

June 13, 2022

The Ellettsville, Indiana, Town Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, June 13, 2022, at the Ellettsville Town Hall Meeting Room located at 1150 West Guy McCown Drive. William Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. William Ellis led the Pledge of Allegiance followed with a prayer by Jimmie Durnil.

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

Supervisors participating: Jimmie Durnil, Kip Headdy and Kevin Patton were present. Denise Line, Assistant Planner was also present in the absence of Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer.

Kip Headdy, Street Commissioner discussed the bids for the Community Crossing Grant Road resurfacing opened at the last meeting. Bids were taken under advisement with Denise Line and Kip Headdy and both bids met the requirements. The lowest bid and award goes to E&B Paving at \$388,600.00. Headdy also added that E&B has started the process on Reeves Road to replace the culverts. They will start at Mustang Drive and Sycamore Drive.

Approval of the Minutes

William Ellis entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting May 23, 2022. Scott Oldham so moved. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – 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. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

Kip Headdy, Street Commissioner inquired if there needed to be a vote on accepting the E&B Paving bid. Darla Brown, Town Attorney verified there should be. Scott Oldham made a motion to accept the bid from E&B Paving for the Community Crossings Grant resurfacing project in the amount of \$388,600.00. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

Resolutions

Resolution 06-2022 Additional Appropriation for Community Crossing Grant and American Rescue Plan

Denise Line explained that Sandra Hash had informed her there was additional Motor Vehicle Highway (MVH) money left over from 2021 that needed appropriated. The Community Crossing matching funds and the grant funds along with the American Rescue Plan also need appropriated in order to spend. The appropriation is for the first part of the American Rescue Plan. Scott Oldham made a motion to approve Resolution 06-2022 Additional Appropriation for Community Crossing Grant and American Rescue Plan. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

Resolution 07-2022 Transfer of Funds and Appropriations from MVH Restricted to Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant

Denise Line explained in order to pay out the Town's part of the Community Crossings Matching Grant it has to be transferred to the Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant fund. Trevor Sager made a motion to approve the transfer of funds and appropriations from MVH Restricted to Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant fund. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

Resolution 08-2022 to Dispose of Surplus Property for the Fire Department – 3 Truck Toppers

Kevin Patton, Fire Chief explained these toppers were purchased for the 3 Dodge Rams that they were hoping to get 3 years ago and were unable to get. The distributor was unable to take them back but are no longer available to order so they should have no problem getting the money back if sold. The funds came through the Township contract so he would like to put the funds back in to replacing the other 3 vehicles so it is still in the spirit of the same agreement. The new vehicles do not need toppers. Trevor Sager made a motion to approve Resolution 08-2022 to Dispose of Surplus Property for the Fire Department – 3 Truck Toppers. Scott Oldham seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

Ordinances on Second Reading**Ordinance 2022-05 to amend Ordinance 2021-22 Salary Ordinance**

Scott Oldham questioned if it would be for second reading since it was tabled at the last meeting. It was agreed that it should be approved for First Reading. Scott Oldham made a motion to pass Ordinance 2022-05 to amend Ordinance 2021-22 Salary Ordinance on the First Reading. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried. Scott Oldham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-05 to amend Ordinance 2021-22 Salary Ordinance as a Second Reading. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

Flood Report

Mike Farmer, Town Manager reported they have one permit and still need one more to move forward for a bid.

Envision Ellettsville

Mike Farmer, Town Manager explained that he received a hard copy of the plan and he recommended the board read. It is especially helpful where they divvy out the work to be done through taskforce. It will produce the task to move us forward with the business plan and quality of place.

New Business**Water Contingency Plan**

Mike Farmer, Town Manager explained that when there are problems with Utilities specifically the water utility, IDEM (Indiana Department of Environmental Management) asks for them to put together a contingency plan for problems like floods, earthquakes, tornado etc. so you are ready for it in the event of an emergency. IDEM's plan was very thorough but the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) felt there should be 2 plans almost exactly alike so this one is the EPA contingency plan that needs to be signed by the board president. Denise Line has the copy to be signed and will be kept in the Utility Office. Scott Oldham made a motion to approve the Water Contingency Plan. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

Fire Department Request to Purchase 3 New Vehicles

Kevin Patton, Fire Chief explained that for 3 years they have been trying to get 3 new vehicles but due to Covid and the supply chain things they were never able to get them and had to cancel the order. They did locate 3 different vehicles to serve the same purpose and are at state QPA (Quantity Purchase Agreements) pricing. He doesn't have the funds to purchase out front without depleting the emergency reserve so he is hoping to spread it out over a 3-year loan and at the end of the year if he has no big issues throughout the rest of the year he can pay for one of them completely. Interest over a 3-year period would be a little under \$6,000.00 not considering any trade in or paying off early and the selling of the toppers will offset some of the cost. Scott Oldham made a motion to approve the purchase of 3 new

additional vehicles. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried. Scott Oldham inquired about the funds turned back at the end of the year he would like to re appropriate the funds to pay for the vehicles to keep the loan from being spread out for more than 6-8 months. William Ellis clarified that he had suggested they pull from rainy day fund or general fund but because of the rising gas prices it may be necessary to use it by the end of the year but that is why we have those emergency funds. Scott Oldham questioned whether it would be beneficial to look at getting on site fuel stations. Mike Farmer doesn't feel it would pay off as far as savings but it might be beneficial if there becomes a shortage of fuel to have the bulk reserve. The issue is setting it in motion now and budgeting for it next year you would be a year out from that before you could be operational. It might be beneficial in the long run. The pro and cons were discussed. Mike Farmer said they could look into installing pumps when the new Utility garage is being constructed.

Police Department request Executive Deputy Marshal George Robinson to work a 40-hour work week Monday – Friday rather than the 6 days on 3 days off schedule

Jimmie Durnil, Town Marshal first clarified George is Chief Deputy and not Executive Deputy. He explained that he feels it is necessary to work together as a team on a 5 day a week schedule. It does not require council action and it was explained that it doesn't alter his pay structure. Darla Brown, Town Attorney explained it was put on the schedule because it was during discussion of the salary ordinance between herself and Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer and she thought they both had to be on the agenda.

The Monroe County Republican Party request to have a caucus at the Town Hall

William Ellis asked what day of the week worked better for this, Tuesday or Wednesday evening. Mike Farmer said it didn't matter as long as he knew when for access purposes. Ellis further explained the Republican Party needed this to fill various elected positions. Denise Line had a chat question from Russ Ryle regarding any political group using the facility. William Ellis explained that any political affiliation could use the facility and it wasn't for a fundraiser but an official function of the party. Trevor Sager made a motion to approve the Request for the Monroe County Republican Party to have a caucus at the Town Hall. Scott Oldham seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – abstain; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

Privilege of the Floor

Denise Line announced that Food Truck Wednesday will be this Wednesday, June 15th from 4:00-8:30. At this time they have 7 trucks and entertainment. According to Carl Thurman at the last Food Truck Wednesday there was about 100 people and they were dancing and having a good time. They have never had that many trucks before. The event has been rained out several times, Mike Farmer further explained it will be a nice event with an expanded layout.

Supervisor Comments

Mike Farmer, Town Manager announced that the playground equipment is finally in and has been unloaded. He explained there will be a small unit in the upper part of Campbell's Park and a larger unit at Marcy Jane Lewis Park thanks to Marty Stephens, Richland Township Trustee. The other unit will be at Town Hall in the far corner of the parking lot. It will be built to expand later on with a dog park eventually. There are plans under way for the Stewart property.

Kevin Patton, Fire Chief explained that last weekend 2 cell towers that went down in Ellettsville. Utilities, Police and the Fire Department are on the First Net system so they notified them and they brought a mobile tower from Nashville Tennessee to provide coverage for the emergency services until the towers could be repaired and back in service. He also stated that Fireworks will be back this year on July 2nd at the school. Lastly, he explained that since bringing back the 77 Plan, there needs to be a pension board. He asked Darla

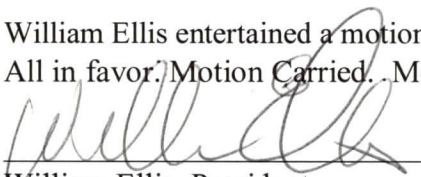
Brown, Town Attorney to explain further. He has a new firefighter he needs to sign paperwork. He has one now and will has 2 openings that he will have later. There should be one pension board for Police and one for Fire. Darla Brown explained that the Firefighters pension fund is managed by a board of trustees to sign applications and conduct hearings on disability and things of that nature. The procedure is similar to discipline for Fire and Police. The Town comes under section of Indiana Code 36-8-7 stating it is managed by a board of trustees, 7 trustees, 2 are the executives of the unit and the Fire Chief who are ex-officio voting trustees and the other trustees are one retired and 4 active members of the Fire Department. It isn't clear to her to say how much of the fund in terms of money is in control of the local versus the people in Indianapolis with PERF and there has to be by laws enacted also. She will draft it for the next meeting. Kevin Patton explained he has an application from a couple of months ago and he is ready to start, he just needs a signature to move forward. Darla Brown explained that as long as the application is submitted before the firefighter's 36th birthday it is good as long as we are moving forward with the pension board. The other signatures can be submitted later. It requires signatures from the pension board, the pension board secretary and the appointing body which is the Town Council.

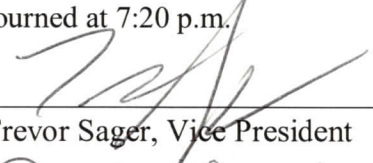
Kip Headdy, Street Commissioner explained they are going to start moving dirt for the playground equipment at the upper part of Campbell's Park since it is the smallest structure weather permitting. Also, he mentioned they got their tractor last week and will start cutting brush this week on the rural roads that were previously in the county. William Ellis thanked them for responding to requests from citizens when there have been complaints.

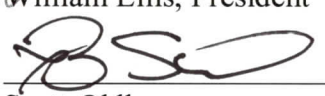
Scott Oldham inquired about the road behind Town Hall. Mike Farmer, Town Manager explained it will extend and be the future route to the new Blue Building. Scott Oldham proposed that it be named Farmer Lane. Mike Farmer objected but wasn't given the option. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

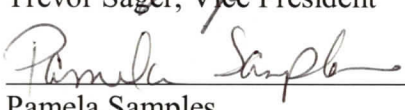
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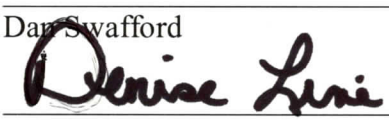
William Ellis entertained a motion to adjourn. Scott Oldham so moved. Trevor Sager seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



William Ellis, President

Trevor Sager, Vice President

Scott Oldham

Pamela Samples

Denise Line