

September 8, 2025

The Ellettsville, Indiana Town Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, September 8, 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, Trevor Sager and Dan Swafford. William Ellis attended by Zoom. Pamela Samples was absent. Mike Farmer – Town Manager and Noelle Conyer, Clerk Treasurer were also present. Darla Brown, Town Attorney was absent.

Supervisors Participating: Kevin Patton – Fire Chief, Jimmie Durnil – Town Marshal, Kip Headdy – DPW Director and Denise Line – Planning Director.

Award Police Officer of the Year Ellettsville Police Department

Lt. Zachary Michael read the nomination for Officer of the year naming John Newcomer. John has served with the Ellettsville Police department for 12 years. He serves as a crime scene technician and the first qualified law enforcement phlebotomist. He is also a certified firefighter and Emergency medical technician. Officer Newcomer is a great asset and friend to the Town.

2026 Budget Pre Adoption Hearing

Scott Oldham explained this is a public hearing for preadoption of the 2026 Budget. It has been discussed several times and has received several comments so this is the opportunity for the public to speak. No comments from the public.

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular meeting August 25, 2025

Scott Oldham entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on August 25, 2025. Trevor Sager 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 Ellis seconded. All in favor, motion carries.

Resolutions

Resolution 26-2025 to Declare Police Department Equipment and Surplus

The Ellettsville Police Department is requesting to surplus and transfer 15 Taser X2 devices along with batteries and cartridges to the Indiana University Police Department for use in its training exercises. There is confusion about being a surplus and should be just a transfer. Trevor Sager requested to table Police Department Equipment Surplus. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; William Ellis – yes. Motion tabled.

Resolution 27-2025 Approving Borrowing to Finance Fire Department Roof

Kevin Patton, Fire Chief stated he understood after speaking with Peoples State Bank it is a 3-year note but does not plan on it lasting that long and requests approval to proceed. Noelle Conyer, Clerk Treasurer explained the first payment will be due in December of 2026 in the amount of \$21,577.48 to continue for 3 years. Dan Swafford made a motion to approve Resolution 27-2025 Approving Borrowing to Finance Fire Department Roof as amended for Scott Oldham to sign loan documents if necessary on behalf of the council. William Ellis seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; William Ellis – yes. Motion carries.

Resolution 28-2025 Approving Certifications for the Town

Michael Farmer, Town Manager requested to table. Dan Swafford made a motion to table Resolution 28-2025 Approving Certifications for the Town. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; William Ellis – yes. Motion tabled.

New Business**New Gates for Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Jeff Farmer, Wastewater Supervisor explained he had 2 quotes for new electronic gates at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. It is the first step in relocating the dumping station to the plant from the Blue Building. It will be paid for out of the Vehicle Replacement fund. Sunset Fence bid was \$24,834.96 and BSA Specialty Service Group bid was \$42,500.00. Sunset Fence installed the gate at the DPW building and they are happy with it. There is quite a price difference also so the decision is obvious to go with Sunset Fence. No response on a third bidder. Trevor Sager made a motion to approve the purchase of new gates from Sunset Fence in the amount of \$24,834.96. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; William Ellis – yes. Motion carries.

MOU between the Monroe County Prosecutor and Town for funding of the HTCUC through December of 2027

Jimmie Durnil, Town Marshal explained there are no changes and extends the existing MOU through 2027. Trevor Sager made a motion to approve the MOU between the Monroe County Prosecutor and Town for funding of the HTCUC through December of 2027. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; William Ellis – yes. Motion carries.

Supervisor Comments

Michael Farmer, Town Manager explained the upcoming weekend is the Fall Festival and encouraged everyone to attend. He congratulated John Newcomer on his award.

Kevin Patton, Fire Chief stated the first Monday of each month they have a staff meeting at the Fire Station and the crews watch the council meetings so they asked Kevin to extend to the council a thank you for looking at their futures by keeping raises in order to protect their jobs.

Council Comments

William Ellis read the following Declaration for the Bloomington Economic Development Corporation (BEDC). For serving the community for 40 years.

Town of Ellettsville Declaration**Recognizing the 40th Anniversary of the Bloomington Economic Development Corporation (BEDC)**

WHEREAS, the Bloomington Economic Development Corporation (BEDC), founded in 1985, has dedicated four decades to fostering job creation, wage growth, and community prosperity across Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, since 2020, Monroe County has seen commitments of more than \$1 billion in capital investment and over 900 new jobs created through eleven BEDC-supported projects that represent not just statistics, but higher wages for residents, new opportunities for local businesses, and greater tax revenues to support essential services; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ellettsville recognizes the BEDC's steadfast support in attracting new projects and increasing capital expenditures within our community, playing a key role in these successes; and


WHEREAS, through efforts ranging from scouting viable sites to structuring tax incentives that unlock infrastructure improvements, the BEDC has delivered out-of-the-box solutions to advance complex projects that benefit Ellettsville and the broader Monroe County region; and WHEREAS, the BEDC continues its mission as a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to the retention, development, and attraction of quality jobs in Monroe County, with a focus on advancing economic development strategy, fostering entrepreneurial activity, and supporting active business retention, expansion, and attraction efforts; and

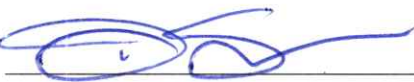
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED that the Town of Ellettsville does hereby recognize and celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Bloomington Economic Development Corporation and expresses its appreciation for the BEDC's ongoing commitment to building a strong regional economy, supporting Ellettsville's growth, and creating opportunities for all residents of Monroe County. Adopted this 8th day of September 2025.

Michael Farmer, Town Manager extended his appreciation to the BEDC for being an outsource to Ellettsville and everything they have done for the Town.

Adjournment

Scott Oldham adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

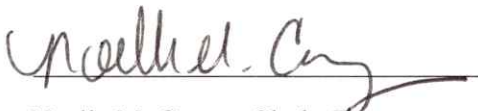


Scott Oldham, President

Dan Swafford, Vice President

William Ellis

Pamela Samples

Trevor Sager

Noelle M. Conyer Clerk -Treasurer

