

May 22, 2000

The Ellettsville, Indiana, Town Council met in regular session at 7:30 p.m., Monday, May 22, 2000. Members present were Geraldine McIntyre, President; Gina Hawkins, Vice President; Jerry Pittsford, and David Sorokoty. Member John Dailey was absent. Mrs. McIntyre called the meeting to order. Jerry Pittsford gave the prayer. Gina Hawkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS

ELLETTSVILLE SKATEBOARD PARK:

Jim Ragle indicated that he could not maintain the park area due to the gate being locked. Geraldine said she would get a hold of Kathy (Cerajeski) and she if they can get a key. Jerry Pittsford said he had previously spoke with Leasa (Farkas) and said that Leasa had not heard from Ms. Cerajeski. They would be having a meeting of their Board of Directors and Jerry had recommended that the council join that meeting whether they were invited or not. Geraldine said she had talked to Area-10 and they were going to hold the insurance on the skate park until a decision is made and then they would turn the insurance over to the Town of Ellettsville.

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE REQUEST CONSIDERATION ON WATER AND SEWER FEES: Don Lewis

Geraldine said that they were tabling this. They had received a letter from the town attorney and need to work this out with Jim Davis.

NEW BUSINESS

PURSUANT TO ETC 255-45: OTHER LEAVES: Sick leave and insurance payment request: Tim Vaught

Geraldine said Tim was injured and he is requesting the town to pay his insurance. Mike Farmer said that Tim is full-time and that there is a section in the personnel policy that states you can keep your insurance current up to six months by paying your insurance premium and it also says that on the request of an employee the town board may vote to pay or take care of his insurance premium while he is off. He may be off 8 – 10 weeks before he is fully recovered. Mike Farmer said he could not come back until he is 100%. Sandra Hash estimated that the most it could cost would be \$200.00 to \$300.00 extra already above and beyond what we normally pay.

Jim Davis asked about whether an employee injured on the job should have to use a sick day or vacation day to pay their insurance premiums. Sandra Hash said that Steve Bartlett has chosen to pay the insurance rather than ask the town to pay it and he is aware of the policy. Jim Davis said this is an issue that needs to be addressed and said he recognized the difference between a job-related injury and a non-job-related injury. What happens when they (sick days/vacation days) run out?

Sandra Hash said this question has never really been brought to the council before that she was aware of in the past few years. David Sorokoty said if the injury is on the job then the town should pay. Mike Spencer said that he did not have anything to add. There was more discussion on this.

Jim Davis offered to donate a sick day to cover his insurance premium. There was some discussion over the cost of the insurance. Jim Davis said use one of his 24-hour shifts to cover it. Sandra Hash said Tim has 5 vacation days and she can use 1 per pay to cover his premiums.

Jerry Pittsford made a motion to deny Tim Vaught's request for the town to pay his portion of his health premiums. Gina Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

ORDINANCE 00-13 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 99-15 OF THE ELLETTSVILLE TOWN CODE CONCERNING THE FIXING OF SALARIES FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2000: Establishing a new salary

Gina Hawkins read Ordinance 00-13. Sandra Hash explained that this salary was omitted from the salary ordinance and the State Board of Accounts said they could pay less than the salary specified in the salary ordinance but that they should go ahead and amend the salary ordinance and make it retroactive. David Sorokoty made a motion to approve Ordinance 00-13. Gina Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Gina Hawkins made a motion to pass Ordinance 00-13 on the day it was introduced. David Sorokoty seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Gina Hawkins made a motion to adopt Ordinance 00-13. Jerry Pittsford seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

RESOLUTION 5-00: Create a cash change fund

Gina Hawkins read Resolution 5-00. Sandra Hash discussed the need for this fund with the volume of garage sale permits. David Sorokoty made a motion to approve resolution 5-00. Jerry Pittsford seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

RESOLUTION 6-00: Transfer of funds

Gina Hawkins read Resolution 6-00. Jerry Pittsford made a motion to approve resolution 6-00. Gina Hawkins seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

REQUEST FOR USE OF THE BASKETBALL COURTS: Charity Cowden

The council received a request from Charity Cowden to use the basketball courts on Saturday, June 10th from 9:00 AM to approximately 12:00 PM for a 3-on-3-basketball tournament being held by the Ellettsville Christian Church. There was some discussion on this. Geraldine asked Sandra Hash to contact Charity and tell her to get their early to reserve the courts and that the town would not post a sign.

SUPERVISORS

Jim Ragle

Jim informed the council that a pole needed to be set on the library property in place of the tree that fell down. This tree was the main pole for stringing lights for the fall festival. The library has already approved the pole placement they want the council's blessing. The council gave permission for the pole placement.

Mike Farmer

Mike said he wanted to check with the council and see that they received the utilities operations report.

Bill Land

Bill discussed the survey that was going out this week, coverage in the newspaper, and a brief summary of the two steering committee meetings. There is a Plan Commission workshop scheduled for June 6th from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. In mid-June, somewhere around the 14th to the 20th we will advertise a public meeting. Copies of the draft plan will be available at the Town Hall and maybe 2 or 3 other places, maybe several copies at the library. Around July 6th the Plan Commission will advertise a public hearing for the adoption hearing. The council would then have to set a date for their adoption. We will be showing Monroe County Planning and the City of Bloomington Planning a draft of the plan in probably late June. We are on a fast track. The reason we are having meetings is to make sure this is an open process and this has been a team-operation. The Plan Commission owns this document.

David Sorokoty asked about aerial photography that was tabled at the previous meeting. There was some discussion about paying \$300.00 for the photography and what Cinergy was willing to do regarding aerial photography of the area. Bill Land said he would contact Gary Schilling.

Jerry Pittsford inquired about the survey and any follow-ups to be done. Bill Land said he expected 50% response and Jerry suggested callbacks be done for those who do not respond.

MINUTES AND CLAIMS

Gina had a question on a water and sewer claim that appeared to be the same, for an electric generator. It was explained that water and sewer split claims and that this was for a video camera. Gina made a motion to accept the minutes and claims. David Sorokoty seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Mike Spencer

Mike gave the council information regarding employee health insurance and payment of premiums pursuant to IC 5-10-8-2.6.

David Sorokoty

David thanked the Monroe County Commissioners for designating the McNeely Street Bridge for repair at a cost of \$100,000.

Jerry Pittsford

Jerry discussed a letter the council received from the Monroe County Animal Control Commission regarding the appointment of Ron McGlocklin to that board rather than Chuck Pate. There was discussion regarding this appointment. Jerry said he would draft a letter regarding this with stipulations regarding periodic reports from Chuck to the council. Jerry Pittsford made a motion to rescind the appointment of Ron McGlocklin to the Monroe County Animal Control

Commission and replace him with Chuck Pate. David Sorokoty seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Jerry remarked that he and his family had visited the new playground prior to it being vandalized and he offered his thanks to the Street Department and Parks Board for installing the equipment.

Geraldine McIntyre

Geraldine discussed a meeting with the town, INDOT, and Cinergy. There is another meeting scheduled for Friday. The price for the project we were given was \$1.1 million to bury the lines in town. Insight had no objection to placing their cables along with Cinergy’s lines should they be buried. Geraldine attended the Commissions meeting of Friday along with Cullen McCarthy and Leasa Farkas. She thanked the Commissioners for the McNeely Bridge project. There was discussion on what areas would have the lines buried.

ADJOURNMENT

David Sorokoty made a motion to adjourn. Jerry Pittsford seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

D. Geraldine McIntyre
President

Gina Hawkins
Vice President

John Dailey

Jerry Pittsford

David Sorokoty

Sandra C. Hash
Clerk-Treasurer