

The Ellettsville, Indiana, Town Council met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at the Ellettsville Town Hall Meeting Room located at 1150 West Guy McCown Drive. Dan Swafford called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Kevin Patton led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a prayer by Jimmie Durnil.

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

**Supervisors participating:** Kevin Patton, Kip Headdy, Jimmie Durnil, Denise Line and Jeff Farmer.

**Introduction of Deputy Clerk – Kelley Cantrell**

**Noelle Conyer**, Clerk Treasurer announced she hired a new deputy clerk and introduced Kelley Cantrell. Kelley Cantrell was selected out of 5 candidates. She has an extensive background in finance and will be coming from the City of Bloomington to start on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting March 25, 2024**

**Dan Swafford** entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting March 25, 2024. Trevor Sager so moved. Pamela Samples seconded. All in favor, motion carries.

**Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll**

**Dan Swafford** entertained a motion to pay Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll. Trevor Sager so moved. Pamela Samples seconded. All in favor, motion carries.

**Resolutions**

**Resolution 08-2024 Fiscal Plan for the Norris Annexation**

**Darla Brown**, Town Attorney explained there are 2 Norris Annexation petitions, the first is for 317 E Main Street that consists of about a half an acre and the Plan Commission voted a favorable recommendation last Thursday. This is a resolution required by statute to approve the Fiscal Plan. William Ellis made a motion to approve Resolution 08-2024 Fiscal Plan for the Norris Annexation. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Pamela Samples – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Motion Carries.

**Resolution 09-2024 Fiscal Plan for the Norris Annexation, Part 2**

**Darla Brown**, Town Attorney explained this is an adjoining parcel located at 313 E Main Street also a half an acre and the Plan Commission voted a favorable recommendation last Thursday. Trevor Sager made a motion to approve Resolution 09-2024 Fiscal Plan for the Norris Annexation, Part 2. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Pamela Samples – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Motion Carries.

**Resolution 10-2024 Fiscal Plan for the Umbarger Annexation**

**Darla Brown**, Town Attorney explained this is for 2 parcels of land and the total is 148 acres located at 6140 N Starnes Road and North Starnes Road and the Plan Commission voted a favorable recommendation last Thursday. Noelle Conyer announced the Wi-Fi is out again, it goes in and out and they have had several attempts from Smithville and Steve Mascari from B-Town IT to get the issue resolved and been unsuccessful is get it corrected. William Ellis made a motion to approve Resolution 10-2024 Fiscal Plan for the Umbarger Annexation. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Trevor Sager – yes; William Ellis – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Motion Carries.

**Ordinance of First Reading**

**Ordinance 2024-08 Voluntary Annexation of 317 E Main Street totaling One-Half (.50) Acre**

**Denise Line**, Planner explained Plan Commission at the April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting voted unanimously to give a favorable recommendation to Town Council for the annexation of one-half acre parcel located at 317 E Main Street proposed annexation area is 32% contiguous to the Town and 100% of the property owners support the petition. Property is currently zoned IP, Institutional Public by Monroe County and is recommended to be designated as Residential One, single family residential upon annexation. The property is located in council ward 3 and the staff are requesting approval for annexation. Darla Brown, Town Attorney explained these all can be voted on as Second Reading since it has already been approved through the Plan Commission. Pamela Samples made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-09 Voluntary Annexation of 317 E Main Street totaling One-Half (.50) Acre. William Ellis seconded. Roll call vote: Pamela Samples – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Motion carries.

**Ordinance 2024-09 Voluntary Annexation of 313 E Main Street totaling One-Half (.50) Acre**

**Denise Line**, Planner explained Plan Commission at the April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting voted unanimously to give a favorable recommendation to Town Council for the annexation of one-half acre parcel located at 313 E Main Street proposed annexation area is 32% contiguous to the Town and 100% of the property are parties to the petition. Property is currently zoned AG/RR, Agricultural/Rural Reserve by Monroe County and is recommended to be designated as Residential One, single family residential upon annexation. The property is located in council ward 3 and the staff are requesting approval for annexation. Pamela Samples made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-10 Voluntary Annexation of 313 E Main Street totaling One-Half (.50) Acre. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: Pamela Samples – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Motion carries.

**Ordinance 2024-10 Voluntary Annexation of 6140 N Starnes Road and Starnes Road (two parcels) totaling 148 Acres**

**Denise Line**, Planner explained Plan Commission at the April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting voted unanimously to give a favorable recommendation to Town Council for the annexation of two parcels totaling 148 acres located at 6140 N Starnes Road and Starnes Road. It's a super voluntary annexation, multiple owners of both parcels agree to the annexation. The proposed annexation area is 49.68% contiguous to the Town. The property is currently zoned AG/RR, Agricultural Reserve by Monroe County and is recommended to be designated as A1 Agricultural upon annexation. The property is located in council ward 1 and staff is requesting approval for annexation. Clark Greiner from Bloomington Economic Development Corporation spoke and stated the BEDC would support the annexation of this property and feels there is a lot of potential with it. Denise Line, Planner explained there were a couple of questions at the Plan Commission meeting that was addressed about what would be done with the land. She explained this would be up to the owners but was satisfied that it was zoned as agricultural. Agricultural 1 includes farming, one single family house or hobby farms. William Ellis made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-11 Voluntary Annexation of 6140 N Starnes Road and Starnes Road (two parcels) totaling 148 Acres. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Trevor Sager – yes; William Ellis – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Motion carries.

**Old Business**

**Award Bid Contract for Starnes Road Project**

**Michael Farmer**, Town Manager explained there were 3 bids. Core & Main was the lowest bid \$133,856.50. Core & Main bid was approximately \$4,000.00 lower than the second bid and \$7,000.00 lower than the third bid and they are local. He would like approval to proceed. He explained it is a project that consists of 2400 feet of 12" inch pipe from Harman Farm area along the highway and goes hand in hand with the annexation of the Umbarger property and part of a 40-year plan to wrap 12" pipe around the Town. Trevor Sager made a motion to approve the bid award for the Starnes Road Project to Core & Main. Roll call vote: Trevor Sager – yes; William Ellis – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Motion carries.

**Supervisor Comments**

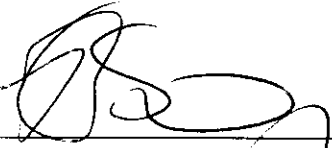
**Jimmie Durnil**, Town Marshal thanked everyone involved for putting together a wonderful program and plan for the Town during the eclipse. The Police and Fire department and Department of Public Works worked great together.

**Denise Line**, Planner explained that on October 10, 2022 the Town entered into an agreement with Taylor Siefker Williams Design Group to prepare a Unified Development Ordinance. The UDO committee began meeting in September 2023 and the last meeting was in March. She anticipates sending a draft to committee members sometime in May and an Open House for that is being planned for May 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 and she will confirm that at a later date. The UDO is anticipated to go before Plan Commission and Town Council at the July meeting for approval. She also announced that the DNR has approved the Trail Plan so you will begin seeing construction shortly.

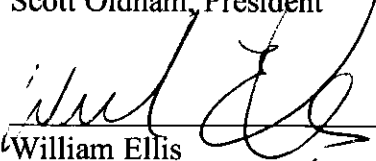
**Michael Farmer**, Town Manager explained that the Starnes Road project is replacing the original water main built in the late 50's or early 60's. The well fields that supplied the water to Ellettsville used to be on Bank Drive and Starnes Road. When he was 8 years old he rode along with his dad to do the water chlorination as the water superintendent. The water quality and fire protection will be excellent compared to the original main. He also discussed that there are a lot of different capital projects to begin including the trail, The Stewart Park Barn and amenities for the park to make it appealing for people who visit the Town. He hopes it will dry up so they can begin soon. He also discussed his appreciation for all the employees that worked during the eclipse. He was impressed with the level of preparedness for this event.

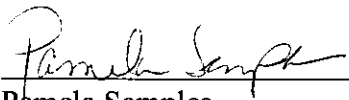
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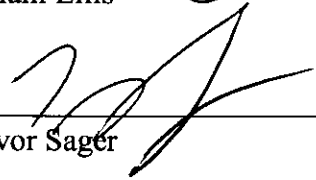
**Dan Swafford**, Council Vice President entertained a motion to adjourn. Trevor Sager so moved. Dan Swafford adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

  
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Noelle M. Conyer Clerk Treasurer