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The following minutes were taken from the regular monthly meeting of the Public Committees on May 12, 2014.

Mayor Pro Tem Flad Edmiston called the Public Committee Meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE:

Alderman Berrigan opened the Governmental Committee. Alderman Berrigan moved to accept the April 2014 Governmental Committee Meeting minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Flad Edmiston.

1. Alderman Berrigan opened discussion of rezoning part of Hwy 435 between Main St. and Level St. as Residential Commercial Overlay. Mr. Ed Peters, the owner of the involved property location, asked the Council to override the Planning and Zoning recommendation which excluded a portion of his property fronting on Level St. Mayor Pro Tem Flad Edmiston suggested that she and Alderman Berrigan attend the next planning and zoning meeting and learn the details of the decision directly from the commissioners. Mayor Lemons instructed the clerk of the council to notify the planning and zoning director to place the item on the agenda for the next meeting.
2. Alderman Berrigan opened discussion of the Washington St. Tammany Franchise Agreement. Mayor Lemons directed attention to the provided agreement and 5 year rate projection. The mayor advised that WST would like to execute a 25 agreement. Mayor Lemons asked the aldermen to look over the information so that the subject can be revisited at the upcoming public committee meeting.
3. Alderman Berrigan opened discussion of a resolution authorizing the mayor to accept an Act of Donation related to a piece of property donated by the Mandle family. Mayor Lemons informed the board that the property has been tied up in succession and that after much effort the details have been worked out. Alderman Berrigan and Mayor Pro Tem Flad Edmiston favorably recommended passage of the resolution.
4. Alderman Berrigan opened discussion of review of a resolution selecting The Farmer as the Town's Official Journal. Mayor Lemons advised the resolution will be presented at the June town council meeting. Alderman Berrigan and Mayor Pro Tem Flad Edmiston favorably recommended the resolution.

Alderman Berrigan moved to close the Governmental Committee, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Flad Edmiston.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE: Alderman Patterson moved to open the Infrastructure Committee, seconded by Alderman Kilpatrick- Harper. Alderman Patterson moved to accept the April 2014 Infrastructure Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Alderman Kilpatrick- Harper.

Alderman Patterson moved to close the Infrastructure Committee, seconded by Alderman Kilpatrick- Harper.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Alderman Blitch Welliver moved to open the Finance Committee, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Flad Edmiston. Alderman Blitch Welliver moved to accept the April 2014 Finance Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Flad Edmiston.

1. Alderman Blitch Welliver opened the topic of utility payments turning the discussion over to Town Clerk, Kathy Armand. Ms. Armand reviewed utility billing and payment options including bank drafts, e-pay, fiserv, ach and e-bills. Mayor Pro Tem Flad Edmiston suggested exploring additional features on the town website. Ms. Armand went on to add that also under consideration is provision of a computer in the utility office to allow the public to pay their bills by credit card through the website. Ms. Armand advised she is currently working on online payments for citations.
2. Alderman Blitch Welliver opened discussion of Instrument 2014-002 an amendment to Ordinance No.434 setting the 2013 Budget. The amendment addresses 2013 year end differences in expenditures and income. Alderman Blitch Welliver and Mayor Pro Tem favorably recommended the Instrument 2014-002.

Alderman Blitch Welliver moved to close the Finance Committee, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Flad Edmiston.

Alderman Blitch Welliver moved to close the meeting of the Public Committees, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Flad Edmiston.

MEETING ADJOURNED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 12th DAY OF MAY, 2014.

Kathy Armand, Town Clerk

Honorable Greg Lemons, Mayor