

May 27, 2025

The Ellettsville, Indiana Town Council met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at the Ellettsville Town Hall Meeting Room located at 1150 West Guy McCown Drive. Scott Oldham called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Chief Jimmie Durnil gave a word of prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chief Kevin Patton.

**Roll Call:** Members present were Scott Oldham – President, William Ellis, Dan Swafford – Vice President and Trevor Sager. Mike Farmer – Town Manager, Noelle Conyer - Clerk Treasurer and Darla Brown – Town Attorney were also present.

**Absent Members:** Pamela Samples

**Supervisors Participating:** Kevin Patton – Fire Chief, Jimmie Durnil – Town Marshal, Kip Headdy - DWP Director and Denise Line – Planning Director Jeff Farmer – Wastewater Supervisor, was absent.

**Public Hearing**

**Award of Bids for Community Crossing Matching Grant**

Scott Oldam stated there were two bids opened at the May 12, 2025, meeting from E & B Paving for \$244,215.10 and Milestone Paving for \$277,571.80. Kip Headdy stated he and Denise looked over the bids and they will be moving forward with E & B Paving. William Ellis made a motion to approve the bid for the Community Crossing Grant Match for E & B Paving. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldam – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford - yes. Motion carries. William Ellis stated that in the future the council should be notified when applications are open for a grant.

**Approval of the Minutes for the Regular April 28 and May 12, 2025**

William Ellis entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on April 28 and May 12, 2025. Trevor Sager 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 seconded. All in favor, motion carries.

**Resolutions none**

**Ordinance on First Reading**

**Ordinance 2025-14 Recertifying the Current Legislative Body Districts of the Town of Ellettsville, Indiana Ordinance 202**

Darla Brown stated that as of November, the town council has to either redraw the district lines or recertify the current lines and if not done by the end of June, they will not get paid until it is done. She prepared an ordinance to recertify the current legislative body districts of the town based on information from the last census in 2020 prepared by Kevin Tillody. Scott Oldham stated he would like to study the census and research further into the islands in the town.

#### **Ordinance 2025-15 To Adopt the Town of Ellettsville Construction Standards & Specifications Manual for Roadways**

Darla Brown stated this is a manual that has been prepared by the Department of Public Works and Rick Coppock to adopt the specifications for construction standards and roadways. Denise Line explained there are two manuals; Construction Design Standards and Stormwater and the UDO has references to those documents on the website.

#### **Ordinance on Second Reading**

#### **Ordinance 2025-13 to Set Fees for the Rental of the Ellettsville Heritage Center**

Denise Line explained at an earlier supervisors meeting that the rental fee was discussed, and it was decided that the rental fee will be \$250 with a deposit of \$500. At the May 5 meeting, the Parks Board voted unanimously to approve the fees. William Ellis asked what the council thinks of a resident and non-resident fee. Scott Oldham stated he would like the Parks Board to be able to waive the fee. William Ellis suggested requiring event insurance in place of the \$500 deposit. Scott Oldham asked about requiring event insurance for a certain number of people. Darla Brown will work on amending the ordinance and bring it back before the council and recommended tabling until the next meeting. William Ellis made a motion to table Ordinance 2025-13 to Set Fees for the Rental of the Ellettsville Heritage Center. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion tabled.

#### **Old Business none**

#### **New Business none**

#### **Privilege of the Floor**

From the town, Dennis Pence on 792 Lantern Lane stated there is no respect for the 20 mile an hour speed limit and proposed extra patrol, speed bumps or a 4 way stop. President Scott Oldham asked about the timeline for replacing the speed strips, Kip Headdy mentioned he has someone will be contacting within the next week to get numbers together to get new street items to help reduce speeds in the neighborhoods.

Valerie Dewar from the Chamber Board thanked the town and Parks and Recreation for the memorial service and new activities.

#### **Supervisor Comments**

Mike Farmer spoke about the concert and thanked the Department of Public Works, B97, Denise, the police and Marty Stevens. Jeff stated tentatively there will be a ribbon cutting for the new Department of Public Works building on the 23<sup>rd</sup> possibly with the regular scheduled meeting.



Chief Jimmie Durnil spoke about the memorial service stating he was disappointed in the turn out, but overall, the event was a success and it was a great day for the service.

Chief Kevin Patton stated the Ellettsville Fire Department received a grant for a four-wheeler and they have possession and thanked Smithville Foundation. Kevin stated that the fireworks are on July 5, and the rain date is the 6<sup>th</sup> and is all donation based. He stated there is a link to the donation site on the Fire Facebook page.

Kip Heady stated the department has started crack sealing the streets.


Noelle Conyer stated in February she started working with Baker Tilly to do a comprehensive financial plan that was presented to the supervisors on the 23rd and will be presented to the board. Noelle will be releasing budget forms to supervisors this week. Kelly will have the budget calendar at the next meeting. She explained that Zero Based Budgeting is starting at zero, putting in what is needed and making incremental increases as opposed to using what was budgeted in 2024. Noelle stated this was the recommendation for the potential of lost revenues going forward.


**Council Comments**

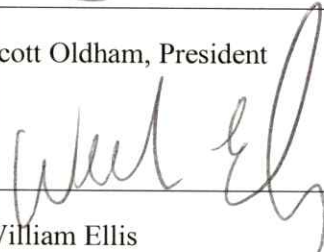
William Ellis thanked Noelle and the supervisors for considering zero-based budgeting.

**Adjournment**

**Scott Oldham** adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

  
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William Ellis

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Noelle M. Conyer Clerk -Treasurer