

Index Town Council  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
June 6, 2011

The regularly scheduled 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	Lisa Stowe, Clerk Treasurer
Bob Hubbard	Kim Peterson, Water Manager/Flood Plain Coordinator
Karen Sample	Bill Cross, Maintenance Supervisor
Patrick Woods	
Pete Gott	
Sean Horst	

Minutes from the May meeting were read. Gott pointed out that abstaining for reasons other than the two listed in previous minutes is not illegal in Index. Hubbard moved to accept the minutes as presented and with a second by Gott the motion carried. Albert asked if the council was happy with the level of detail in minutes, which Hubbard is.

Stowe presented the May warrants, numbered 3089 through 3107. Payroll and tax warrants totaled \$6102.17 and all others were \$5383.01 for a total of \$11485.18. Hubbard moved to pay the warrants as presented and with a second by Horst the motion carried.

Under public comments David Cameron asked for an update on the hazards of the Bush House. The owner has been contacted but there has been no reply.

Etta Hunter complimented the prison inmates for the work they do.

John Rubish asked about legalizing golf carts in town. Sgt. Martin said they are not illegal because of the size. Rubish will do some research.

Sgt. Martin said that DNR is working to re-open the Reiter area by late 2012, although repairing the road is at a standstill due to lack of funding. He also said the town is currently prosecuting a dumping/littering violation.

Under Council comments Gott met with Stowe to list out ideas for increasing town revenue.

Horst met with Peterson and Stowe over water issues including reviewing the Sky Country Club contract, the proposed new water hookup outside of town limits, and reading meters for businesses. Horst wrote a letter regarding traffic impacts from proposed DNR activities and asked the council for permission to sign it officially, which was given. Horst also had some revenue ideas including rickshaw tours and holding a plant sale. He will research the plant sale more.

Sample felt four of the revenue increase suggestions could be acted on and moved to raise the Old Fire Hall rates from \$10 to \$15 for general use, to increase the AA rental fee to \$10 per use, to charge \$5 for notary uses, and to charge \$1 to send faxes. Hubbard seconded the motion. There was discussion around faxes and whether to charge more for long distance use, or out of the country. Albert felt that charges for faxes and notary uses should be administrative decisions made by Stowe. Sample then moved to amend the motion to remove faxes and notary charges. Stowe then said that she was working with AA to get an idea of rates that would not force a donation-only group out of the location. Sample then withdrew the amended motion.

Last month an application was received for Sky Fest. It was approved conditionally, with more information needed, which was received. Albert asked for clarification around the use of Avenue A. Parking will be similar to the Art Festival, and will be monitored so that parking does not cause problems for residents and does not encroach on other areas in town.

The new information did not address security. The Corson family said that security would be covered by Bill Corson. Albert said that on city property security needed to be uniformed. Stowe said that legally, security must be provided by Snohomish County Sheriff's deputies who have jurisdiction in the town limits.

Hubbard moved to accept the Special Events Checklist as clarified and with a second by Sample the motion carried.

The Planning Commission did not have a quorum but held a work session. They are working on creating a commercial district for zoning.

Under the maintenance report, Cross has installed a light on the flag.

Under the Water Manager's report, Peterson said the next Shoreline Planners meeting will be held June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, and that there are new maps available at the town hall.

Peterson then discussed options for the recent request for a new water hookup outside of town limits. She listed the lawyer's response, and gave a recommended response. After discussion Sample moved to accept the Water Distribution Manager's recommendation to offer water between the east end of the Index Town limits and the last service (Hartz) for a period of one year, after which no more hookups will be allowed outside of the town limits. Water pressure will be guaranteed to the meters only, with homeowners responsible for pressure from that point on. With a second by Gott the motion carried.

Albert said the owners of Wes Smith's house have pulled a demolition permit. The owner of the Bush House received a letter asking them to remove the hazardous balconies or fence the property.

The Forest Service will be creating a boat access in the 'squatters' area near the old Trap grounds. This will include graveling parking areas, designating parking, enforcing day use and overnight use, adding sanitation facilities, and adding garbage cans with regular pick-up. The town will assist with some of this work.

Research was done by Peterson on options available to the town for garbage service. Albert listed the alternatives, and recommends franchising the service. This removes the town from being a middle man, and allows residents to set up service on their own, which should save residents some money. A Request For Proposal will be needed and Albert will work on that. There was discussion around continuing to have garbage pickup compulsory. Albert will create a draft and a process needs to be in place by December.

Stowe reminded the Council that the July meeting will be Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> due to the holiday.

Budget reports have been simplified. Stowe will have a line item report available at meetings, but will use the simplified version for packets.

The Comprehensive Plan draft and SEPA have gone out for public comments. The draft is available at the town hall.

June 10<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for declaring candidacies for the open Council positions.

The annual newsletter must be out by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Stowe asked Council members to submit by next week in order for her to get it to the printer and in the mail on time.

The contract for inmate labor with Department of Corrections is up for renewal. Stowe listed the pros and cons of signing because from here on the town has to provide equipment. After discussion Horst moved to enter into the contract and with a second by Sample the motion carried. The town will look at using the inmates less and possibly creating a job for a local person.

There were no land use applications. Mike Eddy did not submit the requested further information for his business application last month. The council elected to table the application indefinitely.

Regarding Ordinance #415 relating to requiring no permits for uninhabited structures less than two hundred square feet, Albert proposed dropping this as, according to the town attorney, it is already covered under the International Residential Code. The Council agreed.

Ordinance #417 increasing the garbage rate was discussed. If the rates are not increased, the town may possibly break even in the fund by the end of the year. Because of that, and because of the potential changes to service, the ordinance was not passed.

Albert presented the attorney response to the interlocal for inspections and permits. The interlocal will be adjusted to better reflect what the town wants for inspections with regards to legal liabilities.

Stowe presented a Special Events Checklist from Frontier, who wants to use the park for three weekends to set up a display with information about high speed internet. Horst moved to accept the Checklist as presented and with a second by Hubbard the motion carried.

As there was no further business Horst moved to adjourn, and with a second by Woods the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Adopted by the Index Town Council this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.

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

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