

March 13, 2023

The Ellettsville, Indiana, Town Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, March 13, 2023 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. Kevin Patton led the Pledge of Allegiance followed with a prayer by Jimmie Durnil.

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

Supervisors participating: Jimmie Durnil, Denise Line, Kip Headdy, Kevin Patton and Jeff Farmer were present.

There were technical difficulties with Dan Swafford's sound on Zoom. It was unclear if he could vote on Zoom. Darla Brown, Town Attorney was not present to ask so it was agreed to let Dan vote and if they need to re-vote, they can later.

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting February 13 and 27, 2023

William Ellis entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting February 13, 2023 that was tabled at the February 27th meeting. Trevor Sager made a motion to approve. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – abstain; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples - yes. Motion Carries. William Ellis entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting February 27, 2023. Trevor Sager made a motion to approve. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples - abstain. Motion Carries.

Resolution 04-2023 to Dispose of Surplus Property for the Street and Police Department

Jimmie Durnil, Town Marshal explained they have an older Dodge Charger that needs major engine repairs and are requesting to surplus. Kip Headdy, Street Commissioner explained they have 2 bucket trucks a 1995 & a 1991 that are operational but need a lot of updates and certifications. He is requesting to sell both and put toward a new bucket truck later. He will sell them on GovDeals. Pamela Samples made a motion to approve Resolution 04-2023 to Dispose of Surplus Property for the Street and Police Department. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Scott Oldham abstained from the vote due to arriving late. Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples -yes. Motion Carries.

Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll

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

Ordinances on Second Reading

Ordinance 2023-03 to amend the 2023 Salary Ordinance by adding a Part-time Park Employee and changing the Traffic Safety Education and Enforcement Overtime Rate (OPO and OWI)

Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer explained the OPO and OWI was not on the original Ordinance at the last meeting and Jimmie Durnil informed her the rate increased to entice officers to work. The current salary ordinance states it is time and a half and it is now double time. William Ellis asked for clarification of the Park Employee salary. **Sandra Hash**, Clerk Treasurer explained the range for the Park Employee is \$22.50 to \$25.00 but it has been set at \$25.00. Scott Oldham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-03 to amend the 2023 Salary Ordinance by adding a Part-time Park Employee and changing the Traffic Safety Education and Enforcement Overtime Rate (OPO and OWI). Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Pamela Samples - yes. Motion Carried. Trevor Sager asked about Dan Swafford being excluded from the votes. It was clarified that he is allowed to vote by Zoom, just not for Budgets. Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer asked if Dan votes yes for Ordinance 2023-03 Salary Ordinance amendment,

Resolution 04-2023 Disposal of Surplus property and Accounts payable. He gave the thumbs up to vote yes.

Flood Report

Michael Farmer, Town Manager explained they have the trees marked that need to be cut down and they have to be down by April 1st. He is working on getting Easements signed to begin the bidding for the Flood Remediation project. Kip Headdy, Street Commissioner explained they have contacted 2 Tree companies for estimates for tree removal. Mike Farmer stated the April 1st date is due to Department of Natural Resources standard rule of construction due to bat hibernation.

Envision Ellettsville

Dan Rarey explained they had a round of Task Force meetings on Wednesday, February 28 at Town Hall for Envision Ellettsville. The meetings were well attended with approximately 40 people. The next round will be March 28th at Town Hall. Dan also mentioned the Taylor Group attended the Plan Commission meeting on February 2nd and will be back on April 6th to provide an update on the comprehensive plan. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend the task force meetings. They met with the Taylor Group on the 13th of February and they provided the schematic of the Stewart Property. They are available to look at if anyone is interested. Mike Farmer, Town Manager feels the renderings will inspire questions and input. He encouraged anyone who lives in the Ellettsville community to attend the meetings and stressed the importance of the Town's future. Scott Oldham inquired about preserving the cow on the old barn at the Stewart property. Denise Line confirmed it would be taken down and re-done to be put back up later. Scott also stated he has had inquiries about selling replicas of the cow. Mike Farmer, Town Manager expressed these types of things are why we need community involvement. Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer stated for the record Garreth Blackwell, who it a part of the Stewart family created the cow. Dan Rarey explained the cow is on the barn in the renderings.

New Business

Engagement Letter between the town of Ellettsville and Baker Tilly US, LP – Water Rate Analysis and Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission Rate Case Filing

Michael Farmer, Town Manager explained the last rate increase was in 2016. The increase was good for several years but due to inflation it is time for a new rate. Baker Tilly has agreed to do a rate study and they are prepared to present to the IURC (Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission). They have provided a Scope of service, fees and Time & Expense not to exceed \$45,000.00. In 2016 the Town paid \$41,000.00 for the same thing. Additional services could be required by the IURC but he doesn't feel it will be necessary, however it is required to be outlined on the breakdown and could be an additional \$40,000.00. He is requesting the board's permission to move forward with the rate study. The average monthly bill is \$24.44 for 4,000 gallons could increase by \$6.38 at the largest percentage alternative which may not be enough but will be in the ballpark. Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer questioned the mention of Sewer Bonds in the Debt Service Payback under Revenue Requirements. Michael Farmer, Town Manager was unsure and stated he can find out to be sure and report back. He feels next year there will be a sewer rate increase request. William Ellis requested an update on the company approved last year to do leak detection. Michael Farmer confirmed the work has not been completed and they have not been paid but is working on that. Scott Oldham made a motion to approve the Engagement Letter between the town of Ellettsville and Baker Tilly US, LP – Water Rate Analysis and Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission Rate Case Filing. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Pamela Samples-yes. Motion Carried.

Street Department request to purchase a Truck, equipped with Chipper Box and Bucket

Kip Headdy, Street Commissioner explained he doesn't have a truck to approve. Jay Humphrey is working on different options to purchase. They are wanting to go from 2 trucks to 1 with a chipper box on it. It would get exercised monthly during brush pickup instead of

sitting for months until it is time to use the bucket truck. They are in the process of getting bids. They range from \$160,000.00 to \$170,000.00 new. It will take several months to get in but the problem they are having is they go fast and if they have to get sealed bids because it's a purchase over \$150,000.00. Scott Oldham stated if it is a Government Services or State Bid it isn't required. Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer has contacted the bank and was able to get an amortization schedule with 2 different summaries so they are able to finance it. Based on the time constraints it was determined to act quickly they should give Michael Farmer authority to choose the option and make the purchase. Scott Oldham made a motion to allow the Town Manager the latitude to determine scope and or how we are doing this in total and allowing him to spend the money as necessary to solve this issue. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Pamela Samples-yes. Motion Carried.

Privilege of the Floor

Jen Pearl, President of Bloomington Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) came to thank the Town of Ellettsville and Town Council for their support for being an ongoing BEDC member, Executive Committee member and participant in many of their initiatives. She gave a short report on where your impact and investment has gone the last several years. The annual report can be found at www.bloomingtonedc.com/news. They are very grateful for all that we do to advance to the future.

Jill Thurman, Ellettsville Chamber of Commerce invited Town council members that are up for re-election and those on the ballot for Clerk Treasurer to participate in the candidate forum. There is 2 potential dates, Wednesday, April 26th or Thursday, April 27th at 8:00 am to 9:30 am. Email invitations have been sent out and she is currently waiting on responses on which date will work best for everyone and if they would be able to attend. It will give the community an opportunity to hear from our elected officials to help them make a better decision when it comes time to vote in the primary election.

Valerie Dewar, business owner wanted to thank everyone for approving the all-way stop at First and Ritter. William Ellis stated they have received positive feedback from the residents in that area.

Supervisor Comments

Michael Farmer, Town Manager thanked the BEDC for everything they do for Ellettsville especially with KeHe coming in. It is a good template to what they want to do in the future.

Jimmie Durnil, Town Marshal said the Police Department is doing well and has received the go ahead for the Memorial Service in May from Ellettsville Main Street. The Parks Board will sponsor it and will honor 2 local veterans.

Kevin Patton, Fire Chief explained they started a different style of dispatching for Fire Services between the Monroe Fire District and the Ellettsville Fire Department. Calls are routed to the closest unit to the call regardless of jurisdiction. They have received aid from the district as well as giving it. It has knocked 5-7 minutes off getting help for people in need. It is still a work in process and they will make some adjustments over the next couple of months to better serve the community.

Kip Headdy, Street Commissioner explained that he along with, Jay Humphrey and Ron Vandeventer, current MS4 operator for Stormwater are attending Purdue University Road School Tuesday and Wednesday. There are several helpful lectures to inspire ideas for the Town. He also offered condolences and prayers to Jay Humphrey and his family who lost his grandfather over the weekend.

Denise Line, Planner announced that the Town of Ellettsville Facebook page is now up and running. It is Town of Ellettsville Indiana.

Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer read a thank you note she received in the mail from Mimi Owen and Renli Cowden. It read: Thank you for the new playground equipment at

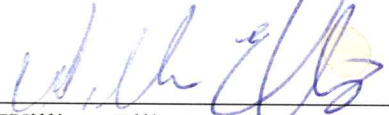
Campbell's Park and the brand-new playground by the Ellettsville Town Hall. We have played at both spaces a couple of times already and are looking forward to many more fun times as the weather improves. She was happy to read a positive comment after receiving several negative comments on Facebook.

Council Comments


Scott Oldham congratulated both Edgewood winter percussion and winter guard which are 2 separate entities but both part of the marching band. Winter percussion received 1st and guard received 2nd. They will advance to State this weekend. They put in long hours and make sure it happens on a very high level.

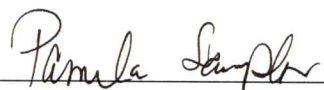
Adjournment


William Ellis, Council President adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.



William Ellis, President

Trevor Sager, Vice President

Scott Oldham

Pamela Samples

Dan Swafford

Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer, IAMC, MMC