

INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
May 3, 2016

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, May 3, 2016. Mayor Bell-Guercio called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Town Clerk called the roll and all council members were present except Councilman Brian Stauss.

The minutes of April 19th were reviewed and accepted as written.

Katie Guerin, Librarian of North Shelby Library, along with Savanna Kitchens, Children's Librarian, presented the council the plans for the library's Summer Reading Program. Ms. Guerin noted that many additional activities have been added this year. She also expressed thanks and asked Indian Springs Village for their continued financial and community support. Councilman Robins suggested an increase in the annual contribution. Councilperson Harrington made a motion to suspend the rules, Robins seconded and the roll call vote was unanimous. Robins made a motion that Indian Springs Village contribute \$2500 to North Shelby Library for the Summer Reading Program and/or any other need that should arise and that the ISV budget for that category be increased by \$500. Harrington seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Bell-Guercio recognized Roger Reuse and his attorney, Michael Odom, along with Town Engineer Frazier Christy and began discussions with regard to Mr. Reuse's subdivision request that was previously tabled. Councilman Trammell questioned Mr. Christy as to whether or not the request met the subdivision regulations due to the conditions of the periodically wet/dry lake. Mr. Christy stated "periodically" is not defined in the ordinance, however, the ordinance gives him the authority to interpret meanings and Mr. Christy stated that his definition of "periodic" as stated means 50%. Mr. Christy further stated and that until Mr. Reuse can show evidence by date stamped photography that the lake is dry 50% of the year, he will not recommend approval of the request. Bell-Guercio asked if Mr. Reuse would like for the council to table the request until such evidence can be produced. Then Mr. Reuse's attorney, Michael Odom, made a request to be heard which was granted by Bell-Guercio. He then stated he felt the application did meet the subdivision regulations, and he asked council to vote on the application. Harrington asked for clarification as to whether he wanted it tabled to afford them the opportunity to obtain additional

evidence to support their application, and he responded “no”. Bell-Guercio then asked if he was sure because council was trying to allow them time and opportunity to bring additional information to the council. He declined and asked that the council vote on the application. Harrington moved that the subdivision request be denied, at this point in time, based on the information by the Town Engineer, that the land area does not fit the definition as described in our subdivision regulations. Trammell seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Chief Tyler reported that the Fire Department had 129 calls in April. Forty-nine were fire related and 80 medical related. He advised that work is still on-going as they test the fire hydrants. He advised that if the water is dark give it about 30 minutes and it will clear.

PAZ chairman Wayne Jones advised that the committee may have another subdivision to consider in the near future but nothing presently.

Councilman Robins informed the council that after meeting with Cox Environmental & Hydrologic, they have completed the field analysis and the application was delivered to the Shelby County Health Department for approval for the new multi-purpose building septic tank and field lines.

Robins reported that he began efforts to get responsible parties to clean up the vacated property located at 2644 Buckboard Road in July of last year. There are five large pine trees that are dead and present an imminent danger to adjoining properties and their residents. The Mayor and City Attorney are in agreement that action is required by ISV if property owner’s do not alleviate the problem immediately. Harrington made a motion that the Council direct the City Attorney to begin legal action to allow ISV to solicit contracts for tree removal and property clean up at the expense of the property owner, along with any legal fees/court costs incurred by the City. Trammell seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Trammell presented the fourth of the eleven step process of annexing 2634 Valleydale Road. He made a motion that the council consider the fourth of the eleven step annexation request as presented. Councilman Mendel seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Bell-Guercio informed the council that she had been in touch with Ferris Ritchey, City Attorney, concerning a fee schedule. He advised that he would only charge a reduced hourly rate if he had document/court work to perform,

otherwise he would continue with his pro-bono work.

Bell-Guercio adjourned the meeting at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Joan Downs, Town Clerk