

Due to COVID-19, The Ellettsville, Indiana, Town Council met for a virtual meeting on Monday, February 8, 2021 by Zoom. Scott Oldham called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mike Cornman led the Pledge of Allegiance followed with a prayer by Jimmie Durnil.

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

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

Approval of Minutes

Scott Oldham entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the Work Session on January 19, 2020. Dan Swafford so moved. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion carried.

Scott Oldham entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on January 25, 2021. Dan Swafford so moved. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – abstain; Pamela Samples – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll

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

Presentation by Doctor Jerry Sanders – Richland Bean Blossom Community School Corporation Superintendent (RBBSC)

Doctor Jerry Sanders thanked the Council and employees of the town for working with the school. He also recognized Alex Leggio and Travis Perrian for their role as School Recourse Officers. Doctor Sanders introduced Jamie Miller who did a presentation on a partnership between the community and the school detailing the Ready Schools Initiative. The Origin of STEAM Education Initiative started in 2015 when the Redevelopment Commission of Monroe County partnered with RBBSC to support workforce development through STEAM education. The presentation explained the program and the improvements the school has been able to provide for the program development. The STEAM program allows students to explore different options for post-graduation planning and readiness.

Resolutions

Resolution 03-2021 Transferring Funds from the General Fund to the Rainy Day Fund

Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer explained the transfer was requested earlier and we are allowed to transfer 10% of unspent appropriations for 2020. \$36,352.52 will be transferred from the General Fund to the Rainy Day Fund to be preserved for emergencies. Trevor Sager made a motion to approve Resolution 03-2021 Transferring Funds from the General Fund to the Rainy Day Fund. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion carried.

Proclamation for Tri Kappa Week

Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer explained this is the annual proclamation for Tri Kappa Week February 21 to February 28, 2021 to make the community aware of what they do.

TRI KAPPA WEEK

WHEREAS, Kappa Kappa Kappa, Inc. more commonly known as Tri Kappa is celebrating 120 years of community and charity programs statewide during our, Tri Kappa Week Celebration, February 22-28, 2021.

WHEREAS, the unselfish service of the seven young women who founded Tri Kappa in 1901, of the nearly 12,000 female members in Tri Kappa today, and of all of the women who serviced in-between, has all combined to allow Tri Kappa to thrive and serve for 120 years, and

WHEREAS, Tri Kappa is a philanthropic organization located only in the State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, The objective of Tri Kappa for the past 120 years, has been and continues to be, to bring women into close, unselfish relationships for the promotion of charity, culture and education throughout the State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, Tri Kappa's scholarship program, which began in 1913, has provided students with scholarships in the areas of academics, fine arts, and to those returning to school after an extended absence, in addition to supporting Gifted and Talented programs throughout the State in Indiana; and

WHEREAS, Tri Kappa's charity program has been, and continues to be, actively involved with James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children since it opened in 1922, and also donates to charities such as Ronald McDonald House, Camp Riley, Indiana Special Olympics, Mental Health Association of Indiana, Very Special Arts of Indiana and the Indiana Association of Retarded Citizens in addition to local charity programs throughout the State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, Tri Kappa's cultural program has been a strong supporter of the Hoosier Salon since its inception in 1926, and it maintains the Tri Kappa Art Collection, a collection of almost 100 paintings on permanent loan to the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, and supports Youth Art Month throughout the State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, Tri Kappa returns to State and local communities more than \$1.5 million every year to charitable, cultural and educational projects throughout the State of Indiana;

NOW THEREFORE We, the Ellettsville Town Council, do hereby proclaim February 22-28, 2021, as TRI KAPPA WEEK (Kappa Kappa Kappa Epsilon Xi) in the town of Ellettsville, in recognition of the contributions of the hardworking women who have and will continue to comprise this organization for the next 120 years, and invite all Hoosiers to take note of this special observance.

ADOPTED this 8th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty One.

New Business

Police Department Request to Move Officer Jason Brown from Part-time to Full-time

Jimmie Durnil, Town Marshal asked Jason Brown to introduce himself to the board. After a brief introduction, Marshal Durnil explained Jason came to the department in early December after completing his law enforcement training at Indiana University in November. Jason has completed more than half of the field training. Marshal Durnil requested moving Jason to full time. Hopefully he will be able to work a standalone shift by March or early April. Dan Swafford made a motion to approve Police Department Request to Move Officer Jason Brown from Part-time to Full-time officer. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion carried.

Fire Department Request to Move Fire Fighter Tyler Mauder from Full-time to Part-time

Mike Cornman, Fire Chief recommended moving Tyler Mauder from Full-time to Part-time pending his pending employment with the City of Bloomington. Scott Oldham made a motion to request to modify the recommendation to give Mike Cornman to authority to shift Tyler Mauder as he sees fit based on the email sent to council. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion carried.

Department of Public Works Request to Hire 2 Full-time Labor II

Michael Farmer, Town Manager requested to move Donovan Wright from Temporary Full Time to Laborer II. He has been with the Town since August 11, 2020. His wage will go from \$16.50 to \$18.00 per hour and is currently working on getting his Commercial Driver's License (CDL) which will promote him to Laborer I. Mike Farmer requested tabling the second position request, he is still in the decision process as to who to hire. Trevor Sager made a motion to approve the request to hire one Full-time Laborer II. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion carried.

Supervisors Comments

Michael Farmer discussed he had a progress report for the Flood Report that he will send out to the council and will be made available to the public per request. They are currently working on Wetland delineation and the Geotechnical part of the flood documents before work can begin. Crews have been out surveying around the bridges and once that is complete, they will work on the design documents. He also mentioned, demolition has started on the remaining building on Vine Street that is necessary before work begins around the creek. They did find someone to repurpose the roof structure and the overhead garage doors. Once they are removed demolition will be complete in the next week or two. He gave a shoutout to the crews for all the recent work due to the weather. He reminded everyone to close outside vents and cover their pipes to protect them from the temperatures. Call the Utility Office to report any main breaks.

Mike Cornman, Fire Chief discussed the warming station available at the Fire Station conference room that is open 24/7 to anyone from February 8 to February 23, 2021.

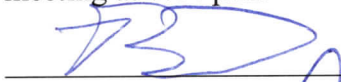
Jimmie Durnil, Town Marshal reported there wasn't a single accident over the weekend due to the road conditions from the weather. That says a lot about how the Street Department takes such great care of the streets during bad weather. He thanked them for their efforts.

Council Comments

Pamela Samples inquired about getting electronic signatures set up for at least the remaining time they will be using Zoom to conduct meetings. Sandra Hash agreed she would look into to it.

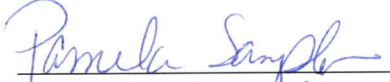
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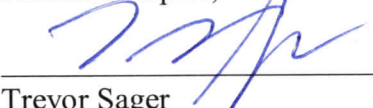
Scott Oldham entertained a motion to adjourn. Trevor Sager so moved. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes. Motion carried. Motion carried. Pamela Samples adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

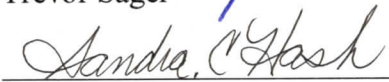


Scott Oldham, President

William Ellis

Dan Swafford

Pamela Samples, Vice President

Trevor Sager

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