

Town Council Meeting – Special Session
May 16th, 2023
Westport Town Hall

The Westport Town Council met in special session at the Westport Community Building, with the following present; Harry Pray III, President, John Organist, and Gloria Alumbaugh. Harry Pray called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

Apprenticeship Program from the Indiana Alliance:

Representative of the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water, Kelly Gardner presented information on the apprenticeship program and discussed next steps with the council. Kelly explained two grants that are available to assist rural water/wastewater utility companies with the expenses of hiring an apprentice while still paying their utility certified employees. Kelly presented the expectations of the program and asked the council to determine Shane’s final pay rate after completing the program so that they can build raise increments into the apprenticeship. Kelly stated that the council will need to sign the Employer Acceptance Agreement and Shane will be ready to start on July 1st. Kelly recommended that the council consider a separate wage ordinance for the apprenticeship due to the raise increments throughout the year.

FPBH, Inc. Agreement:

The council reviewed the agreement and Clerk Treasurer, Gloria reported that there is \$30,000 in the MVH fund that they could use towards the engineering costs. Harry made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by John. Vote 2:0

Damon’s Insurance Petition:

John presented information that he received from the insurance agent, Billy Kirkham. Damon stated that he felt that the insurance agent is not clear on the explanation and disagreed with the information that John presented. Harry suggested that they get the insurance agent to a meeting in person to settle the issue.

From the Floor:

Patrick Graue stated that he received a town letter requesting that he clean-up the broken cement in his backyard. Mr. Graue stated that he will get it cleaned up by the end of the summer and asked for confirmation that he will not be fined. Harry stated that a hold would be put on the fines which the town will remove once the cement is cleaned up.

Harry made a motion to close the special session, seconded by John.

Harry Pray III, President

Joyce Brindley, Councilwoman

John Organist, Vice President

Attest: Gloria Alumbaugh, Clerk Treasurer