

Index Town Council  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
September 8, 2009

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Index Town Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Bruce Albert. Because of Labor Day, the meeting was held, as usual, on Tuesday.

**COUNCILMEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT**

Bruce Albert	Patrick Woods
Bob Hubbard	Lisa Stowe, Clerk Treasurer
Dean Johnson	Bill Cross, Maintenance Supervisor

Horst's absence was excused. Sample was not heard from but may still be on vacation.

Minutes from the August meeting were read. Hubbard asked for clarification of one sentence and then moved to accept the minutes as presented and with a second by ? the motion carried. It is unclear on the tape of the meeting who seconded the motion and council members do not remember.

Stowe read the August warrants, numbered 2659 through 2677. Payroll and tax warrants totaled \$4896.28 and all others were \$9415.63 for a grand total of \$14311.91. The warrant for Allied was high as it is for two months. The warrant to Capmark is for the water bond. The warrant to Albert is reimbursement for out of pocket expenses connected to the recent water line repair. The warrant to Sabrina Grafton is for work she has done as a laborer for the town hall. The warrant to Dean Shepard is for work he did filling in while Cross was on vacation. Johnson moved to pay the warrants as presented and with a second by Woods the motion carried.

During public comments Sgt. Martin presented information on the upcoming Community Emergency Response Team training, open to anyone interested in learning how to prepare for natural disasters. Those trained will also be able to assist command centers during emergencies. The trainings are free and begin next month in Sultan. Stowe will post information.

Albert thanked Sgt. Martin for work the deputies have done in moving along squatters outside of town. He also said there had been some recent break-ins but wasn't sure the victims had reported them. Albert mentioned the increase in people running off road vehicles in town. He has talked to some of them and most have been cooperative. He hasn't called 911 because by the time someone got here the vehicles would be gone.

A representative from the US Census Bureau was to present at this time but was not available. He arrived at the end of the meeting and was delayed due to an emergency. He will be at the October meeting.

There were no council comments.

The Planning Commission continues to work on revising the Comprehensive Plan. Albert asked if they were addressing unused, unopened streets and alleys. Stowe said members were required to address that, and Cross would be coming up with an estimate of how many existed in town.

In going over issues with the town attorney, Albert realized there may be a need for an ordinance stipulating what is and isn't allowed in using town right of way's, unused streets and alleys, and town property. He wonders if this should be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan, too. All the town currently has is wording about littering, and this has come up because of the possibility of an evicted tenant's belongings left on town right of way.

During the maintenance report, Cross had a problem with the park septic system being overwhelmed during the Art Festival. He suggested bringing in porta-potties for future events, which was discussed at last month's meeting, too. Relating to the Festival, Stowe has not yet researched costs for having deputies on site during the event.

Albert has asked Cross to give an estimate on the costs involved in repairing the siding and windows in the town hall.

Community Transit is looking for elected officials to serve on their board. Albert researched this, but as the meetings are during the day, and more than one day a month, he is unable to take that much time off of work. This would be worthwhile as it would be good to have representation on the board, but it's a big time commitment. Albert asked any interested council members to contact him. It is a concern that the town pays taxes but does not have transit access locally. Resident David Cameron pointed out that with Community Transit looking at making cuts to service, it's even more important to have representation.

Bid requests went out today for work on placing the armor stone in the river under the FEMA requirements. All permits are in place and work should be completed by the end of the month.

Albert may possibly miss the October meeting due to his vacation.

Albert will be collating all the comments on the camping issue near the Trap grounds, and sending a letter to the Forest Service.

Stowe asked if the council had any desire to designate September as Life Insurance Month. The request came from the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors. There was no interest.

The mid-year report from the Snohomish Regional Drug Task Force is available at the town hall for review.

As there was no further business Hubbard moved to adjourn. Johnson seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Adopted by the Index Town Council this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009.

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

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