

**The Town of Cloverdale met on May 15th 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at 154 S. Main St. Cloverdale, Ind. This is a regular meeting that was moved due to Elections. President Coweta Patton called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, Attendance was called. Coweta Patton, Cindy Holland, Don Sublett, Larry Fidler and Gary Bennington, along with Clerk Treasurer Cheryl Galloway and Attorney Daniel Hofmann.**

A quorum being established, the meeting proceeded as follows.

Addition or Deletion to the Agenda. The clerk ask to put FFA presentation after claims and before communication. Motion was made by Gary and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry to approve the agenda as modified. Vote Unanimous.

Approval of the April 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Motion to approve was made by Cindy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary. Vote was unanimous.

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| Approval of Claims/Transfer |              |                                    |
| General                     | \$240,838.61 | motion Don 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cindy   |
| Water                       | \$37,167.92  | motion Gary 2 <sup>nd</sup> Larry  |
| Wastewater                  | \$56,711.15  | motion Cindy 2 <sup>nd</sup> Larry |
| Payroll #8                  | \$20,134.45  | motion Don 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cindy   |
| Payroll #9                  | \$22,384.73  | motion Cindy 2 <sup>nd</sup> Larry |

All votes were unanimous

Mr. Kaufman brought part of his FFA class to present the 2018 Ag Issue comparing the brown egg vs. the White egg and how the chickens are raised. Mr. Kaufman asked the council if the students could make a presentation one of five that is required. The Council was honored to give the floor for the FFA presentation.

**Communications:**

**Public safety Officer:** Phil presented CPD-020 Firearm training. CPD-027 Crash Investigation--report timeline. CPD-028 Abandon Vehicles removal & disposal. CPD-029 Stolen Vehicle Recovery & notification. CPD-035 Firearm discharge report & review. CPD-044 Rifle training & qualification. CPD-054 New & revised regulations, rules & standard operating procedures. CPD-055 Traffic Citations & warnings. CPD-056 Evidence- collection, preservation, transportation, & Analysis. CPD-073 Basics equip. for Depart. Commission. CPD-074 Firearm disposal. Phil explained his work was done here and submitted his resignation after one year and 5 months of service to the Council. He vetted a Town Marshal, he help build policy and procedures for the law enforcement office, and assisted in vetting and hiring the best people to fill the vacant position. Phil has given the police department the best foundation to build on in the future of CPD. Phil told the audience that they have created 3,500 documents that was not being used that will guide them or have a purpose for the future. Phil asked for question and a gentleman in the audience talked about a car that was stolen. Phil answered his question, Mr. Bennington asked about reports in the future. This was addressed with CPD-054 new and revised regulations. Phil gave the floor to the Marshal. Coweta told Phil how much we appreciated his service and he was invited to come back anytime.

**Marshal:** Monthly police report was given to the Clerk. This is the 120 day report -904 calls for service, 59 agency assists and 459 police services. Taser training and rifle training has been completed. Logan and Cody will be going to the Academy in June and they will graduate in Sept. We are working on Dog ordinance violations, and yard mowing violation. The grass should be mowed 6 inches or more growth. We are seeing voluntary compliance.

**Fire Chief:** Kerry reported April CVFD runs. 67 runs and the State have changed the reporting system and at this time can't break it down between townships. The CVFD would like to thank the citizens that participated in the pancake breakfast we had a good turnout. Chief Shepherd looked over the town Code and asks that daylight burning only be placed in the Town Code. "It is State Law".

**Clerk Treasurer:** Address Mr. Shepherd and the Contract from years ago. I have looked at your budgets on gateway and I know your organization cannot survive on what those contracts said. When Dale came in and asked for \$5,000 extra that is a drop in the bucket what you need. Then in 2016 the Town gave the CVFD an extra \$5,000 and Dale gave the fire board each a \$200.00 raise. Coweta and I know the only thing that will save the CVFD is a Fire Territory. I have asked Dale if he would consider it and he said no. I then approach Pat McFadden and after several meetings he agreed to put his name in the hat and won the primary. I think you will be surprised on the funds that will come in like the Town with the Food and Beverage tax. "It saved this Town and got us off the agreed Order". This council will be so excited to see you grow and prosper.

The Clerk Treasurer addressed Don Gedert and informed him that this council could have gotten the Food and Beverage tax without him but he could not ever get the food and Beverage tax alone like he said in the paper.

"The Thing about it Mr. Gedert not any one single person can do what this community has done in the last 6 years. It takes a community working together to accomplish our goals". "We the People say the utility rates are still too high" "That is you Mr. Gedert that places those ads". he responded "that's right". Where's the part that says we haven't raised rates since 2014 or the part that says we have to have a rate study to lower or raise the rates. Why are you always bad mouthing this council and the achievements they have worked so hard for? Why place the "We the people ad" and say untruth about the building Inspectors salary. He resigned in part because of you and your harassment toward him, and this town is not a better place for it. The clerk continued to read other comments in the paper that was short of being rude. The final straw was the card that was sent to Coweta from "we the people" It was the worst example of a poor winner. Disgraceful at best. The reason why Don Gedert has to have control of this Council is 97 properties I am holding in my hand. "He said he owns more than that" "oh I know this is just Invest Putnam Property not what you and Kay own together".

This is why Don Gedert has back Greg Jay to beat Coweta. Not because Coweta hasn't worked hard for you but to get votes on the council to do Don's bidding for Star Dust like Gary Bennington does. I am proud of what this council has achieved but I can't stand the bully mentality and I want no part of it. We had that in the past and this Town cannot overcome the stigma. So I am stepping Down as Clerk Treasurer and I will stay as long as it takes to get my replacement. Greg Jay said he is not in Dons pocket and resents the Clerks accusation. Greg said I am here for this community.

The Clerk turned her attention to her job. The Putnam County Community Foundation awarded the Town (BLDT) a \$7,500 grant to market the Town. This is a matching grant and the funds will come from the Rainy Day. Motion to sign the agreement was made by Larry and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don. Vote was unanimous. The Town Code will be done at the end of this month and submitted to ALP. It's time for all department heads submit their budgets for 2019 in writing by June 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Town Manager:** 133 work orders. Our meter reader after 10 years is no longer working. Utility Supply brought this sample meter reader down so we could read the meters and priced fixing the old one. The old reader was refurbished four years ago for \$2,000 and will take another \$2,000 this time. Technology has come a long way in the past years and this new Meter Reader reads all meters in an hour and a half. The Cost is \$8,700. After discussion, a motion to approve the purchase of the new meter reader was made by Don and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry. Vote was unanimous.

Service Pump and repair on lift station 1 replaced the rods and repair the Cornell pump all for \$10,438.00 see Resolution 2018-7 cause the cost will be split with the Food and Beverage tax \$5,219.00 and the wastewater fund \$5,219.00. After Discussion, Larry made the motion to approve the purchase and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don. Vote was unanimous. It's mowing season again and our tractor that has the bush hog has out lived its life. We are at the point when you weigh out the cost of repairs or purchasing a new or used tractor. Wayne has call many places to see the cost of a new one and they run in the high 20's to mid-30 thousand dollars. Wayne then called on used ones and they run high teens and low 20 thousand. To repair the 28 year old tractor will cost around 5 thousand. Then today at the Ag Center was a 2016 John Deere for sale for \$14,500 I am asking the Town Council to approve the purchase. After discussion Don made the motion to purchase the tractor and Cindy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote was unanimous.

Eco has been contacted to do more pipe patching in mid-June. After videoing the different wastewater lines Star Dust area has been determine to have the most I&I at this time. We will stop when the cost reaches \$120,000 that was budgeted for this year splitting the cost between Wastewater depreciation and F&B tax.

Star Dust road since the weather has broken the construction company are making up for lost time. The curbs are in and now the driveways are being poured. Mid-June they should be finished. Wayne asked the council for question. No questions.

**Redevelopment Commission: Minutes are on line and in your packet.** Wayne asked for a motion to approve the Redevelopment Resolution 2018 #1 that provides the Auditor and the fiscal body of Putnam County written notification that the Redevelopment Commission will capture 100% of the excess taxes for the tiff areas in Cloverdale. Larry made the motion and 2nd by Cindy. Vote was unanimous.

**Redevelopment Authority:** Sent a letter stating and showing proof of liability insurance for Star Dust Rd.

**Building Inspector: Monthly report on line and to the Clerk.** We had 3 building permits, 1 re-roof and 11 inspections. No question.

**Park Board:** nothing at this time

**Plan/BZA:** we did not have a meeting


**New Business:**

**Resolution 2018-6** equipment rates: This will amend 2012-3 which amended 2008 rental agreements that will be placed in the updated Town Code. The Clerk informed the Council we are not in the business of renting the equipment or mowing citizens' grass so we increased the cost to discourage the citizens from renting from the town. Don asked "who rents this equipment"? The Clerk said "Gary Bennington was the only one she knew that rented the equipment". More discussion and Larry made the motion to approve Resolution 2018-6 that will be place in the updated Town Code. Don 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the Vote was 4 to 1 with Gary Bennington voting "no" not to approve the increase of rental fees for the Town Equipment.

Cody Morris came before the council and presented a letter explaining his Eagle Scout project of painting the fire Hydrants along with the Map of the location of the hydrants. Cody will be working this Saturday and asked for volunteers to help. The Council thanked Cody for his work and wished him good luck.

Motion to adjourn was made by Larry and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy. Vote was unanimous.

Coweta Adjourn the meeting at time 8:15 p.m.

  
Coweta Patton President of the Town Council

Attest

  
Cheryl Galloway Clerk Treasurer

These minutes were prepared in compliances with Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-4