

Town Council Meeting  
June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Westport Town Hall

The Westport Town Council met in regular session at the Westport Community Building, with the following present; John Organist, Vice President, Joyce Brindley, and Gloria Alumbaugh. John Organist called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

**Signing of Monthly Minutes, Funeral Deeds, Payroll Vouchers, & Monthly Bills:**

Joyce made a motion to approve the monthly minutes as written, seconded by John. Joyce approved the monthly documents, payroll vouchers, and claims, seconded by John. John presented the annual service contacts and Connie Davis accepted the check for Mainstreet Inc.

**Commonwealth Project Update:**

Rachel Runge presented the update on the Wastewater project stating that they are completing final requirements for DNR to obtain permits. Rachel also discussed PFAS information and stated that Westport has coordinated a conference call on June 16<sup>th</sup> with the Indiana Finance Authority who is working to obtain federal funding for PFAS intervention.

**Zoning Permissions: Saylor Housing Development:**

No Show

**Adjustments: R. Strickman (water hose):**

Joyce made a motion to approve the water hose adjustment, which is approximately a \$200 credit, seconded by John. Vote 2:0

**Nipro Annexation Ordinance 2023-4:**

John read Ordinance 2023-4 the second time and opened the floor for public comments at 6:44pm. There were no comments and John closed public comment Joyce made a motion to approve the Annexation Ordinance 2023-4, seconded by John. Vote 2:0

**Westport Community Building Board of Directors Resolution 2023-8:**

The council appointed the following applicants to a two-year term on the Westport Community Building Board: Connie Davis, Barb Winchester, and Melissa Deppe. The following applicants were appointed to a one-year term: Karen Webster and Jennifer Hryb. Russell Wilson gave comment regarding his disapproval of the new committee and town's intentions for the community building. Joyce made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-8, seconded by John. Vote 2:0

**Home Rule Fund for Community Building Deposits Ordinance 2023-5:**

John read the Ordinance for the first time and opened the floor to comment. There were no comments and Joyce made a motion to pass the Ordinance on the first reading, seconded by John. Joyce then made a motion to pass Ordinance 2023-5, seconded by John. Vote 2:0

**Water Alliance Apprenticeship Agreement and Wages:**

The town council discussed the ending payrate for Shane Able once he completes the apprenticeship program and Joyce made the motion to approve \$21, seconded by John. Vote 2:0 The clerk treasurer discussed putting the wage increases into a separate wage ordinance since the program is a special circumstance. Gloria also answered questions and explained that the Westport Water Company

qualified for an IFA grant that will pay 100% of Shane's wages while he is in the apprenticeship program as well as other benefits such as personal protective equipment and training supplies.

**Solar Eclipse 2024:**

John spoke about the 2024 Solar Eclipse event and how it could effect emergency responders and safety in the county. John stated that he will be updating the town as the county prepares for the event.

**Proposing an Increase of Town Council Members Resolution 2023-9:**

John read the Resolution proposing an increase from 3 to 6 council members. Joyce made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-9, seconded by John. Vote 2:0

**Ordinance 2023-6 Amending the Animal Control Ordinance Fees:**

John read Ordinance 2023-6 which Joyce made a motion to approve on the first reading, seconded by John. Joyce made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-6, seconded by John. Vote 2:0

**Water Treatment Plant Lake Clean-up:**

Damon explained to the council that IDEM cited the Westport Water Company for lake clean-out and submitted a bid that is \$52,585.00. The council and attorney Alex Whitted reviewed the bid detail and after discussion decided to submit a public request for bids due to the total cost.

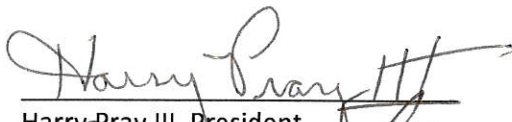
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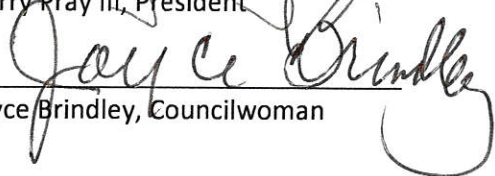
Damon submitted quotes for new windows at the Westport Community Building which included Window World, \$7,935.25 and Universal World, \$13,511.00. Damon stated that he requested more bids but was turned down due to commercial versus residential window services. Joyce made a motion to use the bid for Window World, \$7,935.25, seconded by John. Vote 2:0 Damon also discussed updating the parking lot with Kiwanis and updating the outside of the building (siding, gutters, soffits, etc.).


Trina Royer asked the council for permission to use the dam lot as overflow parking for a wedding scheduled on the Covered Bridge, September 2, 2023. The council gave approval and asked that she work with Damon Land on details.


Delores Honeycutt asked what could be done about speeding on Lincoln Street and another resident asked about speeding on Main St. John reported on the Westport Police Departments efforts to address speeding in town and there was suggestion that the entire town speed limit be set at 20 mph.

Joyce made a motion to close the monthly meeting, seconded by John.

  
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Harry Pray III, President

  
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Joyce Brindley, Councilwoman

  
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John Organist, Vice President

  
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Attest: Gloria Alumbaugh