

December 22, 2025

The Ellettsville, Indiana Town Council met for a special meeting on Monday, December 22, 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. Jimmie Durnil gave a word of prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Kevin Patton.

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

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

Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll

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

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular meeting December 8, 2025

Scott Oldham entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on December 8, 2025. Dan Swafford so moved. William Ellis seconded. All in favor, motion carries.

Resolutions

Resolution 44-2025 Transfer for Fire from Volunteer Insurance to Gas and Oil

Noelle Conyer, Clerk Treasurer explained it is a standard request from the Fire Department. The amount remaining in the volunteer firefighter insurance line was \$1,098.30 to be transferred into their gas and oil line to cover remaining expenses for the year. William Ellis made a motion to approve Resolution 44-2025. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll Call vote: Pamela Samples – yes; William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion passes.

Resolution 45-2025 Encumbrances for 2025

Noelle Conyer, Clerk Treasurer explained they are for all department to encumber money to use 2025 monies to be paid at the beginning of 2026. Dan Swafford requested for a financial report sometime in January or February to know how much money was reverted to the General Fund from 2025 budget. Noelle explained it would be closer to February to tie up all the year-end encumbrances. Dan Swafford made a motion to approve Resolution 45-2025. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll Call vote: Pamela Samples – yes; William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion passes.

New Business

Approval of 2026 Meeting Dates

Noelle Conyer, Clerk Treasurer presented meeting dates for 2026. Changes in dates are due to holidays that fall on regularly scheduled dates. Dates are put on the website and posted outside the Clerk's office. William Ellis so moved. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll Call vote: Pamela Samples – yes; William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion passes.

Memorandum of Understanding Between Richland Township, Town of Ellettsville and Rogers Group for a new Fire Station

Darla Brown, Town Attorney explained this was discussed earlier this year before Town Council. The Richland Township Trustee is willing to finance a new Fire Station for the Town of Ellettsville to replace the Curry Pike Building. The proposed spot for the new Fire Station is a four-acre parcel at the corner of West Vernal Pike and North Hartstrait Road which is owned by North American Minerals. They subleased to Rogers Group and Rogers Group and North American Minerals are willing to sublease to Richland Township for the purpose of building the fire station. The question before was what if legislature done away with Townships. She inserted a new section eight which

states that the landowner and the township agreed that the township shall enter into a sublease agreement with the town for the land located at North Hartstrait Road for the project on the same terms and conditions as the sublease agreement and so upon further consideration, further discussion with the township trustees attorney, he is concerned that if the bond company sees that in there that they will not approve the bond. She isn't sure you can make an agreement where Rogers subleases to both the town and the township because then that means the town is on the hook for the debt and it also affects the town's borrowing limits and their constitutional debt. She suggests this is a memorandum of understanding, and agreement to agree and can hammer out details later. Her suggestion is to take out that section she put back in, pass it as amended because as soon as it's passed and approved by the Township board, Mr. Cook will go ahead and start conferring with bond counsel. Once this is passed, the discussions will be more in depth and detailed about what can be done financially in terms of building the new building. Basically, the Township is responsible for this debt and not the Town. If there is a consolidation, it will be still not be a loss on the Town. Also, with the efforts to move forward by the commissioners to decide that Ellettsville and Richland are going to be into the fire district it will not have an effect on this document. William Ellis made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between Richland Township, Town of Ellettsville and Rogers Group for a new Fire Station striking out section eight. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll Call vote: Pamela Samples – yes; William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion passes.

Council Comments

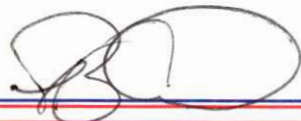
Dan Swafford wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

William Ellis discussed that the Monroe County Commissioners posted their intentions to expand the fire district. In that notice it mentioned Richland Township and the Town of Ellettsville and discussions of the Town of Ellettsville and the Richland Township forming their own fire district with their approval. He wanted to make it clear that no one on council has had that discussion and there is no intention of that. He was upset that the commissioners only gave a three-day notice over the weekend they were going to discuss this and he is tired of commissioners thinking they can run roughshod over the Town. They are telling everyone that if this reorganization doesn't pass they are going to, without a public vote, take over your fire protection. Ellettsville is trying to look out for your best interest and the commissioners are definitely not. He thanked the county council for trying to stop the overreach by the commissioners but they can only do so much within their statutory duties and they have to stay in their lane. He felt this was a shot across the bow to schedule the meeting at the same time, same date as the reorganization meeting. He stated that if you think any tax implications from reorganization are going to be increased, wait until you get the bill for a fire district and you won't get any extra services. On a lighter note, he wished everyone a Merry Christmas and really enjoyed Santa on Sale Street. He further noted that these are the things that we want to do this reorganization so we can continue to have our children and grandchildren come back to Sale Street and Ellettsville and live and work here. He doesn't want somebody from Monroe County that does not represent our interest, nor live in Richland Township to tell us what is best. It has to stop!

Scott Oldham chimed in to wish the people of Bean Blossom Township because they are being served something they didn't choose to vote for. He has heard 10 to 15 trying to figure out how they can annex themselves into Ellettsville. It's an unfortunate circumstance that they have been left out in the wind because somebody sees them potentially as the easiest target after Ellettsville extended what he feels was a very good offer to continue the same degree of fire protection that we have been giving them for years. Unfortunately, it will be expensive for a lot of people who are struggling already and he would be happy to consider anyone who wants to annex and will try to do consider it as fast as what they personally can. It is unfortunate it is going on and particularly at this time of the year.

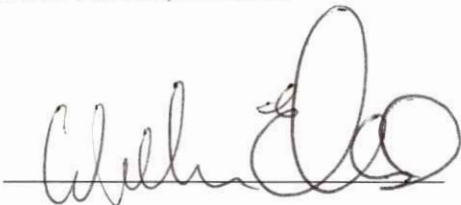
Adjournment

Scott Oldham adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

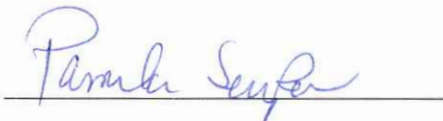


Scott Oldham, President

Dan Swafford, Vice President



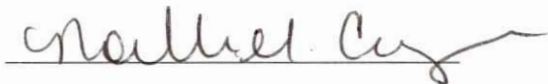
William Ellis



Pamela Samples



Trevor Sager



Noelle M. Conyer Clerk -Treasurer