Code enforcement Officer:** Mr. Phifer would like for Mrs. Farley to readvertise for a Code Enforcement Officer on FB and the surrounding newspapers.

**Cameras-** Mrs. Van Hook questioned if Mr. Emmert has heard anything about the cameras. Mrs. Farley will contact Mr. Wells.

**Vandalism:** After a short discussion concerning the cost and procedure of filing a civil suit and filing a claim with the town's insurance. The council decided to have Mrs. Farley contact the insurance company concerning filing a claim.

**Armory:** Mr. Phifer gave a short review concerning the armory. He would like for the council to be more involved in the process. Mr. Dixon has been in contact with the colonel and is waiting on a meeting date. It should be scheduled for later this week. Mr. Phifer will attend the meeting to keep the council informed. The time frame is critical. The funding application deadline is May 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Bengé made a motion to have Mr. Emmert, Mr. Phifer, Mr. Burgelin and Mr. Brock to represent the town. Mrs. Price, Seconded and the motion carried.

**705 S. Indiana St.-** Mr. Bengé would like to settle an issue that has been addressed several times. He is very concerned about Mrs. Price's property located at 705 S. Indiana St. There is an issue of visibility being able to see around the trees and bushes. Mrs. Price disputed her property line and the right of way. Resident Neila Teal said it is very dangerous. After a lengthy discussion Mr. Phifer and Mr. Bengé both acknowledge it is nothing personal, it is a safety issue. Mr. Bengé made a motion to clean out the bushes and trees on the town right away. Mrs. Van Hook, Seconded. Mr. Emmert will have an estimate for the next council meeting.

AYE: Mr. Bengé, Mr. Phifer, Mrs. Van Hook

NAY: Mrs. Price

**5 Council members:** The public opinion question concerning reducing the board members from 5 to 3 was on the primary ballot with a winning vote to remain at 5.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**No new business to report**

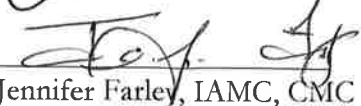
**Public comment:** Neila Teal hated to see the Atlanta Pub go out of business.

With no further business to discuss the claims were signed and the meeting adjourned.

  
Murry Dixon, Council President

Jody Price, Council Member

ATTEST:

  
Jennifer Farley, IAMC, CMC  
Clerk-Treasurer

