

Index Town Council  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
June 4, 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	

Albert suggested purchasing a POW flag to fly in the Old Fire Hall. The Town has flown this flag outside the Town hall, but has had it stolen numerous times.

Photos of the Mayor and Council that were taken last month were shown to the Council.

Minutes from the May meeting were read and Hubbard moved to accept them as presented. With a second by Johnson the motion carried.

Stowe read the May warrants, numbered 2166 – 2179. Payroll and tax warrants totaled \$4025.87 and all others were \$1801.03 for a grand total of \$5826.90. Warrants were so low because some bills did not come in prior to the meeting, including Allied Waste. This means next month will be higher than normal. The warrant for Loyal Nordstrom reimburses her for an overpayment of back utilities. The warrant for Mike's Ditches will be held until the final affidavit is posted for work done for the Town. Horst asked if the amount for Verizon was normal, which it is. It includes the fax line, the distinct ring for the fax, and the internet.

During public comments, Richard Moore and Steve Lewis with the SR2 Development group presented an update to the Council on the development plan. A folio was handed out that had a few misprints including errors in east/west directions. Those will be corrected prior to the June 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for comments. Discussion points included safety and congestion, funding for both small and large projects, the reality of getting those projects completed, and the work still to be done. Albert asked if approving and adopting the plan meant that only those projects could be considered. Moore said he didn't believe the plan precluded other projects, but legislators look at if there is a plan, and if other projects fit with that plan. Albert also pointed out that few projects deal with cutting down on commute times. Moore said they looked at projected growth over the next twenty years and most projects mitigating commutes are big ticket, more expensive items, meaning longer term.

Sample asked if there was an estimated time line for completing the smaller projects, as this is only one corridor plan out of many. Moore can't say how projects bubble up the list, but legislators hearing from people along the corridor keep the projects on the front burner. As well, he says this plan is more organized than most and has had a lot of committed involvement.

After further discussion that included the problems with electronic messaging not working, being inaccurate, and not fitting a scenic highway, both Moore and Lewis were thanked for taking the time to update the Council and putting together the folio.

As a representative from Iron Goat was present, the franchise ordinance was taken out of order on the agenda and moved to public comments. Ordinance #395 was opened for a first reading and public comment period. If passed, this will allow a new cable company, with internet, to serve the Town limits. Currently the owner is still working out difficulties with the PUD. There was discussion on the fifteen-year timeline, but when there have been changes in ownership or cable names in the past, a new ordinance was created repealing previous ones. A business license was presented as well, but this will be decided on next month when the franchise ordinance is voted on. Albert asked council members to bring back their drafts to avoid copying again.

Horst asked the Council to pass a resolution supporting the Friends of Heybrook. Albert clarified that Council members can create resolutions to present. Hubbard volunteered to create one by the end of the meeting.

Horst would like to be the Council representative to the County on forest transition barriers. A resident will be on the board as well. The Council felt it would be a good idea for Horst to do this and Hubbard offered to be a backup. Bruce would prefer feedback to the Council prior to any action on behalf of the Town being taken.

Sample clarified the date of the Centennial as August 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Planning Commission reviewed the SEPA application for construction of a permanent berm where the sandbags are currently. They recommended asking the Council to approve the application, with the addition of adding utilities to the form, and with questions addressed. These included wondering if a study was needed to determine if the volume of water returned to the river would impact flooding, and if there would be liabilities to the Town for potential damage down stream. Albert thanked the Commission for their thoughtful responses. The berm will not happen under the FCAAP grant due to the deadline of June 30<sup>th</sup>, and the requirements under the flood plain ordinance that require engineering done on anything that increases the bank. Hubbard suggested planning ahead for the next flood event by leaving the sandbags in place. There are also traffic concerns in that location as there are no barriers to keep cars from going into the river.

Planning Commission members would like to review packets prior to meetings and asked that either Stowe mail them packets, or they receive keys to the Town hall. Albert had no problem with them signing and being responsible for keys.

Plans for the centennial are coming along, and Albert will be sending out postcards to former residents inviting them. He would like help with tables, chairs, and clean up closer to the event.

Albert met with a FEMA representative. The reimbursement process is complete. Because of the huge amount of volunteer help during the flood, with sandbagging, the ham radio, etc., the Town was able to meet the in-kind requirement with out having to pay anything. The rip rap that still needs to be repaired is in the process of receiving funding and the project is undergoing the environmental review. It is hoped construction can begin in August.

At this point, Albert called for an Executive Session of the Council for personnel reasons. The tape recorder was turned off, the public, Cross, and Stowe were excused. The Council meeting was resumed at 8:35.

Albert is working on some water issues around required paperwork that should have been done by contractors when the horizontal wells were done.

Stowe presented a letter from Snohomish County Tomorrow that was confusing. It appears to be asking the Town to commit to seeking resources, but does not say what those resources are, and it's not clear what they would be for. Albert will call for clarification.

Three Council seats are up for election. The filing time line is very short, and this week only. Stowe did not receive anything from the Auditor regarding this, and only found out because the fire department posted a flyer. Previously filing was done in July. Albert asked Stowe to call and complain about the lack of notification and the short filing timeline. Johnson, Hubbard, and Horst plan to file. Albert thanked the Council for the hard work they do, and appreciated their willingness to continue. Stowe will post a flyer about the open seats.

Ordinance #394 creating a Capital Improvement Plan was presented for action. Sample moved to accept the Ordinance as presented and with a second by Woods the motion carried.

The application for a remodel was presented for action. Albert complimented Johnson on creating a complete, thorough packet, and for applying for permits prior to work starting. Woods moved to accept the SEPA as presented. With a second by Sample, the motion carried, with Johnson abstaining.

A Special Event's Checklist for the Art Festival was presented. Albert said that 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue will not have the congestion problems that happened last year. He also clarified that while the Town grants permission to use the street, that does not include abutting properties and homeowners can do whatever they want on their own property. The park will be used for a stage and all agreed that is a better location. Sample asked if the time could be extended for Horst's band to play, as it was last year. Woods moved to accept the application, with extending the end time to 10 p.m. With a second by Sample the motion carried.

Horst asked what was needed if Friends of Heybrook wanted to sell food during the event. Albert said if public property was going to be used, such as the park, then the group should fill out a Checklist as well.

Hubbard, working feverishly, managed to complete the Resolution in support of Friends of Heybrook. This resolution should help them in applying for grants. Stowe will word process this and add the official numbering. Horst moved to accept the resolution as presented, and with a second by Johnson the motion carried.

As there was no further business Horst moved to adjourn. Johnson seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05p.m.

Adopted by the Index Town Council this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2007.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bruce Albert, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer