

Index Town Council
Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2007

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Index Town Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Bruce Albert.

COUNCILMEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Bruce Albert	Karen Sample	Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer
Bob Hubbard	Patrick Woods	Maintenance Supervisor Bill Cross
Dean Johnson	Sean Horst	

Minutes from the April meeting were read and Woods moved to accept them as presented. With a second by Sample the motion carried.

Stowe read the April warrants, numbered 2144 – 2149, and 2154-2165. Warrants 2150-2153 were voided due to printing error. Payroll and tax warrants totaled \$4210.75 and all others were \$4815.42 for a grand total of \$9026.17. Previous audits have cost over a thousand, and this warrant to the Auditor for \$105.08 is so much lower because the Town is doing self-auditing. Hubbard moved to pay the warrants as presented and with a second by Johnson the motion carried.

During public comments, photographs of the Council were taken by a representative of the Skykomish High School, for the upcoming centennial celebration.

As a representative from Sky River Mead was present, the contract was taken out of order on the agenda and moved to public comments. This contract is renewed every five years. The only challenge Sky River has had was an instance this past winter when the spigot was frozen. Options to avoid this in the future were discussed. The previous contract listed the water source as a spring, but it is now a horizontal well, and that change will be noted. Horst moved to approve renewing the contract, and with a second by Hubbard the motion carried.

A resident is frustrated with the surface of the kiosk and the difficulty in posting there. This issue has come up before, and Cross will look for cork to replace the surface.

Under Council comments, Horst suggested having a game day for the Town. Albert suggested tying this to another event, such as the Centennial. He said the Town used to have a community baseball game that brought everyone together, and it would be great to do something again.

Woods is expecting paperwork for the upcoming Art's Festival to be presented to the Council. Albert said the paperwork should be ready by the next Council meeting.

The Planning Commission reviewed buildable land maps, and had questions about terminology, which Stowe will follow up on. They also reviewed an application for a home remodel, had no problems with the paperwork, and have shuffled that to the Council.

During the Maintenance report, Cross said the cement slabs have been poured, and the new sidewalk to the restrooms is shunting gravel and slop away from the bathrooms. Albert asked how the bathrooms were doing, and Cross said there have been a few quiet months with little vandalism.

Endless Garbage is May 12th. Stowe will put up signs as reminders. There will be a hazardous material pickup as well as a container for scrap metal.

Garbage rate increases were discussed. Draft Ordinance #393 proposed a \$4 increase, but this will just break even with the potential for another rate increase next year. Albert suggested an increase of \$5.50 instead, and said if prices go up much more the Town will have to look at other options, such as bi-weekly pickup. There are two businesses that have recycling only and their own garbage pickup, but garbage pickup is not an option for residences. Sample moved to adopt Ordinance #393, increasing residential pickup to \$23.50, two-can pickup to \$37.00, recycling only to \$20.00 per month, and \$6.00 for extra garbage. With a second by Hubbard the motion carried, and will go into effect June 1st.

Albert is, with regret, following up on some apparent code violations. In such a small town it is hard to avoid situations, and he has no intention of being a snoop, but when complaints come in from numerous residents, action has to be taken.

The Centennial celebration will be August 19th in the park, including a potluck for current and past residents, a short program, and a group portrait. It would be great if Horst's idea for a game day could be incorporated as well. A Special Event's Checklist was presented for this activity. It is hard to guess at how many people will come, but bathroom facilities should be fine, utilizing the park, the OFH bathrooms, and the Historical Society. Johnson moved to accept the Checklist as presented, and with a second by Horst the motion carried.

Stowe received a call from the SR2 Coalition, asking to present updates to the Council at the June meeting. There was no objection to this and Stowe will find out if 20-30 minutes will be sufficient.

Council members reviewed the SEPA application for a home remodel. This is open for public comment for thirty days, and there was discussion about when the thirty days started. It was agreed to begin counting from the time the application arrives in the Town Hall. The Council will be able to vote on this application at the June meeting, which gives them time to review the application.

A SEPA was presented for the construction of a permanent berm where the sandbags are. This application will go to the Planning Commission at their next meeting, be opened for public comment, and be presented for action at the June Council meeting.

Ordinance #394 creating a Capital Improvement Plan was presented for review. The Town has been encouraged to create one in order to possibly improve flood ratings. Sample said the Town had done these in the past and the layout was similar to this one. Stowe had researched templates from other cities and found them to be multiple pages of spreadsheets with amounts for each project, which would be difficult for the Town to do. Albert suggested the Council review the list of projects for additions or changes prior to voting next month. Albert said this could also tie in with the flood plan.

Sample suggested that Council members bring their current packets back to the next meeting in order to save on copying all the review material over again.

As there was no further business Sample moved to adjourn. Hubbard seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Adopted by the Index Town Council this 4th day of June, 2007.

Signed: _____
Bruce Albert, Mayor

Attest: _____
Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer