

August 1, 2012

The Ellettsville, Indiana, Town Council met in a special session on Wednesday, August 1, 2012, at the Fire Department Training and Conference Room. The meeting started at 6:00 p.m. Town Council members present were Scott Oldham, President; Dan Swafford, Vice-President; Dianna S. Bastin, David Drake and Phill Smith. Supervisors present were Jim Ragle, Street Commissioner; Jim Davis, Fire Chief; Tony Bowlen, Town Marshal; Connie Griffin, Director of Planning; and Utility Managers, Mike and Jeff Farmer. Sandra Hash, Clerk-Treasurer and Darla Brown, Attorney were also present.

Year 2013 Budgets

The Supervisors presented their 2013 Budget reductions to the Council for review and discussion as follows.

Sandra Hash, Clerk-Treasurer, Administrative Budget: \$258,670.49. Budget reduction \$17,600. There was discussion on adding the Attorney cost for attending the Plan Commission meetings. The cost would be \$5,000.

Connie Griffin, Director of Planning: \$112,331.73. Budget reduction \$1,932.50. The need for a new copier was discussed. Connie will have some estimates for review at the next budget meeting.

Jim Davis, Fire Department: \$1,080,010.70; Budget reduction \$9,500. Cumulative Building and Equipment: \$51,325.56.

Tony Bowlen, Police Department: \$761,638.17; Budget reduction \$13,290. Cumulative Capital Development: \$90,500 and Law Enforcement Continuing Education: \$8,500.

Jim Ragle, Street Department: Motor Vehicle Highway: \$447,938.26; Budget reduction \$5,480. Cumulative Capital Improvement: \$25,300; and Local Roads and Street: \$73,000.

Park and Recreation, 24,100 - Budget reduction \$2,410.

Mike Farmer, Bynum Fanyo Utilities, Water: \$1,690,530.00 and Waste Water: \$1,920,780. No reductions requested by Council.

Scott Oldham stated he wanted the Supervisors to review their budget ahead of time and reduce them now rather than turning in large amounts of unspent appropriations at the end of the year.

David Drake said he believes the 10% reductions are not necessary since the budget is funded and the operation balance is continuing to increase annually.

Dan Swafford felt the ability of the Supervisor to make the reductions is a step toward a balanced budget and shows we are gaining financial ground. Scott encouraged the Supervisors to discuss the reductions with their liaisons. The reductions will be discussed again on August 7th at the next budget session.

Jim Davis presented information on purchasing a Fire Engine, Rescue Truck and Equipment. The Westside TIF District has proposed to pay \$440,000 toward the purchase. The remainder will be paid by Richland Township and the Town of Ellettsville over a seven year period. The Town's portion will be paid from the Cumulative Building and Equipment Fund and will not create a tax increase. Darla Brown, Town Attorney will meet with the TIF Board to work on an agreement.

Engine - \$399,800

Rescue - \$352,800

Equipment - \$75,090

Total Cost \$827,690

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Scott Oldham, President

Dan Swafford, Vice-President

Dianna S. Bastin

David Drake

Phillip Smith

Sandra C. Hash, Clerk-Treasurer