

## January 24, 2022

The Ellettsville, Indiana, Town Council met for a virtual meeting on Monday, January 24, 2022, by Zoom. Pamela Samples 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 participating were Pamela Samples, President; William Ellis, Vice President; Scott Oldham (signed on shortly after the meeting started) and Dan Swafford. Trevor Sager was absent. Michael Farmer, Town Manager, Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer and Darla Brown, Town Attorney were also attending.

**Supervisors participating:** Jimmie Durnil, Kevin Tolloty, Mike Cornman and Kip Headdy.

### Approval of Minutes

Pamela Samples entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting January 10, 2022. William Ellis so moved. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: Pamela Samples – yes; William Ellis – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion Carried.

### Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll

Pamela Samples entertained a motion to pay Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll. Dan Swafford made a motion to approve. William Ellis seconded. Roll call vote: Pamela Samples – yes; William Ellis – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion Carried.

### Park and Recreation Board – 1 D Appointed by Council Vote

Vacancy – term ended 2024. Ron Vandeventer was interested in the position. At the last meeting it was unclear if he could serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) and the Parks and Recreation Board. Darla Brown, Town Attorney verified that because it is considered an office you are unable to serve in any other office and a board is considered an office. Sandra Hash stated she has no other candidates at this time. The council can formally waive the political affiliation requirement to appoint a republican after all efforts to appoint a democrat have been exhausted. William Ellis offered to contact the democratic chairperson to make them aware there is an open appointment for any interested candidates. That should fill the requirement to find interested candidates. Jimmie Durnil, Parks Board president asked for any interested candidates be referred to him. William Ellis made a motion to table. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: Pamela Samples – yes; William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion Carried. Jimmie Durnil questioned if Mike Cornman would be a candidate after expressing interest in the position. Darla Brown, Town Attorney will have to check.

### Monroe County Animal Management Commission:

Appointed by Council Vote Ellettsville is a voting member – term expires 2023

**Sandra Hash,** Clerk Treasurer explained that Zach Michael served on the Board and became too busy to continue and David Drake was previously. They are currently holding the meetings by Zoom the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month. When meetings are held in person, they are at the Animal Shelter on South Walnut Street. There are no interested candidates. Darla Brown, Town Attorney explained it is acceptable for a council member to hold that position. William Ellis expressed interest in the position but would like to wait until the next meeting to make sure the public is aware it is available for anyone who might be interested. William Ellis made a motion to table. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: Pamela Samples – yes; William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion Carried.

### Open Bids for the Community Crossings Grant Road Resurfacing

**Sandra Hash,** Clerk Treasurer opened the bids on behalf of Darla Brown due to meeting by Zoom. She received two packets from E&B Paving and two packets from Milestone. Kip Headdy, Street Commissioner verified that one packet is for street resurfacing and the other is a quote for a culvert replacement. Milestone bid for resurfacing for various roads is \$252,790.60 and the bid for culvert replacement is for \$27,500.00. E&B Paving bid for resurfacing various roads was \$214,650.05 and the culvert replacement was for \$16,750.00. The bids will be taken under advisement to be sure they meet the specifications and the requirements necessary for the grant and awarded at the next meeting. Scott Oldham made a motion to table until the next meeting. William Ellis seconded. Roll call vote: Pamela Samples – yes; William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion Carried. Kip Headdy thanked the two companies for their bids.



## Resolutions

### Resolution 01-2022 Cancellation of Warrants (Old Outstanding Checks)

**Sandra Hash**, Clerk Treasurer explained this is standard procedure yearly in January and by statute they should write off checks that are unpaid after 2 years. The total is \$72.17 for six checks all from the water department. William Ellis made a motion to approve Resolution 01-2022. Scott Oldham seconded. Roll call vote: Pamela Samples – yes; William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion Carried.

### Envision Ellettsville Update

**Dan Rarey** reported the steering committee and Ron Taylor from the Taylor Group gave an Envision Ellettsville update presentation last week in a Work Session. He thanked the Town Council for being so generous with their time to give the presentation. A survey is being sent to the council members asking for their responses to the visioning items. They are on track for the final plan draft to be presented Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 and the community release will be sometime in March. He mentioned a nice article in the Herald Times about Ellettsville Parks and Trails after an interview with Michael Farmer, Town Manager that mentioned Envision Ellettsville.

### Supervisor Comments

**Darla Brown**, Town Attorney mentioned at the November 22, 2021, meeting it discussed the community crossing matching grant for the bids that were just opened by Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer to authorize the town council president to sign the grant. Due to the holidays and some other issues, it was not completed. The grant people have requested the Town to make another vote authorizing the new Town council president, Pamela Samples to sign the Community Crossing Matching Grant agreement for the street paving of seven streets and the culvert repair on Reeves Road. William Ellis made a motion to approve the Town Council president, Pamela Samples to sign. Scott Oldham seconded. Roll call vote: Pamela Samples – abstain; William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion Carried.

**Michael Farmer**, Town Manager explained they had an employee leave the Utilities Division of the Department of Public Works and he needs to fill that position. He would like to hire Logan Slabaugh who previously worked for the Town last year for about 7 months. He left on good terms for better benefits to have insurance. The open position is for a Laborer I and will be hired as a Laborer II until he receives his Commercial Driver's License (CDL) then he can move up to Laborer I. He would like the board's approval to hire him at a rate of \$18.50 per hour. Scott Oldham made a motion to approve the request to hire Logan Slabaugh for the Laborer I position as a Laborer II until he obtains his CDL. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Pamela Samples – yes; William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion Carried.

**Michael Farmer**, Town Manager also mentioned having the next Work Session after the next council meeting to avoid tying up two different nights. It was agreed it would be easier to schedule that way. Darla Brown, Town Attorney stated it did need to be drafted to the public that the Work Session will be held after the regularly scheduled meeting and will continue until finished and not have a specific time limit. William Ellis made a motion to set the date of February 28, 2022, for the next work session to continue after the regularly scheduled meeting and a small break between. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: Pamela Samples – yes; William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion Carried. Michael Farmer also mentioned he will be emailing the board regarding what items will need to be discussed during the work session. There are several items that need discussed sooner than later.

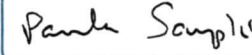
**Jimmie Durnil**, Town Marshal discussed the video equipment that includes in car cameras and body cameras are getting old and need to either upgrade the units or move up to the newer technology. He has a proposal but would like to wait until after he consults with a few more departments that use the system before presenting it to the board. Scott Oldham expressed that while he doesn't know what proposals will be presented, it is a very complicated field and is not cheap, but will bring huge dividends to the Town for investing in the technology because it will keep liability low. He asked for everyone to take a close look at it keeping in mind it will be expensive but worth it in the end. Jimmie Durnil also

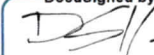
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mentioned it is an officer safety issue as well and they need to make sure the officers are covered, especially those officers working evening and night-time shifts.


**Adjournment**

Pamela Samples entertained a motion to adjourn. Dan Swafford so moved. Scott Oldham seconded. Roll call vote: Pamela Samples – yes; William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion Carried. Pamela Samples adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

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