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The Town of Cloverdale met on March 21st 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at 154 S. Main St. Cloverdale, Ind. This was a special meeting concerning Employees President Don Sublett called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and Attendance was called. President Don Sublett, Vice President Gary Bennington, Council Coweta Patton, Dennis Pagett. Larry Fidler was absent. Also present was Clerk Treasurer Cheryl Galloway and Attorney Allan Yackey.

**A quorum being established, the meeting proceeded as follows.**

Addition and or Deletion to the Agenda: Motion was made to approve by Coweta and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis. Vote was unanimous.

Approval of the Minutes for March 12th<sup>th</sup> 2013 regular meeting: Motion to approve by Coweta and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis. Vote was unanimous.

Approval of the Minutes for March 14th<sup>st</sup> 2013 special meeting Hyett Palma: Motion to approve by Coweta and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don. Vote was unanimous.

Approval to except the recommendation of Hyett Palma to expand Main Street to serve Downtown team: A written report that has 79 pages can be purchased at the Clerk Treasurer Office for \$5.00. Motion was made by Coweta and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary. Vote was unanimous.

Introduce Ordinance 2013-1 I.C. Code 36-1-3 Loan monies from the Towns general fund to the wastewater fund in the amount of \$100,000.00. This money was borrowed in 2011 and needs five years to pay it back. Councilman Padgett stated he understands the loan but express concern that he never saw Transaction or the financial report on this loan. The Auditor caught the mistake in 2011 and needs to be addressed. The loan needs a paper trail to assure the payback. Council Pagett continued on spending monies that the Town just doesn't have like past lawyers for the Clerk Treasures." If the money is not allotted and spent anyway it has to come from somewhere" said Pagett. President Sublett Stated that Krohn in 2010 said you must raise rates and the council didn't and again should have raised rates in 2011 and didn't and now we are playing catch up. Council Pagett said this in not catch up its poor management. More discussion on waste from government. President Sublett asked for the motion, Dennis Padgett made the motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary. A motion was made to wave the rules of a second hearing. The motion was made by Don and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Coweta. And a third vote to in act the Ordinance 2013-1 a motion was made by Gary and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis. All votes were unanimous.

Tax abatement: Mark Cassida explained how this will help clean up the abandoned homes in town. A developer wants to buy the homes and flip them but the developer is responsible for all the taxes and asking for abatement. Changes Mark would like to see from the Letter the Developer sent to the Town it states 1. For the abatement to last 10 years or until the sale of said property. The Change will read. For the abatement to last 10 years or until the sale or Certificate of occupancy of said property. The other change would be for the tax to be dramatically lowered 50%. The property effected 35 W. Boone, 301 S West Street and 252 S. Main Street. Mr. Yackey needs to look into this and see what the town is empowered to do. Tabled needs more information.

Contribution for Beyond Homeless Inc.: President Sublett and Clerk Treasurer Cheryl Galloway had a meeting today with an organization to help the homeless and they were looking for funding. Coweta voted no, Dennis voted no, Gary voted no and Don voted no. The Town does not have the money at this time. President Sublet stated he would get in contact with the organization and let them know.

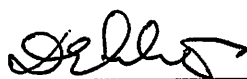
Rental on farm property was advertised in 2012. White Oak made a bid for \$490.00 a year. No one else made the bid. The council discussed advertising it again or let White Oak rent the property for another year. Discussion was with council and Mr. Gedert. It was agreed that white Oak can have it for another year at the same price. Richard would inform the Mann's. A motion was called by Dennis and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary. Vote was unanimous.

Employee concerns: Richard felt that overtime was necessary. He did not feel it was fair that he and the other employees had to come in for 3 and half hours and not get paid time and a half for it on the weekends. He also stated if there was a water leak and had to be repaired that some employees would have to stay home and leave the day shift short, and with the wastewater being under an agreed order this is the way to get the work done. He also stated that overtime does not pay for wastewater only it comes out of three other accounts. Brad stated that he was up all night cleaning streets and how did that benefit him with no overtime and giving up everything and put him in danger driving home.

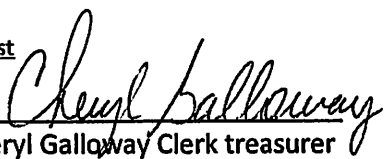
President Sublett asked council for a vote. Coweta stated that since we have the Ordinance 2013-1 we have a cushion. Richard informed the board that all he is talking about is \$6,000.00 for the year for the four employees on the weekends. Clerk Treasurer asked the Council how this overtime will be paid. Last year it was at \$30,000.00 plus we had a three month drought no mowing and no snow. Today the overtime has already reached \$9,000.00 if we keep going at this pace it will be \$70,000.00 plus the council agreed for a two hour call out in the salary Ordinance. That could be money that would pay for I&I, pipes. The Town is constantly going backwards and in the red said Clerk treasurer. She continue with saying it is her butt on the line and it will be her that will have to answer for being in the red. Richard asked why the Utility Clerk gets paid out of the Water and Sewer. The Clerk treasurer said she (Kandi) works for utility not out of the general fund. Richard was informed that he is budgeted for another part-time employee for \$9.00 an hour. Richard feels like he needs another full time employee. Comp time is not an option for town employees. President Sublett suggested that the Town hires a financial consultant and Mr. Yackey will acquire which one will be the best for our town. We are only investigating what we can do said President Sublett. More discussion was made. Vote was taken Dennis said yes, Coweta said yes, and Gary said yes. It will be discussed at the April meeting. Dennis feels like we need to streamline ourselves. It was asked by Richard that the Executive order to stop overtime could be rescinded. The President of the Council asks for the motion to be made. Gary made the motion and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don. Richard than asked what the utility rates were doing after the rate hike. The Clerk Treasurer inform the Council that January February and half of March we were negative in water by \$5445.04. Richard asked where was the money spent? The Clerk Treasurer read out of the claims for February 2013. More discussion.

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Cheryl Galloway Clerk treasurer

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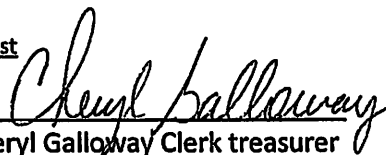
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