

**LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
November 12, 2024**

The Work Session of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 5:30 P.M. Members present were Todd Angerman, Michael Gruszka, John Alessia, and John Yelkich; Jill Murr, Clerk-Treasurer. Shane Tucker was absent. Staff present were Town Manager Criag Hendrix, Police Chief Jim Woestman, Fire Chief Chris Gamblin and GIS Director Greg White. Town Attorney David Westland was absent.


Town Manager Criag Hendrix discussed the alignment of Freedom Trail, a boardwalk and the retaining wall. The construction cost will be reduced with the installation of a boardwalk. There will need to be an amended agreement for design with the cost being paid by the town. There are no additional funds from INDOT for design. Councilmember Gruszka proposed an Employee Assistance Program for employees.

Town Manager Hendrix noted value engineering items and change orders for Nassau Park. \$232,000 for the pilings, signage \$50,000, the trail needed to be relocated away from the railroad, the sunscreen \$53,000, changes to the donor wall and dumpster enclosure were discussed. The HVAC unit needs to be changed with an approximate increase of \$5,000. The splash pad and LED lights were discussed with a cost of \$70,000 for the lights. Other items discussed were the lighting, cameras, speakers and sound equipment as well as the steel contractor and playground.

The work session stopped at 6:55 pm for the regular Town Council Meeting and continued at 7:12 pm. Attorney Westland joined via Zoom.

The West Side Sewer extension is out to bid and needs to be obligated before the end of the year. The easements and water utility as it relates to the project were discussed. An update was given on the maintenance facility, the salt barn design changed to allow for a dump truck to fit under it. This is a \$5.7M project. There is an upcoming meeting with the architect. The stormwater board has been meeting. They review fees and projects. They will be bonding for the EQ basin and equipment. There is a need for triaxle trucks and plows. The Stormwater Board recommends to Town Council the fees. Sanitary fees were discussed and the need for a flat rate. There are projects including the belt press and expansion that are needed. There will be an upcoming JMOB meeting. The priority of Redevelopment projects was discussed.

The work session adjourned at 7:47 pm



Todd Angerman, President

Attest:



Jill Murr, Clerk-Treasurer