

February 11, 2019

The Ellettsville, Indiana, Town Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, February 11, 2019, at the Ellettsville Town Hall Meeting Room located at 1150 W. Guy McCown Drive. Brian Mobley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Pam Samples led the Pledge of Allegiance followed with a prayer by Jimmie Durnil.

Roll Call: Members present were Brian Mobley, President; Pam Samples and Scott Oldham. Scott Thomas and Dan Swafford were absent. Sandra Hash, Clerk-Treasurer; Darla Brown, Town Attorney; Mike Farmer, Interim Town Manager; and Rick Coppock, Bynum Fanyo & Associates, Town Engineer; were also present.

Supervisors present were: Mike Cornman, Jimmie Durnil, Jeff Farmer, Danny Stalcup and Kevin Tolloty.

Approval of Minutes

Brian Mobley entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on January 28, 2019. Pam Samples so moved. Brian Mobley seconded. Roll call vote: Brian Mobley - yes; Pam Samples – yes; Scott Oldham – Abstained. Mr. Oldham was not present at previous meeting. Darla Brown, Town Attorney verified it was majority rule and not three votes to pass. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable Vouchers

Brian Mobley entertained a motion to pay Accounts Payable Vouchers. Scott Oldham made a motion for action to pay Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll. Pam Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Brian Mobley - yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Pam Samples – yes; Motion carried

Proclamation for Tri-Kappa

This is a yearly proclamation for Tri-Kappa. Any questions can be addressed to Sandy Hash, Clerk Treasurer. Brian Mobley entertained a motion to approve the Proclamation for Tri-Kappa week of February 18, 2019 to February 24, 2019. Scott Oldham so moved. Pam Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Brian Mobley – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Pam Samples – yes. Motion carried.

Resolutions

Resolution 02-2019 Additional Appropriation for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus

Mike Cornman, Ellettsville Fire Chief explained the SBA, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, is part of their personal protective equipment and the tanks have a shelf life of 15 years. The apparatus mechanism itself is approximately 3 cycles out of the National Fire Protection Services standards basically making them out of date. After several years research on grants with no success, they applied to the Public Safety, LIT, local income tax committee and they approved on behalf of Richland Township in the amount of a little over \$97,000.00 for the SBA project which was \$202,000.00 total. The remaining funds will come from the Richland Township Trustee through the contract to the fire budget to allow the payment. They did get a one year loan to obtain the SBA's by June 1, 2019 at a discount prices. The loan will be paid off this year. Mr. Cornman requested the additional appropriation to make the payments. Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer explained that the special distribution did reduce the monthly amount for Public Safety distribution for January. Every entity received a little less to make up for the special distributions. Brian Mobley made a motion to approve the Resolution 02-2019 Additional Appropriation for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus. Pam Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Brian Mobley – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Pam Samples – yes. Motion carried.

Old Business

Flood Report

Brian Mobley stated he will pass this to Mike Farmer, Interim Town Manager to report with Supervisor Comments.

New Business

Letter of Support for Monroe County Next Level Trails Grant

Kevin Tolloty, Planner, explained they are working with Monroe County to apply for the Next Level Trails Grant. Monroe County is also applying for the Grant to work on the Karst Farm Greenway. By working together, there are bonus points for later when our trail will connect with their trail and in the end it will benefit both. County Commissioners gave us their letter of support last week and are asking for one in return to support their project. Mr. Tolloty asked for approval and signatures for the letter of support for Monroe County and one to support his project and he will get them submitted. Brian Mobley entertained a motion to approve the Letter of Support for Monroe County Next Level Trails Grant. Pam Samples so moved. Scott Oldham seconded. Roll call vote: Brian Mobley – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Pam Samples – yes. Motion carried.

Offer to Purchase McNeely Street Property for Trail Project

Darla Brown, Town Attorney explained the council already approved at the November 27, 2018 meeting authorizing her and Mike Farmer to negotiate for the purchase of the McNeely Street Property and now the Town is interested in purchasing the property as part of the Grant process. She had asked Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer, to put this on the agenda just to keep the council updated, but there was nothing to update.

Bids for Police Equipment

They received one bid for the tire rack from Jay Humphrey in the amount of \$55.00. Brian Mobley made a motion to approve the bid from Jay Humphrey in the amount of \$55.00 for the purchase of the tire rack. Pam Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Brian Mobley – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Pam Samples – yes. Motion carried.

Privilege of the Floor

Scott Oldham questioned why this was moved from the last to the middle of the agenda. Mr. Mobley stated he preferred to have it in this order. Mr. Oldham asked if this was voted on and both agreed to discuss at a later time.

William Ellis, Republican Party Chair, expressed his support for the initiative that Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer, and Mike Farmer, Interim Town Manager, agreed on for having one polling location for Ellettsville's municipal primary election. He further stated the Monroe County Election board will meet here on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 10:30 to determine if the Town Hall will be suitable. Reducing this to one location will net a savings of between \$5,000.00 and \$8,000.00. Additionally, he added if the primary election is unopposed, the state law allows no requirement for a primary election. He endorsed that stating there would be nobody to vote for and the low voter turnout would not be worth the expense. He encouraged the council to vote with him and Larry Barker, representative for the election board, to save Ellettsville some time and money and not have a primary election if all parties are unopposed. In the event that this changes, to have the election at Town Hall.

Supervisors Comments

Mike Farmer reported they investigated the Town after the flooding that occurred on Wednesday, February 6, 2019. The hardest hit was Vine Street with minimal damage to homes, the Utility building and Old Town Hall. He thanked all the departments for assisting in all areas affected by the flooding. They had one rescue and several streets were closed temporarily due to high water that was unexpected and came up quickly. He also reported they received an updated report on the Flood study. Andrew Miller from the engineering firm, would like to meet to discuss the report and anyone interested should attend. Mr. Farmer will email everyone to schedule a time and date to complete the drafted study for later presentation to the Town. He asked to expedite the meeting for as soon as possible before reaching the rainy season coming up.

Ron Wayt, Chandler Funeral Home, spoke to discuss the damage to the Funeral Home resulting from the excess of water coming from Seven Oaks School across the street and Park Street. He asked for clarification if the study included review of that area. He feels the water damage to the Funeral Home was due to cars traveling on the road on Temperance Street in water 6 to 8 inches deep that pushed the water across the street up over the sidewalk. He continued to mention several vehicles, including a hearse and motorcycles in the garage were damaged and there was a great deal of expense involved in cleaning up the parking lot and The Funeral Home in time for a viewing. Mike Farmer explained that area was part of the study and was he able to take several videos and pictures of the flooding in various parts of the Town to help with the study. Mr. Wayt, expressed his opinion that the flood situation should be a priority of the Town and they should push forward with Eminent Domain to obtain the property on Vine Street to proceed with the flood remediation. He additionally added that flood insurance only will cover a building damaged 3 times in flooding. This would result in demolishing the building and relocating the business or raising the building 3 feet which could result in dissolving the business.

Mike Cornman commented that for a short period of time, all access to Ellettsville was shut off making travel for the Fire Department difficult.

Brian Mobley, explained there was a place on the Ellettsville webpage to report damages and costs. This information will be used later to apply for FEMA, Federal Emergency Management Agency, to recover some of the losses to the county.

Jimmie Durnil thanked all the departments for their excellent work during the flooding and he appreciated all the cooperation. He reported the majority of the damage to the History Center/Old Town hall is from mud cleanup. Harris & Company is assisting with the cleanup and they are testing the trim they purchased that was supposed to be water resistant.

Mike Farmer encouraged everyone to report their damages online so the county can have complete information to report to local agencies to see if they meet the threshold for receiving assistance from the federal government.

Jeff Farmer also thanked everyone for their cooperation in the flooding situation. He also acknowledged Ron Wayt by stating he wasn't aware of the situation they had at the Funeral Home. He agrees it is time for action in getting this under control. He sympathizes with everyone inconvenienced by the flooding. He continued with reporting the pump at the Smithville lift station failed during the flooding. They do not have a backup and are in need of a new pump. He explained they have adequate funds available in the Capital Replacement Fund. He suggested a Chopper pump to replace the current Non-clog pump. He had an estimate on both and asked for approval to proceed with the purchase of a new pump and to repair the old pump seal to use as a backup pump. Brian Mobley entertained a motion to approve the purchase of a C4SXP 1000EC Chopper Pump in the amount of \$10,150.00. Scott Oldham so moved. Pam Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Brian Mobley – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Pam Samples – yes. Motion carried.

Council Comments

Scott Oldham revisited the question of the moving of Privilege of the Floor. Brian Mobley stated it was a decision made by several council members that it would be better to have it with the Supervisor and Council comments instead of at the end. Mr. Oldham asked if there was a vote on it. Mr. Mobley didn't want to discuss it and didn't know if it required a vote. Mr. Oldham disagreed with moving it stating it is at the end of the meeting so everyone has had a chance to hear all the supervisors' comments and council comments and was able to make their comments based on them. Mr. Mobley explained it was determined by the new council members this change be made and not particularly everyone, it was not discussed in an open discussion before the public. Mr. Oldham apologized if he had missed the discussion, but was under the impression it was to be discussed by everybody.

Brian Mobley thanked everyone for all their efforts during the flood. The citizens and business owners appreciated being well informed and prepared during the situation to keep damage minimized. He further expressed his appreciation for the Police Department and the Fire Department working during the extreme cold.

Pam Samples thanked everyone for everything they do every day and to keep up the good work.

Adjournment

Brian Mobley entertained a motion to adjourn. Pam Samples so moved. Scott Oldham seconded. Brian Mobley adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Brian Mobley, President

Dan Swafford, Vice President

Scott Oldham

Pam Samples

Scott Thomas

Sandra C. Hash, Clerk-Treasurer, IAMC, MMC