

**May 23, 2022**

The Ellettsville, Indiana, Town Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, May 23, 2022, at the Ellettsville Town Hall Meeting Room located at 1150 West Guy McCown Drive. William Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mike Cornman led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a prayer by Jimmie Durnil.

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

**Supervisors participating:** Jimmie Durnil, Kip Headdy, Mike Cornman and Jeff Farmer were present. Denise Line, Assistant Planner was also present.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

William Ellis entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting May 9, 2022. Trevor Sager so moved. Scott Oldham seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

#### **Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll**

William Ellis entertained a motion to pay Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll. Scott Oldham so moved. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

**Pamela Samples presented a plaque to Mike Cornman from the Town of Ellettsville for his years of service.**

#### **Appointment to the Emergency Management Advisory Council – Kevin Patton**

**Mike Cornman**, Fire Chief explained the advisory council oversees the operations of the Department of Emergency Management. Under Indiana law, the Town has an appointment on the board. He is choosing not to continue serving on the board as Fire Chief and Kevin Patton has agreed to serve as his replacement. Scott Oldham made a motion to appoint Kevin Patton to the Emergency Management Advisory Council. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

#### **Open Bids for the Road Resurfacing – Community Crossing Grant**

Darla Brown, Town Attorney opened 2 sealed bids for the resurfacing of various streets in Ellettsville. Bids are as follows:

E&B Paving bid \$388,600.00

Milestone Contractors bid \$443,000.00

Darla Brown asked for council to take the bids under advisement and discuss with Denise Line regarding specifications of the grant. Scott Oldham made a motion for bids to be taken under advisement and announced at the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

#### **Resolution 05-2022 to Adopt a Community Investment Plan Detailing the Use of the Funding Provided Under the American Rescue Plan Act to Support the Town of Ellettsville's Recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic**

Darla Brown, Town Attorney explained this in an Ordinance that she has worked on with Clerk Treasurer Sandra Hash. There was some concern at the last meeting on some of the language in the funding plan. She sent an email to Baker Tilley to make some changes but has not heard back but doesn't feel the changes will be a problem. She is proposing that on Page 1, under table of contents, Promoting Equitable Outcomes be changed to Promoting Fair and Impartial Outcomes. Page 5,



Promoting Equitable Outcomes be changed to Fair and Impartial Outcomes. The paragraph will read as follows: The Town is economically diverse, and decision-makers are committed to implementing best practices and evidence-based projects to support a robust recovery. The Town's framework incorporates fair, just and even-handed considerations to ensure Recovery Funds for public health, economic recovery, and infrastructure projects address the needs of the Town's low-to-moderate income and minority residents. William Ellis was in favor of the changes. Trevor Sager made a motion to approve Resolution 05-2022 to Adopt a Community Investment Plan Detailing the Use of the Funding Provided Under the American Rescue Plan Act to Support the Town of Ellettsville's Recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

### **Ordinances on First Reading**

#### **Ordinance 2022-05 to amend Ordinance 2021-22 Salary Ordinance**

**Sandra Hash**, Clerk Treasurer explained the first part is to adjust the salary for the new Fire Chief due to having a few more certifications outside the salary Ordinance. Scott Oldham made a motion to table until the next meeting to reset some of the wording on the second part. Sandra Hash explained she would only be able to pay the new chief the existing chief's pay until it passes and then she could make up the difference. Kevin Patton agreed it was okay to wait until the next meeting. Scott Oldham made a motion to table this pending some modifications to the Ordinance. William Ellis seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

### **Flood Report**

**Michael Farmer**, Town Manager had nothing to report, they are still waiting on permits. He also mentioned that a few people at the Envision Ellettsville event expressed concerned that had seen some artist renderings from the Taylor Group depicting what the Town could look like down the road. There were a few houses that on the rendering that were shown as a pond. He explained they are just renderings with no aggressive intent.

### **Envision Ellettsville**

**Dan Rarey** discussed the success of the celebration event at Town Hall. He thanked everyone for coming and for the support along the way. They are off to the races and the next step is to implement the plan.

### **New Business**

#### **Addendum to the Lease between the Town of Ellettsville and the Richland Township to Allow HealthNet to use Marci Jane Lewis Park**

**Darla Brown**, Town Attorney explained that this was briefly discussed at a previous meeting. The Richland Township Trustee has made an agreement with HealthNet to use Marci Jane Lewis Park for a mobile medical unit to provide healthcare services. Jimmie Durnil, Town Marshal and Kip Headdy, Street Commissioner will work out any details with the Trustee for any services needed during the times they will be there. Scott Oldham made a motion to approve the Addendum to the Lease between the Town of Ellettsville and the Richland Township to Allow HealthNet to use Marci Jane Lewis Park. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

#### **Appointing a new Full-time Firefighter to Replace Brandon Monday**

**Mike Cornman**, Fire Chief requested moving Ron McManus to Full-time firefighter from Part-time firefighter to replace Brandon Monday recently leaving the department for other employment. Trevor Sager made a motion to approve moving Ron McManus from Part-time firefighter to Full-time firefighter. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.



**Mike Cornman**, Fire Chief requested to hire Robert Bell and Shane Jarrett as Part-time firefighters. Trevor Sager made a motion to approve hiring Robert Bell and Shane Jarrett as Part-time firefighters. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

**Mike Cornman**, Fire Chief requested moving Mark White from a Full-time firefighter to Part-time. Lieutenant Mark White has given his notice for other employment and would like to remain as a part-time firefighter. Pamela Samples made a motion to approve the request to transfer Mark White from a Full-time firefighter to Part-time firefighter. Pamela Samples made a motion to move Mark White to Part-time. Trevor Sager seconded. William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

#### **Tax Abatement Compliance Recommendation**

**Sandra Hash**, Clerk Treasurer explained there are three tax abatements, KeHE Distributors, LLC, Indiana WEH LLC and Ellettsville Senior Citizens Housing, LLC. An annual statement of compliance has to be filed that the Town agrees with the statement of compliance. Sandra confirmed the amount was paid to the Fire department from KeHe. William Ellis stated Ellettsville Senior Citizens Housing numbers were mostly zero due to the project not being completed yet. Scott Oldham made a motion to approve the tax abatement letter of compliance recommendation for KeHE. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried. Scott Oldham made a motion to approve the tax abatement letter of compliance recommendation for WEH LLC. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried. Scott Oldham made a motion to approve the tax abatement letter of compliance recommendation for Ellettsville Senior Citizens Housing, LLC. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

#### **Privilege of the Floor**

**Chris Clouse**, Ellettsville Fire Department representing the IAFF (International Association of Fire Fighters) local 5886 honored Chief Mike Cornman on his retirement. Along with Mark White and Kenny Parrish, they presented Chief Cornman with a Golden Axe memorializing his career.

**Valerie Dewar**, Hoosier Family Eye Care expressed her thanks for the clear microphones at this meeting. She discussed her excitement for the Town from the recent Envision Ellettsville project and expressed her sadness in seeing Mike Cornman go. She also explained that they have been in business for 45 years and are reaching retirement. The decision to make the practice sellable is the Town and she feels the Town is on the right track to make Ellettsville an attractive place for new medical care to preserve the legacy they have in the Town.

#### **Supervisor Comments**

**Mike Cornman**, Fire Chief spoke and expressed his heartfelt, emotional parting remarks for the Town. He hopes to be a part of Envision Ellettsville in the near future. He will greatly miss everyone and thanked the Town for many great years.

**Mike Cornman**, Fire Chief expressed his thanks to Mark White. Mark will leave the Town after 15 years as a valuable employee serving many roles in the department going over and above his regular duties. There will be many upcoming challenges to face with having 7 new employees but feels excited for the changes coming. He thanked the council and the Richland Township Trustee for all his help.

**Mike Farmer**, Town Manager stated it is almost budget time and there are a couple of new revenue streams, Local Income Tax, (LIT) being one that the Town hasn't had before. He

encouraged the council to put some thought into how we can best spend the monies. He is going to push using those funds to retain and support our employees. He also thanked Mike Cornman for his employment with the Town and expressed he will be greatly missed. He considers him the Town father and looks forward to his resurrection to the Town. He thanked Denise Line and Kip Headdy for their work on the Community Crossings Grant for the trail.

**Jimmie Durnil**, Town Marshall also expressed his gratitude for Mike Cornman, wished him well and stated it was an honor to work with him. He also mentioned that the Parks Board and Ellettsville Main Street will host the Memorial Service on Monday at 11:00 behind the library at Memorial Park.

Jeff Farmer, Kip Headdy, Denise Line, Trevor Sager, William Ellis, Pamela Samples, Scott Oldham and Eric Chaudion shared feelings and stories of Mike Cornman. Everyone will miss his words of wisdom and dedication to his years of service. He will leave a lasting legacy in this Town long remembered by his co-workers and community.

Denise Line mentioned Food Truck Wednesday should start next week, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 4-8. Last week was cancelled due to rain. Sale Street will close from approximately 2-8:30 or 9:00.

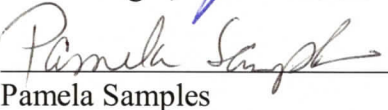
#### Adjournment

William Ellis entertained a motion to adjourn. Scott Oldham so moved. Trevor Sager seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

  
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Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer, IAMC, MMC