

March 9, 2020

The Ellettsville, Indiana, Town Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, March 9, 2020 at the Ellettsville Town Hall Meeting Room located at 1150 W. Guy McCown Drive. Dan Swafford called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. William Ellis led the Pledge of Allegiance followed with a prayer by Jimmie Durnil.

Roll Call: Members present were Dan Swafford, President; Scott Oldham, Vice President; Trevor Sager, Pamela Samples and William Ellis. Sandra Hash, Clerk-Treasurer; Darla Brown, Town Attorney and Mike Farmer, Town Manager and were also present.

Supervisors present: Mike Cornman, Jimmie Durnil, Kevin Tolloty, Danny Stalcup and Jeff Farmer.

Approval of Minutes

Dan Swafford entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular meeting on February 24, 2020. Trevor Sager so moved. Scott Oldham seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll

Dan Swafford entertained a motion to pay Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll. William Ellis so moved. Pamela Samples seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolutions

Resolution 05-2020 Preliminary Economic Revitalization Area Resolution – KeHe

Kevin Tolloty explained this the first of several resolutions dealing with tax abatement. This Resolution is designating 8101 West State Road 46 as Economic Revitalization Area making it eligible for tax abatement. At the next meeting there will be a Resolution making it final. There will be two additional resolutions for the tax abatement, one for personal property and another for real property. It is a 5-year abatement, first year at 100%, second year 80%, third year 60%, fourth year 40% and 20% for the fifth year. Scott Oldham questioned payment in lieu of taxes even when taxes are abated. Darla Brown, Town Attorney explained it would be explained and discussed under new business later on the agenda. This resolution is only preliminary and can be reaffirmed, modified or rescinded, allowing for publication in the paper and the public hearing portion will be at the next meeting on March 23, 2020. Scott Oldham made a motion to approve Resolution 05-2020 Preliminary Economic Revitalization Area Resolution – KeHe. William Ellis seconded. Roll call vote: Dan Swafford – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion carried.

Ordinances on First Reading

Ordinance 2020-16 to add Roundabout to the Traffic Section of the Ellettsville Town Code

Danny Stalcup, Street Commissioner, explained there is a roundabout in Litten Estates at Impatiens and Raymond Run that needs marked correctly designating the proper yield and direction flow. He has received several complaints of near accidents at the location as a result. The issue is 2 entrances have a stop sign and 2 have a yield sign causing confusion. The goal is to mark them all with yield signs.

Ordinances on Second Reading

Ordinance 2020-15 to replace Section 150 of the Ellettsville Town code Regarding Building Department, Building commissioner and Building Codes

Kevin Tolloty, Planner asked for this to be tabled, he is still waiting for state approval. Dan Swafford entertained a motion to table Ordinance 2020-15 to replace Section 150 of the Ellettsville Town code Regarding Building Department, Building Commissioner and Building Codes. William Ellis seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business

Agreement between the Town of Ellettsville and Indiana University Health Bloomington – Ambulance Staffing

Mike Cornman, Fire Chief explained this was an agreement between the Town of Ellettsville and IU Health Bloomington to provide a backup ambulance at Station 8 for the county since 2001. Money is budgeted as miscellaneous revenue and is used to fund half of a part-time firefighter to run the ambulance full time. The cost is the same as last year. There were 250 runs in 2019 and is down from the past but there has been an uptick in the last couple of months so numbers will probably change for this year. Scott Oldham made a motion to approve the Agreement between the Town of Ellettsville and Indiana University Health Bloomington – Ambulance Staffing. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Dan Swafford – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion carried.

Ordinances on First Reading

Agreement between the Town of Ellettsville and VET Environmental Engineering, LLC – Phase I Environmental Site Assessment at 104 West Vine Street

Darla Brown, Town Attorney explained they have filed an Eminent domain proceeding between Pip Jay Properties and the Town of Ellettsville for obtaining the property located at 104 West Vine Street, Ellettsville. Discussion is still in process in hopes of a resolution but she feels the Town should proceed with a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment in the amount of \$2,350.00. William Ellis questioned with not owing the property, are they allowed to access the property. Darla Brown explained it cannot be accessed but the assessment can be done by evaluating the property from 3 sides and do research to determine what the property has been used for to make the Phase I report. Turn around time for this report is 3 to 4 weeks. Dan Swafford entertained a motion to approve the Agreement between the Town of Ellettsville and VET Environmental Engineering, LLC – Phase I Environmental Site Assessment at 104 West Vine Street. Trevor Sager so moved. Scott Oldham seconded. Roll call vote: Dan Swafford – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion carried.

Fire Department – Promotion of two Part-Time Firefighters to Full-Time

Mike Cornman, Fire Chief announced the promotion of Brian Mauder from part-time firefighter to full-time firefighter. Brian will fill the space left by Jason Webb who recently left the department for other employment. Brian started out in 1988 as a volunteer firefighter in Coal City joining Owen Valley Fire Department in 1989 where he served every capacity of a volunteer fire department including chief for one year there and at Coal City along with working at General Electric Plant in Bloomington for over 30 years. Brian came to Ellettsville in September 2018 as a part time firefighter and averages 47 hours a week. The second promotion is Tyler Mauder, Brian's son. Tyler started out at Owen Valley Fire department in 2016 and joined Ellettsville as a volunteer beginning in 2017 and was promotion to part time in August. He graduated Vincennes University with an Associate degree in Applied Fire Science and is currently enrolled at Columbia Southern for Fire Service Administration. He also works part time with White River Fire Protection in Johnson County. There was a testing process of 6 candidates, interviewing 3 along with Town Council member Pamela Samples. He asked for permission to promote Brian Mauder and Tyler Mauder to a full-time status. Dan Swafford entertained a motion for Promotion of two Part-Time Firefighters to Full-Time. Trevor Sager so moved. Scott Oldham seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion of an Economic Development Agreement between the Town of Ellettsville, Scannell and KeHe

Kevin Tolloty, Planner explained it is tied to the tax abatement with KeHe. KeHe is currently under construction and in return they have offered to fund a full-time firefighter for 4 years at \$75,000.00 per year and \$50,000.00 for one year, coinciding with their tax abatement. They will also grant a 60-foot access easement along the east side of the property they are building on should the property behind develop there would be access to the area instead of using Starnes Road. Scott Oldham felt strongly that it was a positive move for the Town to help with providing extra fire personnel that couldn't be paid for by the Town and for economic growth in Ellettsville. It would work in comparison to the School Resource Officers and the school corporation. No vote is necessary at this point but should be back on the agenda on March 23, 2020.

Privilege of the Floor

Leasa Siscoe, President Ellettsville Main Street discussed the flood scare in February. She thanked the Town employees for their work to protect the Town beforehand. She strongly encouraged the council to continue to work on getting the flooding issue under control or more contained. She has witnessed several times the loss people have suffered from it and some things you can't replace with insurance. Main Street is willing to partner with the Town to obtain grants to help with the flooding.

Leasa Siscoe also spoke about Envision Ellettsville Project. The Ellettsville Greater Chamber of Commerce and Ellettsville Main Street have embarked on a joint project to build on the work of the Town to build a comprehensive plan to identify issues of the Town. They have signed a contract with Bloomington Community Foundation of Monroe County in the amount of \$30,000.00. They estimate costs to be around \$55,000.00 and will have fundraising events to raise that additional money. She mentioned Spencer did an Envision project and raised \$500,000.00. They are excited and hope to wrap up by April 30 of 2021.

Dan Swafford asked Leasa about the limestone carvings he noticed in the trail parking lot. She said they had an anonymous donation of \$10,000.00 to finish the caps for the columns. There will also be some limestone pieces around the new parking lot. Once completed, they will have a celebration. They are also planning their annual meeting in April and are hoping to have someone from Spencer there to speak about their Envision project. They worked with OCRA which is the state organization that assists with revitalization projects. It was suggested that Ellettsville and Spencer work together on grant opportunities. They are more than happy to work with the Town and will do what they can to help.

Michael Farmer, Town Manager announced they have kicked off the Big Hearts campaign for the Boys & Girls Club. The luncheon is planned. He encouraged everyone to support them if they could and if anyone was interested in attending the luncheon to contact him.

Supervisor Comments

Jimmie Durnil, Town Marshal mentioned they have started planning the Memorial Service. It will be a little early this year, on May 23rd or 24th.

Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer explained she has started the process for the additional appropriation the ad will run next week in the Journal for the School Resource Officer money the town received from the school and the extra public safety distribution so they can spend those funds. They received \$50,000.00 for one and \$60,583.00 for the other.

Michael Farmer, Town Manager stated they will probably be moving Food Truck Wednesday to Thursday this year. He asked for input from council. The Town will be taking the lead on organizing the event deciding who will be there and other concerns. He also mentioned speaking with INDOT (Indiana Department of Transportation) on adjusting speed limits west of town. They are requesting a survey be done to determine the speed limits due to new businesses in Town. Specifically, Smithville, it has become difficult with the 45 mile per hour (mph) speed limit to get out on to the highway and would like to lower it to 35 mph. He also asked about taking over maintenance at the Gateway coming into town at Arlington and Highway 46. It is in disrepair and needs the extra attention the Town can provide. They are currently working on a maintenance agreement for that. Other concerns are the Boys and Girls Club, Harmon Farm project and KeHe.

Council Comments

William Ellis mentioned the recent proposal from the mayor of Bloomington to increase the local income tax by .5%. He wanted to go on record to say he does not support this tax or the way it is levied. It will hurt the poorest of the poor and will cost approximately \$100.00 a month. He feels the best thing is to keep this money in their pocket to help with local businesses and employees.

Dan Swafford appreciated that William attends the public meetings for Bloomington and went on record by saying he didn't support it.

Pamela Samples does not support the tax increase. She feels it will really hurt the people of Ellettsville especially households on social security. We need to protect our taxpayers and don't let the mayor of Bloomington control them.

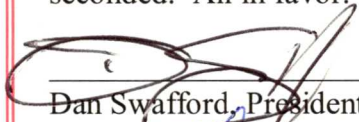
Scott Oldham explained it is the way the system is set and not so much the tax itself. The local option income tax they are currently using for public safety originated in Ellettsville and moved to the county council and then to city council because of the way the law is set it is made up of the 3 bodies with Stinesville having a representative but not a voting member. It is a majority vote; Ellettsville has 5 votes determined by the majority of the votes. The Statehouse is proposing that it would be one vote per representative. Ellettsville would have 5 votes; Bloomington would have 7 votes for Monroe County Council and 9 votes for each City Council. In total it would be majority to ratify it. With the distention of this matter it is important that we address the system because it will not only affect this but other matters in the future.

Trevor Sager went on record that he didn't support the tax as well.

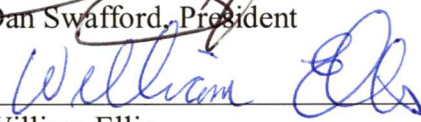
William Ellis said the City would like to see it passed by June and they will not postpone it.

Adjournment

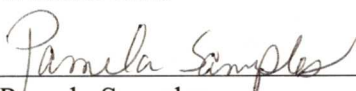
Dan Swafford entertained a motion to adjourn. Scott Oldham so moved. Pamela Samples seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Dan Swafford adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.



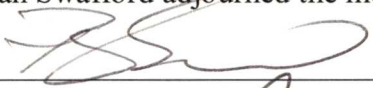
Dan Swafford, President



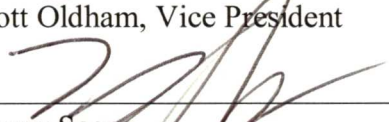
William Ellis



Pamela Samples



Scott Oldham, Vice President



Trevor Sager



Sandra C. Hash, Clerk-Treasurer, IAMC, MMC