

PLAINFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

January 27, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Mr. Brandgard: The Plainfield Town Council meeting for Monday, January 27, 2020 is now in session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Brandgard: I'd like to ask everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL TO DETERMINE QUORUM

Mr. Brandgard: Let the record show that all, Mr. McPhail is absent this evening, but all others are in attendance and we have a quorum for conducting business.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION

Mr. Brandgard: This is our second meeting of the month and we traditionally recognize our Plainfield Community of Values Resident Award. As I am walking up, if Karen Cravotta would come up. Welcome, welcome.

The Value of the Month is Equal Opportunity. Equal opportunity is defined as permitting equal participation and choice in employment and other areas regardless of race, religion, sex, age, or mental or physical disability if otherwise qualified. Karen Cravotta is a pediatric physical therapist with Children's Therapy Connection who primarily works in Early Intervention. Karen has a passion for working with children with special needs and allowing them the chance to play, move, and be an important part of the community. She has been a Plainfield resident since 2004. She is a lifelong swimmer who swam competitively at both Mundelein High School and the University of Evansville. She began teaching adaptive swimming with Rainbow's END in 2003 and worked to bring the program to Plainfield in 2007. In 2010, the swim program merged with Optimist Miracle Movers (OMM) to bring both adaptive softball and swimming to local athletes with special needs. In 2016, Karen became the program director for Optimist Miracle Movers through the Plainfield Optimist Club. Optimist Miracle Movers now serves over 50 athletes with special needs each year with the help of more than 75 community volunteers. OMM provides adaptive basketball, soccer, softball, and fall and spring swimming at the Richard A. Carlucci Recreation and Aquatic Center and the Miracle Field located at the Al and Jan Barker Sports Complex in Plainfield. When she is not active with OMM, you can find Karen swimming at the Aquatic Center, competing in triathlon and swim events, or at Splash Island with her husband and three children.

Thank you, Karen, for exemplifying equal opportunity and being a model resident within the Town of Plainfield!

(Pictures are taken)

Mr. Brandgard: Is there anything you'd like to say? You don't have to.

Ms. Cravotta: I'm excited, Plainfield has been a great Community to work in, in more areas than just physical ability, we keep up that trend and the community has been really supportive. The Optimist Miracle Movers wouldn't be where it is without the support of Plainfield. So, I'm really thankful to our board and the community as a whole for volunteering to help this program.

Mr. Brandgard: Good, again, thank you.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Brandgard: We have a few items on the consent agenda this evening.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Town Council meeting of January 13, 2020.
2. Approval of reports dated January 22, 2020 from the following departments:

Administrative Services	Parks and Recreation
Clerk-Treasurer	Police Department
Development Services	Plainfield Fire Territory
HCCC	Town Manager
Public Works	
3. Approval to Accept Bundle 1 Proposal from Duke Energy utilities for New Construction Energy Efficiency Design Assistance related to Plainfield Government and Performing Arts Center, pending legal review, per the Fleet & Facilities Report.
4. Approval of the Facilities Solutions Agreement with Cintas for Janitorial Supplies for the Richard A. Carlucci Recreation and Aquatic Center, per the Parks and Recreation Report. (Funded from Parks Operating Budget)
5. Approval of a Right of Entry for Real America, LLC to Enter onto Town-owned land to conduct soil borings associated with their proposed Haven Homes Project on Stout Heritage Parkway, subject to legal review, per the Development Services report.
6. Approval of a Contract with Banning Engineering in the amount of \$78,293 for Design and Inspection associated with the Living Christ Path and Drainage Project, per the Development Services Report. (Funded from TIF and Utility Bond Funds)

Are there any additions or corrections to the consent agenda?

Mr. Kirchoff: (microphone not on) When I looked at the Cintas contract I didn't find (inaudible).

Mr. Angle: (microphone not on) (inaudible) \$38 (inaudible).

Mr. Bangle: What was the total you had on there?

Mr. Angle: I thought I recall it saying \$38 (inaudible)

Mr. Bangle: That would be a delivery and inventory fee. This contract is based off of itemized pricing on the state GPA pricing, and with this, we're basically going to, instead of buying product at a six month purchase and having inventory for six months, we're going to have them stock it every two weeks for us.

Mr. Klinger: Is there a "Not to exceed" on the contract?

Mr. Bangle: Based off the itemized price of each product that they sell, there is not a "Not to exceed", if that makes any sense. Because our numbers could fluctuate throughout the year depending on how much we're using each two weeks.

Mr. Klinger: Right

Mr. Bridget: It's a per item service charge, correct?

Mr. Bangle: Yes, correct

Mr. Brandgard: I think the product is coming off of the state bid process.

Mr. Bangle: The State in the contract, I don't know if the State is actually in the contract or not.

Mr. Klinger: The QPA process is how we bid the contract.

Mr. Bangle: Yes

Mr. Klinger: The contract may not necessarily reference that. It should though, it probably should reference the QPA pricing.

Mr. Bangle: We can reach back out to Cintas and add that.

Mr. Klinger: Yeah

Mr. Herceg: Yeah, we can address that and add necessary language in there. I agree, it should be in the contract itself.

Mr. Kirchoff: (inaudible)

Mr. Klinger: Yeah

Mr. Brandgard: Item 4 is pending legal review.

Mr. Kirchoff: Okay, thank you.

Mr. Angle: Probably a good note for future state qualified pricing agreements as well. With that comment, I move that we approve the agenda with recommended changes.

Mr. Bridget: I'll second.

Mr. Brandgard: We have a motion and a second to approve the consent agenda as amended. If there's no further discussion, roll call vote please.

Mr. Todisco: Mr. Bridget- yes

Mr. Angle- yes

Mr. Kirchoff- yes

Mr. Brandgard- yes

Plainfield Town Council consent agenda for 1/27/2020 is adopted as amended.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you

BID OPENINGS

Mr. Brandgard: We also have bid openings tonight for the 2020 Pavement Resurface & Ronald Reagan Parkway Pavement Maintenance. It looks like there are two bids. I say that based on the fact that we've had difficulty getting more than one.

The first bid is submitted by Calumet Civil Engineers Inc.

Mr. Herceg: Let it be known for the record that the bid package has not been opened before tonight, just a second ago. This bid is in compliance on its face with the requirements in the bid package.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you. The total amount of the bid submitted by Calumet Civil Contractors is \$1,578,000. Again, that's \$1,578,000.

The second bid is submitted by E&B Paving Inc.

Mr. Herceg: Thank you. I will note for the record as well, that this package has not been open before just a second ago. This bid is facially in compliance with the bid package requirements.

Mr. Brandgard: Okay, thank you.

Mr. Herceg: You're welcome.

Mr. Brandgard: The total amount of the bid submitted by E&B Paving is \$1,598,895.69. Again, that's \$1,598,895.69. I believe that's all the bids that were submitted.

The engineer's estimate was \$1,720,383.91. Again, the Engineer's estimate was \$1,720,383.91.

I'd like to ask a bid review committee made up of Councilmember Bill Kirchoff, Jason Castetter and Scott Singleton, and Kevin Waldrop from BF&S, to review the bids and come back with a recommendation. Thank you, I want to thank everyone who submitted a bid.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Brandgard: We'll go to business from the floor. Is Zach Toothman in the audience?

Mr. Toothman: For the last two years we've put on a road race in Plainfield to raise money for Cancer. It would be Thursday, August 6th; I'm asking to move it to Friday, August 7th. Last year our only real issue with having it in the evening was that a lot of school aged kids had to leave before the awards and things like that, so moving it to a Friday would hopefully bring in more people. Preferably high schoolers from other schools and teams, and things like that, to up the attendance.

Mr. Brandgard: Have you reviewed the route and everything with police and fire?

Mr. Toothman: Yeah, everything will be the same as it was the last two years.

Mr. Kirchoff: Remind me again where you start?

Mr. Toothman: We start up at the Calvary Bible Wesleyan Church on Buchanan. It runs down Buchanan and turns right on East Street and finishes in front of the Friends Meeting Church, right across from CJ's.

Mr. Kirchoff: If my recollection is correct, that's the same night as the Plainfield Methodist Church Fish Fry.

Mr. Toothman: This year?

Mr. Kirchoff: It's usually the first weekend in August.

Mr. Toothman: I checked with the Church and they said they we're okay with it.

Mr. Kirchoff: Oh, were they? Good, you're ahead of me then. Okay, the runners, if you reverse the route, they could eat there when they got done.

Mr. Brandgard: Do we have consent?

(Consent is given)

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you. This is just a reminder that anyone that comes up to the podium, to sign in so we have a record for the minutes. We have William A. Rhodehamel to talk about the Hendricks County Community Foundation and the Community Needs Assessment.

Mr. Rhodehamel: Thank you and good evening. I'm William Rhodehamel, the President and CEO of the Hendricks County Community Foundation. The Community Foundation is an independent 501c3 nonprofit organization that is dedicated simply to making Hendricks County a better place. We do that by partnering with generous people to fund important projects and programs that improve quality of life in our community. I wanted to come before you this evening to talk about our community needs assessment which we've just released the results of. In May of last year the Community Foundation received a grant from Lily Endowment who has supported Community Foundations around the State. That grant encouraged the Community Foundation to step into new roles in our community as a community leader. We chose to use some of those grant dollars to conduct a community needs assessment to better understand what the citizens of Hendricks County see as the most pressing needs and

opportunities before us right now. It was about a six month collaborative process that we went through that involved over 50 one on one meetings with community leaders, seven focus groups incorporating almost 100 people, and then a statistically valid survey where we had over 3,000 of our fellow citizens respond to the survey results. The results included both directed questions and open-ended responses; we're still processing some of those 3,000 open-ended responses, as you may guess. We asked the community what they saw as the most important assets in our community. Those weren't necessarily things that were represented in the community, but rather what people stated that they really valued in the community. Those assets included, the top ones at least, included feeling safe, our strong K-12 education system, healthy and strong families, and access to healthcare and wellness. And then we asked about what the needs were. And those top five needs are out of a number of them, they included traffic and public transport, unhealthy addiction, lack of coordinated planning, community leaders lacking overall knowledge...and those community leaders were not just elected officials, but rather, elected, appointed, as well as business and nonprofit leaders. And also, negative social media was something that came up a lot as well. We have copies of our report which I'll leave for you, as well as the general public. You can find more information on the needs assessment on our website at HendricksCountyCF.org. Our next steps are that we're bringing the community back together to talk about these issues and how we can move forward. We have another opportunity to apply for additional grants from Lily Endowment this coming March; we'll apply for a \$200,000 grant to implement a program coming out of this work, as well as a competitive grant for up to \$5 million. At this point we're focusing on two issues; Community Unity and healthy families and healthy communities. We've been very pleased with the response that we've gotten from Plainfield. As a statistically valid survey, we will be able to pull out community data sets and we're looking forward to sharing those with each of the communities, including Plainfield, later this year. So, thank you very much for your participation with the survey and thank you for letting me address you this evening. I'll leave these copies of the report, and as I said, there is more available on our website. Any questions?

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you for coming in and sharing that

Mr. Rhodehamel: Thank you, good evening.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you

Mr. Klinger: Thank you

Mr. Brandgard: Is there any other business from the floor this evening? Again, as I said, when you come up if you could please tell us who you are and sign in so we can have that for the record.

Mr. Bozzo: Yes, Peter Bozzo. I live at 506 Elm Drive here in Plainfield, Walnut Hill subdivision. I will attempt to be brief. So, the Ordinance No. 02-2020 regarding no parking on Elm Drive, directly affects myself and some of the other people that are with me tonight as homeowners in that area. I do not know who brought that Ordinance, or initiated that Ordinance to begin with. No one in my neighborhood has come to me or talked to me. I've been very vocally against the no parking. I've taken a lot of pictures, that I can share with the Council, of our area where there's one vehicle, zero vehicles...it's just not an issue, or shouldn't be considered an issue. My problem with it is, though I do not typically park in the street, when I do have people over for parties, holidays, what have you, I don't feel like I should be restricted from having people park in front of my home. I shouldn't be restricted from playing basketball with my daughter in my driveway after school or on weekends. I can understand during school hours. I could even agree with, okay, with some of the bus traffic. Though I do believe some of that traffic should be being diverted. And we actually approached the Town back in February of 2017 regarding the speeding through our neighborhood, people cutting through, blowing through stop signs. You know, we brought it to the Council's attention a long time ago and I don't feel that anything was ever done at that time to present traffic calming resolutions, at the time. I believe there was supposed to be a traffic study done. If it was done, I don't know that it was ever shared with anybody from our HOA, of which I'm a board member. I would just like the Council to maybe press the pause button on this Ordinance, reassess some of the situations that are going on out there, talk to more of the actual homeowners to get a better idea of

what's a common sense solution. I feel like this is putting a Band-Aid on a wound that isn't there. Once again, I don't even know who initiated it, so it's hard to say why they would present it as a problem at this point in time.

Mr. Brandgard: I'll address part of it. I've been a homeowner in Walnut Hill since 1976, and Elm Drive, when you do that curve around the school, with people parking there, people who live there park there making it difficult for others to drive through, such as myself. Especially if there's oncoming traffic. From a public safety standpoint, there are sometimes where I don't think a fire engine could get through there because of the way the cars are parked in the road. Just as another statement, I don't like to build roads for parking lots; they are to move traffic on, not to park on. But anyways, the point being is, it has become a safety problem of getting people through there safely. And that's the point of it.

Mr. Bozzo: And I understand...

Mr. Brandgard: You may not have a problem, but you may not be driving through there when there's traffic going through there.

Mr. Bozzo: Well, I understand; part of the issue is there is a lot of traffic that drives through there that doesn't belong through there.

Mr. Brandgard: Wait a minute

Mr. Bozzo: Well...

Mr. Brandgard: That is a public road; anybody can drive on it at any time.

Mr. Bozzo: I understand, it's also a local street that was never designed for that much traffic. I work for AT&T, I drive for a living, I have watched people turn onto Stafford from S.R. 267, turn down Elm and continue driving to the whole next neighborhood that's closer to U.S. 40. Why are those people driving through there, other than to cut out going through the lights and taking the proper arteries to get to where they need to go?

Mr. Brandgard: Well, you're telling me that I should not go up Elm Drive to get to U.S. 40...

Mr. Bozzo: You're from our neighborhood. This is people that are outside of our neighborhood that use Elm as a cut through, which is what I have a problem with. And I see it on a daily basis because I drive for a living, I work in the area, I go to my house to stop on occasion and I see people doing it and...

Mr. Brandgard: Well...

Mr. Bozzo: You're not, the Town is not doing anything to eliminate some of the unnecessary traffic, in my opinion, which we've asked for in the past.

Mr. Brandgard: That road is a thoroughfare, it's not a residential road per say; it was designed to move traffic from here to there, not just from here to your house or their house. So, it's not...

Mr. Bozzo: I disagree with your assessment. That road was part of the Walnut Hill subdivision before even those schools were there, the way they were designed. Still, even by eliminating parking, my opinion is you're going to make the speeding worse at that point. You're going to get a child killed, quite frankly, because people do not respect those stop signs, they do not respect the speed limit. And you live there, so you know, you've seen it.

Mr. Brandgard: I understand that, but I also see a lot of people that live there do exactly what you're talking about; ignoring stop signs and speeding. So, it's...

Mr. Bozzo: And that may be the case, but telling people that they can't park in front of their home, is not going to solve that issue. If anything, I believe it's going to make it worse, at this point. So, I'm asking the Council not only to at least take a common sense look at this, and say, no parking during school hours because of bus traffic and those kinds of things, that kind of

makes sense. On a Saturday, when I want to play with my kids in my driveway, that shouldn't be an issue. Like I said, I have pictures, me leaving for work in the morning, me coming back after work and there's not that many cars parked there, there just isn't.

Mr. Bridget: Well, it's been my experience sir, I don't travel it daily but I travel it often because I have friends in your neighborhood; what I've seen on that curve is cars parked on both sides of the street and it's difficult for just my vehicle, which is just a standard sedan...

Mr. Bozzo: So...

Mr. Bridget: Let me finish please... to get through, it truly narrows the road to one lane and you can't always see around the vehicles that are parked. It is, in my mind from what I've experienced myself, it's probably something that needs to be controlled.

Mr. Bozzo: Okay, so why are we not eliminating parking in just the curve? Why are we taking the whole section? Why are we not eliminating in the curve that's further down Elm? Why are we only choosing this one section? Like I said...

Mr. Bridget: That's the only place I've really experienced a problem.

Mr. Bozzo: The way it's being implemented doesn't seem to make sense with the reality I see as a homeowner on that street.

Mr. Bridget: I appreciate that, thank you.

Mr. Brandgard: Yeah. You can come up when he's done.

Mr. Bridget: You can come up and speak.

Mrs. Bozzo: Sorry, I've just never done this before, so I don't know what I'm supposed to do. I'm Heather Bozzo, I'm his wife. I just want to bring up, February 13, 2017 when we came here, you guys were going to look at putting a traffic light, you guys spoke of doing a traffic light on Stafford and Elm. I understand if it doesn't work, but it was talked about, that all I'm saying. And then the other thing was that we asked for speedhump because it has been successful; that speedhump by Clarks Creek and Brentwood, that has helped right over there. I cannot tell you, I work for Girls Scouts of Central Indiana and I am home at 3:00p to make sure I'm home when my daughter comes home from school; a bunch of the neighbor's kids walk together and I see it every day. They are not cars parked there during school time. I do agree, if you guys want to do it around school time, that makes total sense and that's fine. But we talked about speedhumps going on Oliver as well for the school buses, for the kids, for the area, because the roads really aren't built for... I mean, Plainfield is doing great, we have a lot of kids, it's a good community, but it wasn't designed for what's going on. So, we talked about speedhumps because that would solve the problem of hopefully the speeding. People don't like the speedhumps, so they try to avoid them, so we're hoping that the traffic would move, you know, people that don't need to drive through there or use it as a cut through... I mean, maybe at least for now, instead of the no parking, can we try maybe the speedhumps to see if that works? You know, give is some time to see what works, what doesn't? I know either way the speedhumps will help in general, but I do see fire trucks go by because we've had events. My husband and I throw together with the fire department and we appreciate them; we do the fire truck engine with Santa and Mrs. Clause... are there any kids in here... I don't want to say anything further beyond that.

Mr. Brandgard: Well, that's permitted use for the fire department.

Mrs. Bozzo: No, and then the fire department does drive down our street because I'm home... a lot of times they wait till towards the end of the day, if they do a fire truck, you know, the test or whatever, to make sure the kids know how to do...the fire drill. I just want to say, can you work with us and just think about maybe the speedhumps because the stop signs, I mean, it is a little scary. And it's not just our stop sign, there's... I can't remember the name of the street, it's Beech-something, it happens there too; it's not just our street corner, it's that whole Elm area. So, it's a little scary. And I will say, we are on the board, I actually just spoke to a neighbor

tonight before coming here and I said, can you please make sure your car faces the right way on the road when you're parking in the street, and your son needs to hug up more on the lawn. So, I think if you give us time to talk to neighbors; we do have our annual HOA meeting and we also have a Facebook page, I will make sure neighbors are pulling their car... like when my husband and I, we move cars where people come and visit; I think that's a thing, people think they can just pull up. No, pull your car up on the grass, get your car angled, and then there is plenty of room. I'm happy for you guys to come over to our street and we can do cars on each side and show the proper way; I will address it with our neighbors. Our HOA is great, they're really receptive, we have wonderful neighbors and I just...if you guys could just give us some time to work together. I've never done this before, so I'm not sure if I'm saying this right, so I apologize. My husband is very passionate, we do a lot of things with the HOA. I mean you know that, I don't know if you're on our Facebook page but we're the ones that do the movies at the pool, we do swim in movies, we try to bring the families together; we've done events at our house, we have a movie screen that we put up at our house and then families come and we watch movies in the summer; we just try to bring that community together. I mean, we're trying, so if you guys could work with us, we would appreciate it. Thank you

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you

Mrs. Sipe-Fears: Hello, my name is Debra Sipe-Fears, I live at 514 Elm Drive. We've lived there since 1999; we've raised four children that have all graduated from Plainfield, two have graduated from IU Bloomington and no longer live with us, one is actually in Florida and currently in a second career as a fireman. We have a daughter that moved back home, and part of that is in this day in age, the student debt is astronomical. So, you know, did Makenzie move back home because she wanted to, probably not, it was to get that loan paid off. You know, we're not parking on the road but I have a daughter that's U of L and when she comes home, when the other one is home, that's more challenging for us. It's not every day that this is occurring. I think if you look at the thing, the opportunity, punish all of the people for some of the people. You know, take the mail to the right address, you know we got it, we don't park on the road. I just want to be able to enjoy time with my family. The Bozzos really have some really nice things that they do for Walnut Hill. I understand that you live there; it's unfortunate that we don't really know each other as long as we've lived in the community. You know, Scott was on the board and mowed the grass down there by the pool before we ever hired him.

Mr. Brandgard: I think, and again, if you would sign in before you go back... as I mentioned earlier, you talked about the roads weren't, the roads were designed to do what they're doing. When we design subdivisions we design main roads so that they can connect to the next one that comes along and connect them as it goes along.

Mrs. Sipe-Fears: Right

Mr. Brandgard: So, to say the roads weren't designed for what they're doing, they were.

Mrs. Sipe-Fears: I don't know that Elm was designed for the amount of traffic that we currently have. And what I would say to you is that I think after the middle school moved to Stafford Road and Brentwood and Clarks Creek both became elementary schools, that it has really increased the car flow, you know, from people dropping their kids off. You know, and the school buses used to drive down Elm some. I leave at different times of the day, and I'll tell you, it's really hard to get out of my driveway between 8:15a and 8:45a and I'm four houses from the stop sign.

Mr. Brandgard: I understand, I have difficulty getting out onto Elm two times a day; and the same way getting out on Stafford, because of the traffic coming from the middle school. But it's...

Mrs. Sipe-Fears: I do think it does help, the more the buses seem to be going down Oliver when they used to be more going down Elm.

Mr. Brandgard: I think the school redid the bus route, redid the bus routes up there.

Mrs. Sipe-Fears: Well, thanks for your time...

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you

Mrs. Sipe-Fears: ...and please...

Mr. Brandgard: Again, thank you for coming in

Mrs. Sipe-Fears: ...think of our considerations. You know, we all have families and this is really going to impact.

Mr. Brandgard: Right, but I think, like I say, I go that route quite often and there's several times that I'm concerned because of the ways the cars are parked and the way that curve is, I can't see what's coming when I try to go around.

Mrs. Spire-Fears: I live at the curve. Our house is the only one that has the two driveways that are right next to each other, you know, on the west side. I don't know, I would be open to anyone that wanted to do a study, traffic study, any time. I mean I'd be glad to take off work and do it with them.

Mr. Brandgard: Okay

Mrs. Spire-Fears: Thank you

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you

Mr. Fears: I'm Scott Fears. I don't want to aggravate you guys, I'm probably part of your problem. When our kids were younger we had vehicles in the driveway and everything like that and friends coming over and parking. And with the no parking like this, like I say, when people come over and stuff, there's just not enough room to park in... I mean, we don't purposely park in the road; we've had to before because we just, I mean, shuffling cars and trying to do things. Sometimes my daughter works different shifts. She'll come home at midnight and I get up at 4:30a and have to leave by 6:00a, so unfortunately she might park behind me. Some of the time she'll be like, well, I don't want to wake dad up so he moves his car, or I don't want him to wake me up in the morning so she'll pull over there on the road and we'll always try and make sure if we do it, we pull into the grass. You know, we don't do it constantly. We had done it there for a while a little bit, but we try not to. The only concern I have is if we put, you know, that sign up and then they start writing us tickets to friends and stuff like that, it's kind of a drag for us because... do you have a suggestion of where we could put our vehicles when friends come over? I mean, can they just pull up in the grass? You know, I don't want to get in trouble for doing that or anything else. And I can see your concern driving around that curve, and I apologize for causing anybody, you know, any concern about, you know, vehicles coming at you and stuff like that. We have some new neighbors that park, you know, across the street and unfortunately once again, there's four or five cars there in that family. It's not a big family but they have people that drive, so we're kind of stuck with, where do we park. For instance, if people come over just to see us for a little while or anything like that. You know, I like my wife's thought that when the volume went up when they changed the schools, that made a lot of traffic come there and as you say, you see that in the morning. That's kind of aggravating because you don't know which way to go. If you go up towards U.S. 40 you're stuck; if you head out towards Stafford Road you're stuck too because of the people coming back. So, I don't know, the school and their policy had something about some of the kindergarteners coming down the one road and if they could put it in their policy to eliminate some of the traffic coming down, bringing them down Oliver... you know, there are school buses that will pick all of the kids up and, you know, people who go ahead and choose to take their kids to school, it's kind of like a privilege. So, they really shouldn't put a burden on us by, you know, coming up Elm Drive and everything like that. They should have to go by rules; and it would help you get out yourself as far as going to work or whatever. But you know, my concern is if I park there and then all of a sudden I get a ticket. It like, you know, I understand your concern but it's kind of not really giving us any kind of leeway either way. So, that's all I really have to say.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you. Anybody else? I want to thank you for coming in and giving us your thoughts on that up there. It's a case that I personally would be willing to try a no parking between these times, when most of the traffic is out there. And if that doesn't work, then we'll go back to the do the full.

Mr. Angle: Mr. President, could you remind me, or Mr. Kirchoff, could you remind me of what the original communication was from a citizen? That's kind of what started it a couple of months ago.

Mr. Brandgard: Yeah

Mr. Angle: We had a communication from a citizen.

Mr. Brandgard: I think Kent caught that, didn't he?

Mr. Angle: Was it Kent? I'm sorry Bill, I thought it was you.

Mr. Bridget: I think it was Kent.

Mr. Angle: Was it?

Mr. Klinger: Kent, it was Kent, yeah.

Mr. Angle: Okay, but it was from a citizen who contacted him saying they couldn't see around it.

Mr. Kirchoff: It's typically, you get stopped at church, and yesterday I had people in the neighborhood say thank you for doing this; they supported it.

Mr. Angle: Yeah

Mr. Klinger: I will note that the Ordinance is up for a Second Reading tonight. There's still a Third Reading, so Robin, you just mentioned some time limitations; those are things that can still be considered and potentially amended into the Ordinance.

Mr. Bridget: That sounds reasonable to me. I think a middle ground on this, given both sides of the conversation, that would be something to consider.

Mr. Angle: Well, I would really appreciate Mrs. Bozzo's comment too, about working with the residents who live and park on those roads too. I think that's fantastic to offer that.

Mr. Kirchoff: Well yeah, I think it's an initial step; it's a baby step and let's try it and monitor it and if it works, fine. If it doesn't work, we figure something else out.

Mr. Bridget: So, how would we do that Scott? How could that work?

Mr. Kirchoff: Just signage

Mr. Bridget: Just signage, no parking between the hours of?

(inaudible)

Mr. Singleton: Yeah, I think we could look at the Ordinance and specifically adopt the language to add a restriction to time and then the signing would reflect that. And obviously we would consult with our attorneys to make sure that it's enforceable for ticketing. I know places do that; I know I haven't been involved with that here. I don't know if there's any cases of where we've done that in Town before but we can certainly look into it and see what language to use.

Mr. Kirchoff: I've seen areas in other communities that do that.

Mr. Brandgard: Yeah

Mr. Singleton: Right, so it's very manageable, I'm sure. It's just a matter of us familiarizing the language.

Mr. Herceg: That time restriction is enforceable.

Mr. Brandgard: Yeah

Mr. Bridget: All right

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you and just so ... a speed table, on Elm. We'll go you, Jason, with your thoughts. I turn to you because my biggest concern with speed tables is snow removal.

Mr. Castetter: Well, we've been able to manage the speed tables that we currently have. Speaking of Elm right through there, I mean, we're talking maybe 1,000 feet between stop signs with a curve introduced into it. So, I'm not out there every day, I'm not seeing the speeds getting really high in that area, but I can see where someone's coming off the stop sign you know, getting up to speed; but a speed table in that area, I don't know that it would work really well. On Oliver there though, there are some crosswalks there on Oliver. Even though that's not the particular issue we're talking about here but it could be on Oliver, slowing some of that traffic down, which would lead to maybe not doing a rolling stop onto Elm Street at the stop sign.

Mr. Klinger: Is there a speed table in front of the School though? On Elm but maybe further to the north?

Mr. Castetter: There's a crosswalk...

Mr. Klinger: Where it's more of a straightaway?

Mr. Castetter: ...and a speed table, yeah, it's between Clarks Creek and Brentwood there; we installed several (inaudible). But we can definitely take a look at it, engineering wise, and see if it fits in there. And we can do one more study to see about speeds in that area, but it's hard for me to see that. I don't live in that area, they do, and they may see the speeds getting to 40 MPH, and it is probably posted at 25 MPH. And as you know, standing on the sidewalk, a car going 25-30 of thing that we can put a little effort into validating, so yeah.

Mr. Kirchoff: Yeah, we can study that.

Mr. Brandgard: Maybe staff can work with the Homeowner's Association to look at that. The key is, we don't necessarily want to impact you as a homeowner but at the same time, we've got to look at the community as a whole and what it's doing.

Mr. Bozzo: My daughter is seven and she rides her bike on the sidewalk, trust me, this is not just about parking, it's about safety and people driving way too fast and blowing through the stop sign. That, Elm and Oliver, we have two elementary schools; I'm out there every day yelling at people and my wife hates it. So, whatever we can get...

Mr. Brandgard: Maybe Chief McKee can throw a little more patrol out there to see what's happening with the speed...or at some point in time put the speed sign up.

Mr. Bridget: Somebody made a comment about the people who are running the stop sign are people who actually live in the neighborhood and actually, that's pretty common. I mean, when you go through something all of the time, you have a tendency to do that. So, if you're making communication through your neighborhood, you might want to bring that up.

Mr. Bozzo: We have a lot of Facebook posts about it. We're working on it; we're doing our best.

Mrs. Bozzo: That speedhump for the school, thank you to whoever decided to do that. We make fun of it and laugh because people slam on their brakes and I think that's the only reason why, in between the stop signs on Elm, if there could be a speed hump, I really think it would...

Mr. Bozzo: (inaudible) intersections to help the kids with crossing the street as well, I think...

Mrs. Bozzo: Because we have the pool down there too.

Mr. Brandgard: Yeah, okay

(inaudible)

Mr. Castetter: I would mention, you were talking about the time zone and putting times on that; if you recall, some of you, on Longfellow years ago we had some issues with the high school students parking on Longfellow and we had some signage up for that school.

Mr. Brandgard: I thought we did.

Mr. Castetter: So, we have done that in the past, limiting it from 7:30a-3:30p or 4:30p, whatever that time is. So, we'll have to work...I'm not sure exactly what those elementary times are, but we can definitely look at that and get those times established.

Mr. Brandgard: Great, thank you. Again, thank you for coming in. Is there any other business from the floor? If there's no further business from the floor, we'll go to staff reports.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Brandgard: Tim, anything from Development Services?

Mr. Belcher: A couple of things; in my report I placed a document that BF&S has prepared for us to apply for an award for the public safety program, the entire program, the American Public Works Association is a fine project and it was just completed in 2019, so we'd like to put that up if you're okay with it. We'll get that submitted and hope for the best.

Mr. Brandgard: Yes

Mr. Belcher: It's Indiana chapter, but I think it's a very, very worthy project. So, thank you, I'll get that going.

Mr. Brandgard: Okay

Mr. Belcher: The second item is; for the last couple of years we've been doing little experiments with adding a Director of Planning and I think that the Town's workload and what's going on with the Planning Department, as I've observed it, I think it's time to look for a director position for that department. So, if you're willing, I'd like to get with Nate and putting that out for advertisement and see who might apply.

Mr. Bridget: Is that position on our current organizational chart?

Mr. Brandgard: Yes

Mr. Bridget: It's on our org chart and unfilled?

Mr. Klinger: Yes

Mr. Bridget: Okay

Mr. Klinger: It was not budgeted for, but we have Steve working on that to see how we can cover that for this year.

Mr. Kirchoff: Is consent...?

Mr. Brandgard: Do we have consent to move forward?

(Consent is given)

Mr. Belcher: Thank you very much.

Mr. Brandgard: Okay, thank you. Eric, anything from Planning? Todd, anything from Economic Development? Brent, Parks and Rec.?

Mr. Bangle: On my Council report I had a couple of attachments in regards to the Celebration of Service Project. One was the financial breakdown from the funds we received and what we budgeted for the project and the other one was the proposal from JDH, which was the low bid of the three vendors we reached out to. I'm just asking for the Council's consent to move forward with that project and actually start with the project here. We will have to complete a Resolution to complete additional appropriations for the donated funds that we received for the project.

Mr. Brandgard: Consent?

(Consent is given)

Mr. Bangle: Any other questions on my report while I'm up here?

Mr. Brandgard: I don't think so.

Mr. Bangle: Thank you

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you. Chase, anything from Facilities? Chief Thacker, anything from the Fire Territory? Chief McKee, the Police Department? Doug, anything from the Communications Center? Scott, anything to add from Transportation?

Mr. Singleton: Yeah, I do have one item to present for the Council's potential approval, which is an Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Avon that was placed in your materials for the box in reporting. This is an agreement that Avon's Town Council took action on last Thursday as part of their Resolution No. 2020-02, approving that agreement. And what it is, is an Interlocal Agreement. As you know, we discussed it a little bit more in detail at this evening's work session, basically the Town is issuing support and agreement to cooperate on the construction of County Road 100 South between Dan Jones Road and Ronald Reagan Parkway. The Town has some limits of jurisdiction through that road, and so our participation is required for the improvements to move forward. And this agreement essentially kind of lines out those terms and things, including our financial contribution, as well as relinquishing, or providing the Town of Avon some authority to acquire the necessary property, amongst a number of other things. So, I'm happy to answer any questions if needed, but I would ask, if the Council's ready, to consider taking action on approving that agreement.

Mr. Brandgard: Again, we've had a lot of discussion with Avon over the last year on that Interlocal Agreement and I think we finally reached a common ground where... and again, that 100 South needs to be improved, so...

Mr. Kirchoff: I would move for approval.

Mr. Angle: I'll second.

Mr. Brandgard: We have a motion and a second to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Avon relative to 100 South. If there's no further discussion, all those in favor signify by aye.

(All ayes)

Mr. Brandgard: Opposed? Motion carried.

Mr. Singleton: That's all I had, thank you.

Mr. Brandgard: Jason, anything from Public Works? Steve, anything from the Financial world? Stephanie, Communications? Nate? Wow, is there any staff that I may have missed? Brad, anything from the Chamber? You don't want to talk about the annual auction that's coming up? And give everybody an advance?

Mr. DuBois: So yeah, as Robin said, or Mr. President, Brandgard said, our annual auction is the 22nd of February, I believe I got that right. It will be at the Embassy Suites, so hopefully you guys can join us. I know we've got a few tables from a few of the suppliers that can probably get you guys out there. So, we're looking forward to putting it on. And Grease is the word, so come dressed as your favorite Grease character. I'm sure we'll have a good time, there will be a little carnival and everything.

Mr. Brandgard: Oh, cool

Mr. DuBois: Yeah, so thank you for the opportunity to talk.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Brandgard: Does the Town Manager have a report?

Mr. Klinger: Yeah, just one item. I mentioned in my report, take you back a little bit, if you recall, last spring at our retreat, several Councilmembers expressed a desire to engage a lobbyist for the Town. The Town up till now had utilized services from AIM an other associations that we're a part of and utilizing shared resources to represent us at the State House. And while they do a decent job, particularly on defense, they're not necessarily representing our specific interests at the State House. And so there was a desire to pursue that, and so we did put out an RFP last fall. It has taken us a little longer than we had planned on because we're already in session, but we did put out an RFP. We received ten responses from different firms; evaluated those responses and we narrowed it down to three that we set up for interview. We actually only ended up interviewing two. Robin participated in those discussions. The third one, the key Principal who submitted the proposal actually left the firm in the meantime and so, we did not end up interviewing that firm. So, after the interviews and much discussion, I would like to recommend to the Council that we engage with Barnes and Thornburg. Jake Bonnefield is the Principal, he is a Hendricks County Resident and he, combined with Jake German from the firm, represented a really well balanced approach. And so, we would like to engage that firm with an agreement to provide lobbying services on behalf of the Town. At this point, we'd like consent to move forward with that and we would come back with a letter from them.

Mr. Brandgard: And the amount?

Mr. Klinger: Now I forget, I think it was 42 or 41? \$41,000 Lance says, I can't remember exactly.

Mr. Angle: Is that budgeted?

Mr. Klinger: It is budgeted, yes.

Mr. Angle: Okay, because I saw the agreement was just a fixed amount.

Mr. Klinger: It is...

Mr. Angle: No matter how much activity took place, we're still being billed a specific amount.

Mr. Klinger: Right, yeah, it's \$41,000 and it was, they did divide it up to... so, December to April when you're in session, \$4,000 a month; out of session, \$3,000 a month. They would still be providing services even out of session. That's one of the things that we did like about their proposal was that it's not just lobbying services, but actually assisting us with developing a legislative strategy and also in relationship building with key legislators so that we can build those relationships and when issues come up, you know, we have a voice to be able to talk about the Town's interests.

Mr. Kirchoff: So, was part of that then perhaps, for lack of a better term, planning session with Council to be proactive in the areas that we needed to be focusing on, and asking them to help us with that?

Mr. Brandgard: Yes

Mr. Klinger: Since we're in session now, we probably won't get to a really good planning session until we're out of session, but that would be part of the process, yes.

Mr. Bridget: The Agreement is \$41,000, December through April \$4,000 per month and May through November \$3,000 per month?

Mr. Klinger: Correct

Mr. Kirchoff: Consent

Mr. Brandgard: We need a motion, I think.

Mr. Kirchoff: I thought you were asking for consent to move forward.

Mr. Klinger: Yeah, I think what we'll do is come back with an actual Engagement Letter from them, so right now I just need consent to move forward with that.

Mr. Brandgard: Consent to move forward then

(Consent is given)

Mr. Klinger: Okay, thank you.

Mr. Brandgard: We need to get going on a couple of issues quickly.

Mr. Klinger: Yeah, I think we'll probably ask them to get started even while we're putting that Engagement Letter together. That's all I had unless you had any questions of me.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Brandgard: Old business? Dan?

Mr. Bridget: No, none

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Brandgard: New business?

Mr. Kirchoff: I have one. I'd like to piggyback off of Tim's comments. We talked at the end of the year how busy we are and how great our staff is. And I think it's been what, four years that you've been with us, Andrew? You started in year five, and one of the first things that you did is help us on organization, which was really, one of the first things that we needed to do. It's been four years, going on five, and we continue to get busy, we continue to grow; if you're in Andrew's office and look at his white board... I mean, the number one priorities that we have are too many, too numerous. I guess I'd like to suggest to the Council that we charge Nate with finding someone to come back in and help us do another Organizational Review. I mean, I don't want to single any departments out right now, but we're having conversations about how people's plates are just overflowing. And as we talked this morning, the answer isn't always more staffing; it may be utilization, it may be prioritization, it may be reporting relationships. But I think it's time we took a step back. And Tim, your plate is more than overflowing, so I appreciate what you're trying to do here, but I think the problem is bigger than that. I guess I'd like the Council's support to say to Nate, go find us somebody, let's go take another look at this.

Mr. Brandgard: You know, as we discussed this morning, yeah, I'm there also. I mean, when Andrew came on board we knew we were busy, and we've continued to get busier. We charged him with coming up with an organization plan, which he did; but I think we've outgrown the way it's structured, we need to go back and look at it.

Mr. Klinger: Yeah, there's certainly a number of kind of internal discussions that, you know, are constantly taking place about where are the needs, where are the gaps. And you know, Tim just made the request about filling the Director of Planning position, which is, you know, an important piece, but only one piece of a bigger picture that we're always looking at in terms of how do we deliver services in the most efficient way possible. We don't want to just add staff to add staff, we want it to be purposeful but...

Mr. Kirchoff: My first question, Nate, are you comfortable, can you give us comments?

Mr. Thorne: Yeah, believe me, I hear from the departments quite often on what their needs are, so we're up to speed. But we've engaged in FirstPerson and a couple other entities and I think that we have some pretty good contacts, that I can bring something to the Council within a another meeting or two to really establish a scope of what we're looking at here, for some consideration, hopefully before our retreat, if possible.

Mr. Bridget: I think four years ago, we did some really pretty heavy lifting in terms of bringing the organization around to a structure that worked for us. I don't think this is going to be nearly as intense as the last one was.

Mr. Kirchoff: Agreed

Mr. Klinger: I think we're working around the edges at this point.

Mr. Brandgard: I think...

Mr. Kirchoff: I think there are some key areas that we really need to be focusing on.

Mr. Brandgard: I think part of it, during the period we brought on staff and I think, at least two or three areas I can think of fairly quickly, we have assigned so much to that new staff position, we've outgrown one person in that. So, we need to look at how we can make it... there may even be some tools out there to get the help.

Mr. Thorne: Well, as we spoke before, there's definitely some efficiencies that we need to look at both with using external partners and outsourcing, and frankly, just looking at the work assignments and who and why. And in some case there may be some work we're doing that we could do much differently, for all of us.

Mr. Kirchoff: Which is my next point, I think as a Council, we should be charged with helping set priorities, starting here. We should start with you as a prioritization standpoint, and so I would charge, again, Nate, help us take a look at how we can better do that because every time we come up... as you commented this morning, we're not doing anymore projects, and then we turn around and we just keep adding and adding. And so, I don't know what that looks like, but I think we owe it to staff to help them know what their priorities are; we can't have ten number one priorities in life. And as you look at the future, it's not going to get any better. So, we've got to not work harder, but work smarter. Maybe as part of this review, I don't know what else we've got going on as far as studies, but I continue to be impressed with our staff, but we can't continue to ask them to be burning the candle at both ends forever.

Mr. Brandgard: And I just want to say, I don't want any of the staff to take our discussion here as we're thinking you're not doing your job.

Mr. Kirchoff: Absolutely not. No, no, that's not what I'm saying.

Mr. Brandgard: We're just trying to make it easier, yeah.

Mr. Kirchoff: That's not what I'm saying at all, I'm saying we need to help them know what it is we want them to be working on. Your plates are full, am I correct?

Mr. Thorne: I can assure you that the faces are of relief, that are behind me right now. Acknowledging that is something that we've talked about internally, so we definitely can put a plan together and get some partners to come in and look at our efficiency. The delivery of

Mr. Angle- yes

Mr. Kirchoff- yes

Mr. Brandgard- yes

Third Reading of Plainfield Ordinance No. 36-2019 is approved.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Brandgard: Anything else to come before the Council this evening?

Mr. Angle: I would like to thank the citizens that came in and spoke tonight about the Ordinance. It's really important. I know that sometimes it's hard and can be intimidating because you're just not sure how it works and what you're supposed to do and how you're supposed to say it and those kinds of things, but rest assured that your comments are very, very important to Council and can be very impactful. So, thank you.

Mr. Brandgard: And I'll second that, appreciate you coming in, and again, we do appreciate public comment on what we're doing and there is no set way for you to come in and do it other than to tell us, and that's why I'm pretty proud of the fact that when we have business from the floor, nobody has to request to be on a docket to speak to us. So again, thank you for coming in.

ADJOURN

Mr. Brandgard: if there's nothing else, I'd entertain a motion to sign the documents requiring signature and adjourn.

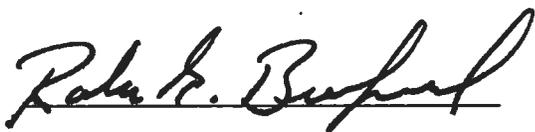
Mr. Angle: So moved

Mr. Kirchoff: Second

Mr. Brandgard: All those in favor signify by aye.

(All ayes)

Mr. Brandgard: Opposed? Motion carried, thank you.



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