

The Town of Cloverdale met on Jan 9th 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at 154 S. Main St. Cloverdale, Ind. This is a regular meeting President Coweta Patton called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, Attendance was called. Coweta Patton, Cindy Holland, Larry Fidler and Gary Bennington, along with Clerk Treasurer Cheryl Galloway and Attorney Daniel Hofmann. Don Sublett was absent

A quorum being established, the meeting proceeded as follows.

Nomination for President: Gary nominated Larry. Larry nominated Coweta. Nomination closed. Vote was 3 to 1 to appoint Coweta Patton President. Cindy, Larry, and Gary voted yes. Coweta abstained.

Nomination for Vice President: Coweta nominated Larry. Nomination closed. Vote was 3 to 1 to appoint Larry Vice President. Cindy Coweta and Gary voted yes. Larry abstained.

Let it be shown that Coweta Patton is President and Larry Fidler Vice President for 2018.

Addition or Deletion to the Agenda. Motion to Strike New Business Ordinance 2018-1 establish vacant property regulation was made by Gary. Gary told the council it's a bad thing for the Town, we already have the items on the books and its extortion. Cheryl told Gary this was an introduction only and changes were coming, but the boarded building 9-11 has been boarded since 2012. The town will be spending a large amount of money for the Façade Grant, and leaving that building boarded hurts the businesses that are trying to improve their business. The Town is actively trying to get restaurants in town. The first thing they see coming off the Interstate is a vacant Wendy's building for the past four years and now the KFC. They don't even inquire after that about why they went out of business. They know they are vacant, and "why should I invest hundreds of thousands or even million dollars when they couldn't make it." Your Ordinance on the books have not address the numerous homes that are vacant and unkempt bringing the assess value down and making our homes worth less. Cheryl suggested to Gary to come to the office on Monday meet with the President or Vice President and make the changes that make sense to the council so the Attorney can make the final draft to be fair for all the citizens of Cloverdale. There was not a second on Gary's motion so the Motion dies and New Business will stand. Larry would like to table it since he has not had a chance to read it all. Cheryl again told the audience this is only an introduction this document was to identify what was not being addressed and to make the verbiage better to understand and the Attorney will be making changes also.

Approval of the Dec 28th year-end meeting Gary made the motion and 2nd by Cindy. Vote was 3 to 1 Larry abstained.

Approval of Claims/Transfer		
General	\$226,833.04	motion Larry 2nd Cindy
Water	\$24,714.23	motion Gary 2nd Larry
Wastewater	\$41,071.33	motion Cindy 2nd Larry
Payroll #1	\$17,076.40	motion Larry 2nd Gary

All votes were unanimous

Communications;

Public safety Officer: 2017 will be remembered as the year of Reorganization with the CPD. 2018 will be leaning forward and being Pro Active. We are well underway in hiring 2 new Police officers. We had 76 application and we screened down to 12 very good applicants. Jan 13 we will provide written test and following will be a Physical ability test based on the ILEA standards. Jan 25th will be the oral interview phase here at the Town Hall. The first of Feb a condition of employment letter will go out to two selected applicants who passed all the Jan screening phases, and a thorough background check will follow. By the end of February The CPD will have five working police officers and 4 reserves serving our Town. Levi will be graduating from the Academy Feb 2nd. Cindy ask Phil if we have a written contract with the new recruits going to the academy. This would insure they work for the Town long enough to pay off the expense incurred putting them through the academy. No we don't. Phil went on to explain the contracts are very difficult to enforce. The academy cost \$500.00 plus \$30.00 for meals the fuel going to and from the academy and the salary we are paying \$15.15 an hour for 8 weeks \$6,060 and the \$5,000 for uniforms your talking \$11,000 dollars invested. So for that \$11,000 how long should the Contract hold that person to the Town? We go on the honor side of these applicants and they commit to the CPD and so far it has worked very nicely with our screening process.

Marshal: Monthly police report was given to the Clerk. Steve asks for a Motion to purchase 2 used police cars, and trade in the Black Dodge Charger, and the 2014 Red Building Inspector p/u truck. Gary made the motion and was 2nd by Larry. Vote was unanimous. Steve discussed the calls for service 2,544 and the agency assist 199 and the Police service 1,139. The Police will be looking for more seat belt offenses in the New Year. Steve continued with his report of 23 DUI Arrest and 145 field intelligences was shared. The Town needs to address a liability form when unlocking citizens' cars that have locked the keys in the vehicle. I will get a draft and have it approve going forward with this service. At this time we do not charge to unlock the vehicle. We had a Warrant for a level 4 felony and the Sheriff office was there to assist and with their help in the subzero weather we apprehended the person while trying to sneak out the back door without indecent. The citizens' academy will be started this year to help with reporting suspicious activity in your neighborhood.

Clerk Treasurer: Resolution 2017-19 will be voided due to one business not participating in the Façade Grant which will lower the Towns cost. I will have an updated Resolution at our special meeting TBD. I would like permission to move forward on a BRAND motto for the Town, BE THE CHANGE-ACT. Odd fellows shirt printing company is looking into pricing on printing shirts and the Brand Logo will be on all town property and spread throughout the town. Gary liked it, Coweta liked it. Steve liked it. Motion to approve invoice #3 with United Excavation \$76,341.63 and Invoice #7 Mid-Western Eng. \$11,197.80 was made by Larry 2nd by Cindy. Vote was unanimous.

Utility Manager: 80 work orders. Motion to approve going with the LED lights for \$777,399.58 (135 street lights) was made by Gary and 2nd by Larry. Vote was unanimous. I will be bringing you quotes on the wastewater blower they are costing the town \$5,000 a month for electric and we were told they are way over sized for our plant. The grade on the demolition on 131 Blue Side Way still needs address and I have talk to Rays and they will come back when the weather allows. Gary inform the council the flower beds off of Stardust Rd in the middle of the road belongs to the Town and Don and Kay have been maintain for the last 37 years and we are done said Don Gedert. It's up to the Town now. Who put the Beds in? Don said Invest Putnam did 1987. Since this is news to the council it will be tabled.

Redevelopment: President Coweta reappoints the Redevelopment Commission and the first meeting will be on the 24th Thursday of January. Wayne Galloway, Matt Nichols, Andrea Nichols, Emma Hoffman and Alissa Atwell.

Building Inspector: monthly report given to Clerk and on the web site. New Permit was filled out for 3780 Waterford Ct. new home. All 2017 permits have been sent to Nancy Dennis Assessor office.

Park Board: nothing at this time

Plan/BZA: comprehensive plan should be ready any day now.

New Business:
Ordinance 2018-1 establish vacant property regulations this was an introduction and was discussed early in the meeting

Old Business

Linda Bond again was discussed. A recommendation was made to purse arrangement with Bond and the Town or Refuse to Pay the Invoice. The Town still needs answers to question from Mrs. Bond and has not returned the attorney phone call and was invited to the meetings by leaving a message on the answer machine, or appears before the council. This will be table for the Special meeting TBD this month.

Nancy Mark- Recommendation we do not participate the mediation phase. Which the council agrees and follow the path of the Lawless case.

No more Comments from the audience:

Coweta Adjourn the meeting at time 8:30 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