

May 24, 2021

Due to COVID-19, The Ellettsville, Indiana, Town Council met for a virtual meeting on Monday, May 24, 2021 by Zoom. Scott Oldham called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Jimmie Durnil led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a prayer.

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

Supervisors present: Jimmie Durnil, Mike Cornman, Danny Stalcup and Kevin Tolloty.

Approval of Minutes

Scott Oldham entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on May 10, 2021. Pamela Samples so moved. William Ellis seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – abstain; Dan Swafford - abstain. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll

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

New Business

Request for Release of an Erosion Control Bond for Ruby Creek

Kevin Tolloty, Planner explained the Erosion Control Bond for Ruby Creek was to cover silt fencing and mulch seeding during the grading portion of the subdivision. All the lots have been sold and the common areas have been completed. Phil Tapp, the developer, is requesting that the \$5,400.00 Erosion Control Bond be released. Trevor Sager made a motion to release the Erosion Control Bond for Ruby Creek. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford - yes. Motion carried.

Fire Department Request to Hire Three Full time Firefighters

Mike Cornman, Fire Chief discussed he has extended job offers to three individuals. He is requesting permission to promote them from part-time to full-time. The offers were Brandon Monday, Levi Parrish and Garrett Nolan. The positions are already funded as they are replacing Raymond Warthan, Mike Stalcup and Tyler Mauder. William Ellis made a motion to approve the request to hire three full time Firefighters. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford - yes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Comments

Mike Farmer, Town Manager opened discussion to return to in person meetings. He explained Town Hall had a quiet opening and back to almost normal business. He feels based on the other businesses and government counterparts it is time to move back to in person council meetings. Pamela Samples and Trevor Sager agreed. **Scott Oldham** inquired if it would be a hybrid meeting or regular in person meeting. **Sandra Hash**, Clerk Treasurer explained she has experimented during insurance meetings having in person with Zoom available on the big screen. The public will be able to hear and see the council in a large group and be able to ask questions during public comment or when requested. **Kevin Tolloty** has agreed to host the meetings at the computer. There will be some trial and error, but it can be done. **Scott Oldham** asked about recording both meetings at the same time. **Sandra Hash** explained there is a record function on Zoom and she always records the meetings with a recorder and there is the backup recording with CATS TV. There was a motion at the last meeting to return to in person meetings on June 14th.

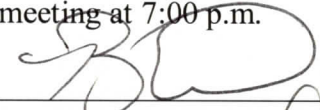
Mike Farmer, Town Manager discussed he received a call from the general manager at KeHE. Currently they have a small sign out in front of the business that is low to the ground at approximately 56 square feet. They are requesting to put a sign on the water tank. The issue is they are only allowed 221 feet for road frontage signage, the new sign is 220 square feet they have already used 56 feet. He feels it is a unique situation with the building being

the largest one in Town and the smallest road frontage to allow a waiver on their behalf. It must go before the BZA (Board of Zoning Appeals) requiring a \$300.00 fee and is requesting to waive the fee. **Kevin Tolloty**, Planner, states according to Town code the requested signage exceeds the maximum allowed. He feels this is exactly what the BZA is for and that there is always going to be a unique situation that does not fit neatly into zoning. He agreed they should probably be allowed more signage but did not agree with waiving the fee. He understands that KeHE has not asked for it, but they have already waived \$1,000.00 worth of fines for other issues. The filing fee covers the publication and the time required by the board members and preparation from the Planning department for the meeting. **William Ellis** agreed and supported the BZA and its decisions. **Scott Oldham** asked if the sign Ordinance was a Council Ordinance or a Planning/BZA Commission Ordinance. **Kevin Tolloty** confirmed it was through the Plan Commission and ratified by the Council. **Scott Oldham** strongly disagreed with the use of the water tower being considered as signage and felt the sign Ordinance should be revisited and make necessary adjustments possibly based on road frontage, building size and traffic coming and going. He stated that the Town is guilty of violating its own Ordinance if this is the case because Ellettsville is painted on the water tower that exceeds 220 square feet. He asked Sandra Hash to put this Ordinance on the next agenda. **Dan Swafford** agreed the Ordinance needs to be in place, but this is growing pains as the Town grows. **Scott Oldham** agreed and felt it would be easier to just fix it now instead of readdressing each unique situation as they come along because it will happen again. **Dan Swafford** questioned if the sign as being painted or was it a banner? **Mike Farmer** stated it was a banner and it was already made but it would be temporary and not fall under the Ordinance. **William Ellis** is hesitant to hold off on action in hopes of a change, a lot can happen and it can be difficult to iron out all the circumstances. **Scott Oldham** just feels it needs looked at publicly and not necessarily change it, but this situation just seems petty. **William Ellis** agreed. **Sandra Hash** reiterated with the BZA, we have the ability to send it through them and council is willing to do that and feels they will take care of the situation quickly, it is just a matter of whether they want to waive the fee. In conclusion, there was no intent to waive the fee and KeHE can proceed with going to BZA or hold off to see if Council does anything.

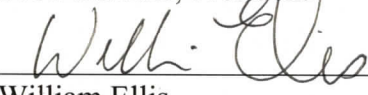
Mike Farmer wanted to make council aware that IU Health is offering a grant process of \$2,000,000.00 for trail projects. He has met with a lady from IU Health about it and has written a letter of intent and will be invited to write a grant for the money. Owen County, Monroe County Parks, Town of Spencer and Town of Ellettsville have all been working together on this and have had several productive meetings. He feels even if the project fails it has started a collaboration between them for future projects. Eventually this trail grant could tie us to McCormick's Creek, McCormick's Creek School, Flatwoods Park to Ellettsville to Karst Park trail into Bloomington with the ultimate goal being to tie into the YMCA in Spencer and the YMCA Norwest Bloomington. No money has been spent or anything, he is just making the council aware of things in the works per their request.

Adjournment

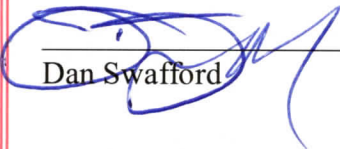
Scott Oldham entertained a motion to adjourn. Dan Swafford so moved. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; William Ellis – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford - yes. Motion carried. Scott Oldham adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.




 Scott Oldham, President



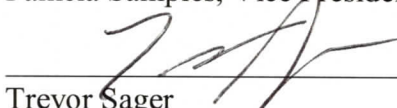
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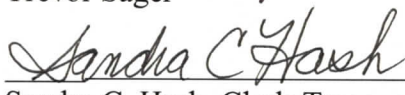
 Dan Swafford



 Pamela Samples, Vice President



 Trevor Sager



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