

TOWN OF LOWELL ANNEXATION MEETING
MARCH 22, 2011
6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Wilbur Cox at 6:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call was taken. Members answering the roll call were Rich Kelley, Don Huseman and Doug Nicksch. Absent were Marcia Carlson and Mike Walters. Also present were Director of Community Development Wilbur Cox and Recording Secretary Chris Marbach.

Election of Officers:

Mr. Cox asked for a nomination for Chairman of the Annexation Committee. Mr. Huseman moved to nominate Doug Nicksch as Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Kelley. Roll call vote was taken with all three members present voting in favor of the nomination.

Chairman Nicksch asked for a nomination for Vice Chairman of the Annexation Committee. Mr. Huseman moved to nominate Mike Walters as Vice Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Kelley. Voting was **all in favor**.

Chairman Nicksch asked for a nomination for Secretary of the Annexation Committee. Mr. Kelley moved to nominate Marcia Carlson as Secretary. Seconded by Mr. Huseman. Voting was **all in favor**.

Discussion:

Mr. Nicksch had some suggestions to pass on to the committee:

1. Pockets in Town need to be annexed.
2. Annexation to Belshaw Rd to include the Water Plant.
3. Annexation to Nichols South to include the new middle school.
4. Annexation to Route 41 to get tipping fees from the businesses.
5. Utilize the two railroads in Town – CSX and the Norfolk Southern.
6. Make Belshaw Road a truck route.
7. Need to approve the resolution from the Redevelopment zone.
8. Provide non capital properties to annex (1 year)
9. Provide capital annexation with sewer, water etc. (3 years)

Mr. Cox stated that the Redevelopment Commission has decided that the Town needs to grow and attract family and wage earning businesses. A resolution needs to be forwarded to the Town Council after is has been approved by the Redevelopment Commission. A discussion followed regarding the Munster Steel project, the CD landfill and a proposed food processing business followed. Mr. Cox stated that the committee needs to give direction to all those involved as to where they want to go and why with the annexations.

Mr. Kelley moved to send a favorable pocket recommendation to the Town Council. Seconded by Mr. Huseman. Voting was **all in favor**.

Chairman Nicksch asked if there was a plan as to when the meetings would be held for the Annexation Committee. Mr. Huseman suggested that they should be “at will” until more information becomes available. Chairman Nicksch stated that he felt that they should wait until the Redevelopment Commission adopts the Resolution. Mr. Cox stated that he would check if the committee even has to advertise for their meetings. Chairman Nicksch asked that the committee members addresses and phone numbers be put into the minutes. They are as follows: Rick Kelley, 609 Dakota, 696-6209
Don Huseman, 362 Gwens Cove, 696-8493
Mike Walters, 151 S. Viant, 696-0711
Marcia Carlson, 240 W. Main St., 696-8075
Doug Nicksch, 5224 W. 173rd Pl., 696-3414

Mr. Kelley moved to adjourn at 6:50 PM.

Doug Nicksch, Chairman

Marcia Carlson, Secretary

Note: The above-proposed minutes are submitted for review and approval as the official minutes by the Annexation Committee.

Christine Marbach – Recording Secretary