

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE CLARKSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON OCTOBER 5, 2009
FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONDUCTING A PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE PROPOSED 2010 BUDGET**

A meeting of the Clarksville Town Council was called to order on October 5, 2009, at 6:30 P.M. in the meeting room of the Clarksville Municipal Center Administration Building by Council Vice President Paul Kraft, who chaired the meeting.

Council members present: Paul Kraft, Vicki Appleby, Gene Richert, Don Tetley, Bop Popp, and David Fisher. Council members absent: Greg Isgrigg. Also present at the meeting: Town Attorney Chris Sturgeon, Clerk-Treasurer Gary Hall, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Anita Neeld, and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Roberta McLemore.

Public Hearing on Proposed 2010 Budget... Chairman Paul Kraft announced that pursuant to proper notice a public hearing was scheduled to be held at this time regarding the Town's proposed 2010 budget and called for questions or comments from the public. There being no response to the call, Chairman Kraft requested that the minutes reflect there were no questions or comments from the public regarding the advertised 2010 budget estimate.

Departmental budget requests were discussed, with Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Roberta McLemore advising that the Category 2, 3 and 4 requests submitted by most departments for supplies, services, and capital outlays usually include some wish-list items. Mrs. McLemore recommended that capital projects and equipment requests be reduced prior to budget adoption in tax-supported funds and noted that restoration by additional appropriation proceedings might be an option in 2010 if sufficient revenues and fund balances are available to support some capital project or equipment requests in either tax-supported funds or in funds with specific revenues other than general property taxes. Mrs. McLemore pointed out that the Motor Vehicle Highway, Local Police Continuing Education, Probation User Fee and T.I.F. funds had higher requests than current projected revenues would support and recommended reducing the request for each of these funds so that the amount needing to be levied is reduced to zero. Mrs. McLemore reported that a 3% increase had been used for projecting 2010 personal service categories, noting that this percentage could be adjusted at the council's pleasure, and advised that adopting budgets with levies more in line with the current year's levies after taking into consideration proposed increases in personal services categories would provide a more functional starting point for the review and approval process of the Department of Local Government Finance in connection with the Town's 2010 budget.

Discussion was held on the state's legislation regarding property tax caps, commonly referred to as the "circuit-breaker" legislation, which is anticipated to begin having a significant adverse affect on property tax collections in the ensuing budget year, and the resulting need for caution in spending and managing budget obligations.

Council Member Bob Popp brought up the subject of the Town's TIF areas and discussion was held on the effect the TIF areas have on property taxes, whether a particular property could be removed from a TIF district, and whether consideration of future modifications to the Town's TIF areas should be considered.

Adjournment... There being no further business to come before the council at this time regarding the proposed 2010 budget, on a motion made by Councilman Fisher, seconded by Councilman Tetley and unanimously carried, the October 5, 2009 public hearing on the proposed 2010 budget was duly adjourned at 6:51 P.M.

Minutes prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer of the
Town of Clarksville, Indiana

Minutes approved by the Clarksville Town Council
on the _____ day of
_____, 20_____.

Gary P. Hall, Clerk-Treasurer
of the Town of Clarksville, Indiana

Gregory L. Isgrigg, President
Clarksville Town Council