

June 9, 2025

The Ellettsville, Indiana Town Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, June 9, 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, Trevor Sager and Pamela Samples. Mike Farmer – Town Manager and Darla Brown – Town Attorney were also present. Noelle Conyer - Clerk Treasurer was absent, Deputy Clerk Kelley Cantrell served in her absence.

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

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular meeting May 27, 2025

Scott Oldham entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on May 27, 2025. William Ellis so moved. Dan Swafford seconded. All in favor, motion carries.

Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll

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

Resolutions – None

Ordinance on First Reading – None

Ordinance on Second Reading

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

Darla Brown, Town Attorney explained that at the last Town Council meeting council had requested some changes to Ordinance 2025-13. It now reads that the fee is going to be \$125 per day or part of the day for individuals who reside within the corporate limits of the Town and \$250 for those who reside outside the corporate limits. Renters have the option of either paying a \$500 damage deposit or offering a copy of certificate of insurance for event coverage which would cover the town and fee waivers based on need shall be considered by the Park Board. Valarie Dewar from the public inquired about not residing within the Town but owned a business within the Town if the outside limit fees still applied. Board agreed to amend to reside or owns property within the Town. Trevor Sager made a motion to approve the amended Ordinance 2025-13 to Set Fees for the Rental of the Ellettsville Heritage Center. William Ellis seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldam – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion carries.

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

Darla Brown, Town Attorney discussed that at the last meeting all Towns have to have their districts wither recertified or redrawn by the end of this month and the statute allows for a recertification if as of the last census, the population did not change and therefore the ward lines or the district lines did not change, so I had prepared a certification for the council to approve saying that the wards or the districts haven't changed and the Town just wishes to recertify the current legislative body districts. Pamela Samples inquired about all the new additions being added in Town and asked if that would affect it. Darla Brown explained it was based on the last census and suspects that at the next census the Town will have to do some redrawing of the districts to account for the population growth. William Ellis asked Denise Line, Planner to confirm by the next council meeting to confirm that the current wards are within the right census blocks because the districts have to be in line with the census blocks. Darla Brown stated that the Clerks Office had ok'd the Ordinance and that they were fine. William Ellis was ok to pass it if it was approved by the Clerks Office. Darla Brown further explained that redistricting can be done at any time if something was to change such as an annexation but it is just required after every census. Dan Swafford made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-14 Recertifying the Current Legislative Body

Districts of the Town of Ellettsville, Indiana. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldam – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion carries.

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

Darla Brown, Town Attorney explained this was discussed at the last Town Council meeting as well. If council approves, these will be posted on the Town's website or the Plan Commission website or both. There are various points throughout the UDO that made a reference to these construction standards and specifications. At the last meeting she mentioned that in the final manual copy of you passed, on page 3 under section 3.0 there is a reference to chapter 761 Storm Water Management and it should say 152 and Council passed the new Storm Water Ordinance last November. William Ellis made a motion to approve the Ordinance 2025-15 to Adopt the Town of Ellettsville Construction Standards & Specifications Manual for Roadways. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldam – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion carries.

Old Business none

New Business

Re-Appointment of Ellettsville Building Corporation board members

Darla Brown, Town Attorney explained that the 3 board members, Jack Neal, Brandon Wright and Carly Woodruff are all up for reappointment. According to the bylaws the Ellettsville Building Corporation board members are supposed to serve 3 years and suggests reappointment of all 3. She has contacted all 3 and all 3 are willing to continue serving. William Ellis believes that Carly Woodruff has moved out of the county. Darla will check with her on that and for now suggests reappointment of the 2. Pamela Samples made a motion to Re-Appoint Ellettsville Building Corporation board members Jack Neal and Brandon Wright. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldam – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion carries.

Richland Township Lease Termination Agreement

Darla Brown, Town Attorney explained the Town has a lease agreement with Richland Township Trustee to rent the property on Park Street. The Town is going to vacate the property soon and the Richland Township Trustee attorney, Eric Cook prepared the lease termination agreement and states the Town will vacate the premises on or before July 1st and surrender the premises to the Township Trustee at that time. Pamela Samples made a motion to approve the Richland Township Lease Termination Agreement. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldam – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion carries.

Privilege of the Floor

Carl Thurman – Thurman Body Shop and resident of downtown Ellettsville inquired about the 2nd and 3rd phase of the flood remediation. The 1st phase has helped but there has still been flooding recently and would like to know when the other phases will begin. Michael Farmer, Town Manager explained that they plan to install 2 large culverts at the McNeely Street Bridge and that should alleviate some of the problem but the County owns that property and they must meet with them to get it approved to move on with Phase 2.

Chad Stephens addressed the flooding issue after the recent flood. He stated that he took on 21 inches of water on Sunday after the rain. Something has to be done and he had to express his concern. He loses tools, morale is down and they have to work hard to restore his business repeatedly and it gets very frustrating. He is willing to help in any way he can to get things moving forward.

Jason Barrett – Floor Coverings International spoke in regard to appealing a fine, he was directed to address the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Supervisor Comments

Michael Farmer, Town Manager discussed June 23rd there will be a ribbon cutting for the new DPW Building. The Utility department will be closed the next few days to move to the new building. He also addressed the flooding. It has been a bad year for rain and the Town has taken a hard hit. There is still a lot that needs to be done to correct the situation but they are always out there to help.

Jeff Farmer, Wastewater Supervisor explained that the plant has had some incidents but were able to rectify them quickly but they really need to dive deep into the Inflow and Infiltration issues. Eastern Richland Sewer Corporation is on board and wants to get on it.

Kevin Patton, Fire Chief explained that the fireworks are on July 5th at dusk along with food trucks. The fireworks are funded completely by donation. Donations can be made on the Ellettsville Fire Department Facebook page.

Denise Line, Planner explained that in March she contacted the Census Bureau about a boundary update. After she completed the paperwork, they sent her the maps. On May 30th she provided an update adding 21 streets and 8 parcels. This gives them plenty of time to get everything in line for the next census.

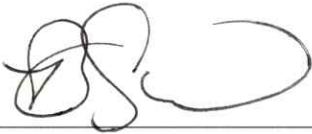
Michael Farmer stated the concert series is going well and recommends everyone to attend.

Council Comments

William Ellis inquired to see if there were any plans for the 250th anniversary next year for the country. He said little things like flags and hydrant painting would be little things but it is something we should consider ahead of time. Michael Farmer stated that there was no discussion of any plans but he is patriotic and it hadn't been a thought but they will discuss it.

Adjournment

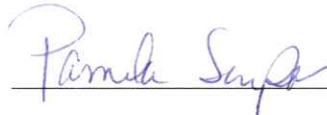
Scott Oldham adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.



Scott Oldham, President



Dan Swafford, Vice President



Pamela Samples



Trevor Sager



Noelle M. Conyer Clerk -Treasurer

