

April 10, 2023

The Ellettsville, Indiana, Town Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, April 10, 2023 at the Ellettsville Town Hall Meeting Room located at 1150 West Guy McCown Drive. William Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Kevin Patton led the Pledge of Allegiance followed with a prayer by Jimmie Durnil.

Roll Call: Members present were William Ellis, President; Trevor Sager, Vice President; Scott Oldham, Pamela Samples; and Dan Swafford. Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer; Michael Farmer, Town Manager; Darla Brown, Town Attorney was also present.

Supervisors participating: Denise Line, Kip Headdy, Kevin Patton and Jeff Farmer were present.

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting March 27, 2023

William Ellis entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting March 27, 2023. Trevor Sager so moved. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Scott Oldham – yes: Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples - yes. Motion Carries.

Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll

William Ellis entertained a motion to pay Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll. Dan Swafford so moved. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Scott Oldham – yes: Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples - yes. Motion Carries.

Resolutions

Resolution 05-2023 Additional Appropriation – General Fire and MVH Restricted

Kevin Patton, Fire Chief explained it is needed for vehicle maintenance, they have had a lot of expenses early this year and the account is low for the amount of the year remaining. Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer added at the end of the 2022 year there was an encumbrance missed for \$8,000 which put him behind from the beginning. Sandra Hash explained for the MVH restricted, in the budget last year the amount quoted for income for MVH distributions came in more and we are required to put 50% in the restricted fund so this allows us to spend the extra money we didn't know we were getting. Scott Oldham made a motion to approve Resolution 05-2023 Additional Appropriation – General Fire and MVH Restricted. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Scott Oldham – yes: Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples - yes. Motion Carries.

Resolution 06-2023 to Dispose of Surplus Property for the Street Department

Kip Headdy, Street Commissioner explained they have received the new 550 they ordered and no longer need the 2004 F750 dump truck that it is replacing. He is leaving the sand spreader and the plow with the truck due to its age and he is requesting to surplus it on Gov Deals. Scott Oldham made a motion to approve Resolution 06-2023 to Dispose of Surplus Property for the Street Department. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Scott Oldham – yes: Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples - yes. Motion Carries.

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Dan Rarey explained that they continue to have good attendance at the Task Force meetings and Ron Taylor made a full presentation to the Plan Commission that answered a lot of questions and concerns. William Ellis expressed concern from citizens regarding meetings in the evening so more people can attend. Dan Rarey stated they have discussed that and they are planning to have some in the evenings.

New Business

William Ellis explained there is a legacy issue from January with the Town Council President election. He stated he is willing to resign and is pulling out of the discussion since it is about him. This was part of a conversation with the State Board of Accounts after they completed the audit. Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer explained at the exit conference for the audit, William and herself attended it was explained after they reviewed the minutes and was aware of the partial year motion for president. Sandra further explained it is customary to elect the officers in January for 12 months and when she submits the annual report in the Gateway it lists the existing officers at that time so it is the record for the DLGF (Department of Local Government Finance) and State Board of Accounts. The SBOA (State Board of Accounts) suggested that we elect the officers in January for 12 months. It was interpreted that they should leave the officers as is through December. Scott Oldham made a motion to leave the elected officers where they are at. Trevor Sager seconded. Pamela Samples questioned why in January it was allowed when it isn't the right procedure. Scott Oldham stated it is preferred but not procedure and Sandra Hash explained she had her exit interview after the decision and was not aware of it until after the decision was made. Darla Brown explained that according to the minutes there was a discussion and it was agreed William Ellis would resign as president in April and she believed that was ok according to statute but since then, SBOA explained that isn't the best procedure. Darla recommended keeping as is until the January election. Roll call vote: Dan Swafford – no, he feels William should keep his promise to resign in April. Trevor Sager – yes; Scott Oldham – yes, Pamela Samples – no; William Ellis asked if he abstains what happens. Darla Brown, Town Attorney explained Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer would vote to break the tie. William Ellis abstained. Sandra Hash wished to follow the SBOA and voted yes. Motion Carried. William Ellis clarified this was not something they knew about until the audit interview and asked to be skipped in the rotation next time.

Privilege of the Floor

Brandy Langley explained she is a resident of 5024 Lakeview Drive. She is here this evening to express her concern about College Movers at 5029 Lakeview Drive. Since they moved in there it has caused an unsightly mess, increased noise and traffic. It is currently used to store campers and storage pods. Kyungbin Kwon, from the Korean Church beside College movers also explained the new construction has caused mud issues in his parking lot and damage to his fence. Denise Line, Planner explained she hadn't heard about this and she will check it out this week. The damage to the fence was from the cutting of trees and was addressed with College Movers but the repairs were made with Zip Ties and not actually repaired. The erosion issue was temporarily blocked with old telephone poles and there is considerable litter on the property. The property is zoned commercial and in Town and Denise Line believes they will demo the house eventually. Denise Line reiterated she will take care of it this week.

Supervisor Comments

Kevin Patton, Fire Chief discussed during the storm last week the Town sent 3 vehicles to the Northwest part of the county to assist with damage resulting in a shortage at the Town. Off duty personnel came into staff 2 additional apparatus, the Monroe Fire District sent an engine with 4 people and 2 Fire Chiefs came to back fill the station for command and control. Jeff Farmer also came in and rode out a couple of times. He felt everything went well considering and he thanked everyone for their assistance.

Jeff Farmer explained he had a meeting this month with Eastern Richland Sewer and they are installing a new 24" sewer interceptor all the way up through the Hartstrait Basin. The 24" will empty into an 18" so after discussion with the Engineers it was determined that a 15" and an 18" tie into a 30" and with the flood remediation in the area they need to look at how they can transmission that wastewater to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. To eliminate overflow, they are considering an equalization basin. This is just informational and he will get costs and reports to the council in the future. Jeff also discussed the UV that was voted on several months ago to purchase is still delayed, the brand ordered will require \$33,000 worth of engineering done to make it work. They will have to alter flow channels and weirs.

He has no idea what that will cost so that company is no longer the cheapest option. The Trojan Technology is what they have now and would be a drop in with no additional cost or engineering fees and would save a considerable amount. He would like to revisit this at the next meeting and will provide more information then.

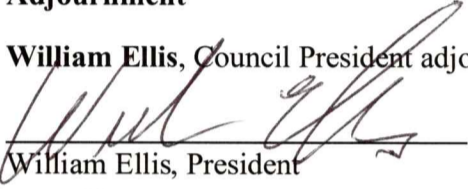
Jeff Farmer also mentioned how amazed he is with the EMS and everyone that comes together to get things done during the storms.

Council Comments

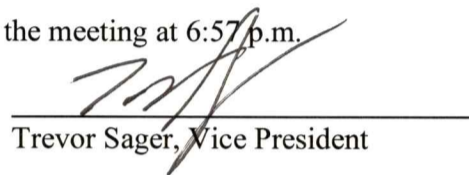
Scott Oldham congratulated Edgewood Winter Guard and Winter Percussion. Winter Guard placed in the top 10 and Winter Percussion won State. He explained the kids and the instructors do a phenomenal job.

Adjournment

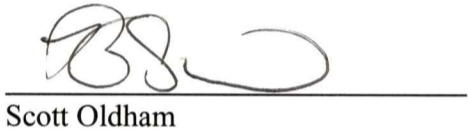
William Ellis, Council President adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.



William Ellis, President



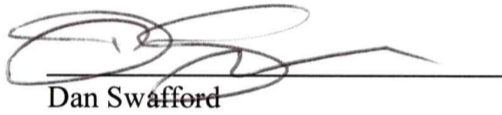
Trevor Sager, Vice President



Scott Oldham



Pamela Samples



Dan Swafford



Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer, IAMC, MMC