

**WALKERTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 15, 2017**

1. **UTILITY REPORTS:** A meeting was held at 5:30 pm with Mr. Eric Walsh from Umbaugh present and he gave a report on the utilities for the year of 2016 and the analysis of 2017.
  
2. **REGULAR MEETING:** A meeting of the Walkerton Town Council was held on May 15, 2017 at the Walkerton Municipal Building at 301 Michigan St. Walkerton, Indiana.
  
3. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Council President Karol Jackson at 7:00 P.M. Council Member Roberta Kickbush offered the opening prayer and Council President Karol Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
  
4. **ROLL CALL:** A silent roll call was taken:  

Council President Karol Jackson	present
Council Vice President Gene Reese	present
Council Member Roberta Kickbush	present
Council Member Jeff Fansler	present
Council Member Kackie Chrapliwy	present
Town Attorney Fred Jones	present
Clerk Treasurer Terri Buckmaster	present
  
5. **MINUTES: Motion:** A motion was made by Vice President Gene Reese to approve the minutes of April 4, 2017. Seconded by Council Member Kathryn Chrapliwy. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.
  
6. **CLAIMS: Motion:** was made by Council Member Roberta Kickbush to pay the claims. Seconded by Council Member Jeff Fansler. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.
  
7. **SENATOR VISIT:** Senator Mike Bohacek was present to introduce himself as the new Senator for Indiana District 8. Mr. Bohacek gave an update on new legislation and spoke about the road funding bill.
  
8. **COMPUTER SERVICES:** Craig DeMyer was present and submitted a report for the month of April 2017.

- Daily monitoring of Server data backups and performing weekly additional backups as necessary.
- Monitoring Servers and desktop systems. Installing updates as required.
- General Maintenance and Support Duties.

**9. CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Code Enforcement Officer Denis Burns was present but submitted a report on activity for April 2017.

Updates on properties with code violations pending or resolved were on report for the Council.

**10. POLICE DEPT:** Police Chief Matthew Schalliol submitted a report on the activity for the month of April, 2017.

Calls for Service	353
Criminal Cases	24
Criminal Cases Closed	22
Criminal Cases Open	2
Arrests	12
Alarms	7
K-9 Calls	3
<b>Monthly Calls</b>	
Copies of Reports	16
VIN Checks	7
Gun Permits	0
Fingerprints	1
Accidents – 4	OPO – W – 29
Citations – 73	CFS - 353
Warnings – 100	OPO –C - 28
Impounds – 9	Reserve Hours 134

**EMS Director:** Police Chief Matthew Schalliol introduced Robert Severeid to the Council. Mr. Severeid was hired as the Walkerton Lincoln Fire Territory EMS Director beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

**Bonus:** Council Member Jeff Fansler informed the Council of a request from the Walkerton Lincoln Fire Territory Board to pay Police Chief Matthew Schalliol and Assistant Police Chief Charles Kulp \$1800 each for the work performed for the EMS department.

**Motion:** Council Member Jeff Fansler made a motion to pay Police Chief Matthew Schalliol and Assistant Police Chief Charles Kulp a bonus from the EMS budget of \$1800 each for the work they did with EMS department and the hiring of a new EMS director for the past six months. Seconded by Council Member Kathryn Chrapliwy. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Clerk Treasurer Terri Buckmaster will prepare the amendment to the salary ordinance.

**11. ELECTRIC/WATER/WASTEWATER/STREETS:** Public Works Director Jason Cox was present and submitted a report for the month of April 2017.

## Electric & Water

- We are still working on changing out old water meters to the new radio read meters.
- Brush hog electrical easements in the county to prevent future outages.
- Install new water service at the building trade's house on Washington Street.
- Install a temporary electrical service on 875 N.
- Cut down dead tree on the town's tree lawn.
- Repair yards from the last water digs and from backing into yards.
- Maintain roads where gravel was placed in previous water leak spots.
- Build up tree lawn in front of State Farm.
- Continue our tree trimming to prevent future power outages.
- Install new electric service with pole and transformer on 825 N.
- Replace broken utility pole on 825 N.

## Wastewater & Streets

- Justin passed his class one wastewater operator's license. Justin has been doing very well on the wastewater side. Testing of all NPDES test required as well as maintenance of our sewer system.
- Jetted many sewer lines this month as preventive maintenance.
- Swept streets.
- Hung the banners downtown.
- Repaired the clutch on the Jet machine.
- Hauled in black dirt to fix the yard where there are still low and bad spots from the new plant.
- Hauled rock in around the lagoons and plant to fix bad spots.
- Picked up 12 tons of road patch to patch the streets.
- Filled out the state salt bid for the upcoming winter season. This gives us a much cheaper price.
- Pulled both pumps at Tyler lift station and cleaned out the pit free of debris and grease build up.

**Work Truck:** Public Works Director Jason Cox spoke to the Council about a utility truck that was involved in a minor accident. That truck was on the list to be replaced in the ten year rotation within the next nine months. That truck was also experiencing transmission problems and was \$3500 to repair. He also mentioned the truck replacement that was discussed in an earlier meeting. The Council asked him to bring back quotes for the two trucks.

**12. PARKS:** No report at this time.

**13. FINANCE:** Clerk Treasurer Terri Buckmaster was present and submitted a report on the finances for April 2017.

**14. ECONOMIC DIRECTOR:** Economic Director Phil Buckmaster presented a report for April 2017.

<b><u>Building Department</u></b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
127 Clark St. – Window	\$40.00	
704 Virginia St - Windows	\$40.00	
1136 Harrison St – Addition	\$33.00	
300 Maine St. – Re-Roof	\$50.00	
<b>Total This Month</b>	<b>\$163.00</b>	<b>\$420.00</b>
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>\$695.00</b>	<b>\$1,698.00</b>
<b>Total This Month of Improvements ***</b>	<b>\$25,776.00</b>	<b>\$122,535.00</b>
<b>Yearly Cost of Improvements</b>	<b>\$90,126.50</b>	<b>\$583,535.62</b>
Made Inspections - 39		

**Economic Director**

Had 28 Meetings

**UPDATES**

Water Treatment Plant- JPR is checking funding sources

Library – Should go out to bid shortly

Street Project -- Waiting on Scheduling

Community Center- 2018

Red Hots – Opening around May 15, 2017

**BP Station** - Asking for three month renewal of permit

**15. SIREN:** Police Chief Matthew Schalliol informed the Council that the siren at the old building at 510 Roosevelt has not been working. He state that it will be worked on and hopefully fixed in the next week.

**16. 201 ROOSEVELT RD. PROJECT:** Mr. Mohammed Chadder was present to ask the Council for an extension on his building permit for 201 Roosevelt Rd. He stated that he will be in a better financial state by June 1, 2017.

**Motion:** There was a motion to extend the building permit by Council Member Jeff Fansler and seconded by Council Member Kathryn Chrapliwy. After discussion Council Member Jeff Fansler withdrew his motion and Council Member Kathryn Chrapliwy withdrew the second to the motion. Motion dropped.

After a discussion it was decided that Mr. Chadder will come back to the next meeting and present the Council with a plan and discuss further action on the building permit. It was also discussed that the car wash demolition needs to be in that plan.

**17. WALKERTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GOLF OUTING:** Economic Director Phil Buckmaster informed the Council of the annual Walkerton Area Chamber of Commerce golf outing and asked for a donation.

**Motion:** A motion to donate \$500 to the annual Walkerton Area Chamber of Commerce golf outing was made by Council Member Roberta Kickbush. Seconded by Council Member Jeff Fansler. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

**18. PROJECTS IN PROGRESS:** The 2017 projects in progress meetings will be held on July 10 (moved from regular date of July 3) and October 2.

**19. NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting will be on June 5th, 2017.

**20. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

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**Council President Karol Jackson**

**Terri Buckmaster Clerk-Treasurer**