

The Ellettsville, Indiana, Town Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, January 8, 2024 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. Dan Rarey said the prayer followed by Kevin Patton leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Supervisors participating:** Jeff Farmer, Kevin Patton, Kip Headdy, George Robinson and Denise Line.

### **Election of Officers**

#### **President:**

**Dan Swafford** made a motion to elect Scott Oldham as president. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; William Ellis – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Dan Swafford - yes. Motion Carries.

#### **Vice President:**

Pamela Samples made a motion to elect Dan Swafford as Vice President. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; William Ellis – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Dan Swafford - yes. Motion Carries.

#### **Plan Commission:** appointed by Council President

Terms ending in 2023: Pat Wesoloski – D

David Drake – R

No objection to re-appoint.

Member from the Government appointed by Council Vote

Sandra Hash – R

Pamela Samples – R

Pamela Samples agreed to continue. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Dan Swafford - yes. Motion Carries.

William Ellis made a motion to appoint Noelle Conyer. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham - no; Dan Swafford – no; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – no. Will revisit the next council meeting as there were no other nominations.

#### **Board of Zoning Appeals:** appointed by Council President

Terms ending in 2023: Pat Wesoloski – D

No objection to re-appoint.

#### **Park and Recreation Board:** appointed by Council Vote

Term ending in 2023: Megan Day

Jimmie Durnil, Parks Board president was not present to confirm if she wanted to continue.

William Ellis made a motion to table. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Dan Swafford - yes. Motion Carries.

### **Annual appointments by the Town Council**

**Monroe County Emergency Management Advisory Council** - Kevin Patton. Kevin Patton agreed. William Ellis so moved. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Dan Swafford - yes. Motion Carries.

**Monroe Conty Solid Waste District Board** – Dan Swafford. Dan Swafford agreed. Pamela Samples made a motion. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Dan Swafford - yes. Motion Carries.

~~**Ellettsville Chamber of Commerce** – Mike Farmer. Mike Farmer agreed. Pamela Samples~~  
made a motion. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Dan Swafford - yes. Motion Carries.

**Metropolitan Planning Organization** – Pamela Samples. Requested to step down. Dan Swafford volunteered. Pamela Samples made a motion to appoint Dan Swafford. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Dan Swafford - yes. Motion Carries.

**Health Officer** – Kevin Patton. Kevin Patton agreed. Pamela Samples made a motion. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Dan Swafford - yes. Motion Carries.

**(BEDC) Bloomington Economic Development** – 4 Seats

Mike Farmer & Pamela Samples, Executive Board. Voting seats.  
Noelle Conyer & Denise Line, General Seats. Non-voting seats.

William Ellis will serve in Pamela Samples seat; she doesn't want to continue on Bloomington Economic Development. Dan Swafford made a motion for Mike Farmer and William Ellis to serve as voting members on the Executive Board of BEDC. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Dan Swafford - yes. Motion Carries.

Trevor Sager made a motion for Noelle Conyer and Denise Line to continue as non-voting members on BEDC. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Dan Swafford - yes. Motion Carries.

**Animal Control Board** – William Ellis. William Ellis doesn't want to continue but agreed after no one else volunteered. All in favor, Scott Oldham. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – no; Scott Oldham – no; Dan Swafford – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Dan Swafford - yes. Motion Carries.

**Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting December 27, 2023**

**Scott Oldham** entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting December 11, 2023. Dan Swafford so moved. William Ellis seconded. All in favor, motion carries.

**Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll**

**Scott Oldham** entertained a motion to pay Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll. Trevor Sager so moved. Pamela Samples seconded. All in favor. Motion Carries.

**Resolutions**

**Resolution 01-2024 Cancellation of Warrants (old outstanding checks)**

**Scott Oldham explained this is procedural at the beginning of each year. Noelle Conyer, Clerk Treasurer** explained it outstanding checks for the past 2 years that haven't been reported as lost or been cashed. These will be cancelled and taken off the books. The total is \$241.05. Dan Swafford made a motion to approve Resolution 01-2024 Cancellation of Warrants. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Dan Swafford - yes. Motion Carries.

**Resolution 02-2024 to Approve Purchase of an Easement for the installation of a water line across property owned by Umbarger Farms LLC**

**Darla Brown, Town Attorney** explained that Mike Farmer, Town Manager has been informally discussing with Marty Umbarger the purchase of an easement across the northern part of his property south of KeHE. The Utilities Department is interested in securing the easement for the purpose of installing a replacement water line that would comport with the

Town's Master plan. The issue is how much would be paid for the easement. Mike Farmer explained the water line project is part of the rate study on a capital project list. They are replacing the 60-year-old, 6" water main from the wells west of Town. The master plan for the Town included a 12" water line on that property back to Reeves Road to complete a loop of 12" water main. The new 12" main will be in more of a convenient location and requires an easement to put it where they want. There are 3.654 acres that is needed for the easement. 1.215 acres is permanent and 2.43 acres is temporary which is 20-foot-wide permanent easement and a 40-foot-wide temporary easement for construction. Total price is \$66,825.00. They utilized the cost per acre for the permanent easement and matched what was given for Harman Farm and cost per acre on Loudon and Reeves Road. \$42,525.00 for the permanent easement and \$24,300.00 for the temporary easement. The money comes from the money left in the secondary water line and part of the rate study. William Ellis made a motion to approve Resolution 02-2024 to Approve Purchase of an Easement for the installation of a water line across property owned by Umbarger Farms LLC. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Dan Swafford - yes. Motion Carries.

### **Envision Ellettsville**

**Dan Rarey** explained there will be a task force meeting on January 23 from 3:00-4:30. It is a combination of Business Gathering, Connectivity and Beautification and an UDO meeting tomorrow 1:00-3:00. They will discuss design standards during the task force meeting.

### **New Business**

#### **Applying for ICAM for Rural Transit**

**Darla Brown**, Town Attorney discussed an email from Nick Smaligo from IU Center for Rural Engagement that was sent to Town Council members suggesting that the Council may be interested in applying for a grant called the Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Grant to provide funding for Rural Transit. She will forward the information to council that will summarize the particulars of the Grant. If the Town applies, it has to apply to get funds for a capital project. Capital project is defined broadly and includes a joint development improvement project that enhances the effectiveness of public transportation as related physically or functionally to public transportation. Denise Line, Planner explained it was an 80/20 grant and has to have a transportation program or a sub recipient who has the transportation program. Deadline is February 13<sup>th</sup> 2024. The council agreed to have Darla Brown do more research on it.

### **Privilege of the Floor**

**Russ Ryle** commented regarding annual reports and he would like to see those for 2023. He is interested in knowing what their needs are for the future since the Town is moving from a small Town to an Urban Area and we need to make sure the Town can handle the expansions we are facing.

### **Supervisor Comments**

**Mike Farmer**, Town Manager and Utilities Director explained there is a QR code on the water bills to complete a survey of 3 questions that will help them what type of material customers have leading from the meter pit into the house. It is part of the Lead and Copper Rules from the EPA. He encouraged everyone to complete it. It will save a lot of money and time in the future. He also discussed the upcoming cold weather and people should prepare by covering crawl space vents, removing hoses from spigots and meter lids not properly placed. There is 24/7 service to shut off service and call the Utility Office for emergency service.

**Jeff Farmer** discussed that they have 3 pieces of equipment that are original to the WWTP. A Wheel Loader, 1995 Tandem Dump Truck and a Gator that he has prices for that he will be sending to replace those pieces just as a heads up for the next meeting.

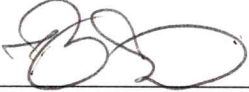
**Kevin Patton**, Fire Chief discussed that on April 8<sup>th</sup> 2024 there will be a solar eclipse. The Ellettsville Fire and Police Department are putting together an incident action plan for the emergency services portion of that. Everyone will receive a copy of that. They had a meeting today with other supervisors that will also be involved as well due to the large number of people that are anticipated to be in the area for the event making it difficult to operate the daily functions of the Town. The Chamber event on January 19<sup>th</sup> will present an overview of the business community to further the action plan. There will be an email group for the public to email questions and keep people informed.

**Council Comments**

**William Ellis** thanked everyone for their support during his role as Council president.

**Adjournment**

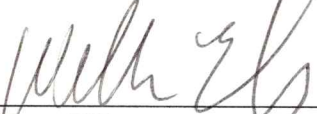
**Scott Oldham**, Council President adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

  
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Scott Oldham, President

  
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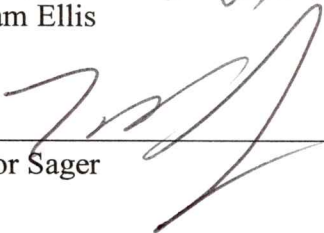
Dan Swafford, Vice President

  
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William Ellis

  
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Noelle M. Conyer Clerk/Treasurer,