

## January 13, 2020

The Ellettsville, Indiana, Town Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, January 13, 2020 at the Ellettsville Town Hall Meeting Room located at 1150 W. Guy McCown Drive. Dan Swafford called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Scott Oldham led the Pledge of Allegiance followed with a prayer by Jimmie Durnil.

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

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

### Approval of Minutes

Dan Swafford entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on December 23, 2019. William Ellis so moved. Pam Samples seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

### Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll

Dan Swafford entertained a motion to pay Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll. Scott Oldham so moved. Pamela Samples seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

### Election of Officers

**Pamela Samples** nominated Dan Swafford for President. William Ellis seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – no; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Dan Swafford - yes. Motion carried.

**William Ellis** nominated Scott Oldham for Vice President. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Dan Swafford - yes. Motion carried.

### Appointments

**Plan Commission** – appointed by Council President – 1 Republican and 1 Democrat:

Pat Wesolowski – Term ended 2019

David Drake – Term ended 2019

**Dan Swafford** appointed Pat Wesolowski and David Drake to the Plan Commission.

Member from Government – appointed by Council Vote

**Pamela Samples** expressed interest to Dan Swafford to be appointed to Plan Commission. In the past there have always been 2 council members on the board. Last appointment only one council member was interested so Brian Miller was appointed.

Brian Miller – Term ended 2019

Sandra Hash – Term ended 2019

**Dan Swafford** made a motion to appoint Pamela Samples to the Plan Commission. William Ellis seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Dan Swafford - yes. Motion carried.

**Dan Swafford** made a motion to appoint Sandra Hash to the Plan Commission. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Dan Swafford - yes. Motion carried.

**Board of Zoning Appeals** – appointed by Council President

Pat Wesolowski – term ended 2019

Zach Michael – term ended 2019

**Dan Swafford** appointed Pat Wesolowski and Zach Michael to the Board of Zoning Appeals  
Park and Recreation Board: 1 Republican – appointed by Council Vote

**Park and Recreation Board – 1 Republican by council Vote**

Trevor Sager – term ended 2021

Vacancy – term ending 2020

**Jimmie Durnil** requested Megan Day be appointed to fill the term of Trevor Sager. Trevor is newly elected to the Town Council. There is a candidate for the second vacancy that will be presented in February. Megan Day introduced herself to the council, she is a 3-year resident of Ellettsville and has a new insurance agency across from the Fire Department. She is excited to join the board. Trevor Sager made a motion to appoint Megan Day to Park and Recreation Board. William Ellis seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Dan Swafford - yes. Motion carried. Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer swore her in.

**Annual appointments by the Town Council**

**Monroe County Emergency Management Advisory Board – Mike Cornman**

Mike Cornman served on the board from 1995-2001. He is interested in being back on the board. Scott Oldham made a motion to nominate Mike Cornman to the board. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Dan Swafford - yes. Motion carried.

**Monroe County Solid Waste Management Board – Dan Swafford**

**Scott Oldham** made a motion to appoint Dan Swafford to the Monroe County Solid Waste Management Board. Trevor Sager seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Dan Swafford - yes. Motion carried.

**Ellettsville Chamber of Commerce – Mike Farmer**

**William Ellis** made a motion to nominate Mike Farmer to the Chamber of Commerce. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Dan Swafford - yes. Motion carried.

**Metropolitan Planning Organization – Pamela Samples**

**Dan Swafford** made a motion to nominate Pamela Samples to the Metropolitan Planning Organization Board. William Ellis seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Dan Swafford - yes. Motion carried.

**Resolutions**

**Resolution 01-2020 Cancellation of Warrants**

**Sandra Hash**, Clerk Treasurer explained this is the cancellation of checks that have been outstanding for a couple of years. The State has guidelines on when checks can be written off and the checks listed meet the guidelines. The checks total \$64.56. Most checks are overpayments on accounts left over after a customer moves or refund of deposits. There are attempts to locate through Facebook and GIS websites with some success and these are the remaining checks returned through the mail unable to locate with no forward address. William Ellis made a motion to approve Resolution 01-2020 Cancellation of Warrants. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Dan Swafford - yes. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

**Flood Report**

**Mike Farmer**, Town Manager reported there was a call out on Saturday, January 11 to employees of Department of Public Works due to the 3 to 4 inches of rain. They started sandbagging and the creek breeched in 3 or 4 places. They were lucky it wasn't more rain or at a faster rate. The creek receded around 1:00. Dan Swafford thanked everyone for their efforts in keeping it under control.

## **Work Session**

**Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer** explained due to some scheduling conflicts, the Work Session scheduled for January 21, 2020 will be postponed to February. Dan Swafford made a motion to cancel the Work Session scheduled for January 21, 2020. Trevor Sager seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Scott Oldham requested an executive session at 5:30 pm on January 27, 2019 just before the regular meeting.

## **New Business**

### **Ellettsville Chamber of Commerce**

**Dan Rarey** spoke representing the Chamber of Commerce and read the following letter.

Dear Ellettsville Town Council Members,

As we greet a new year, the Greater Ellettsville Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors would like to welcome Trevor Sager to the town council and express our gratitude to the council for your service to our community. Ellettsville has accomplished much in recent years, thanks to the efforts of the council, the town staff, and community organizations like Ellettsville Main Street and The Chamber. We believe continued collaboration and leadership alignment is critical to our community's future so that we may continue to build upon what has been achieved.

In the spirit of collaboration, we would like to invite town council members to attend Chamber board meetings and Chamber events. Our monthly board meetings occur on the first Thursday of every month and are currently attended by ex-officio member and Ellettsville Town Manager Michael Farmer. Michael is a valued member and works to ensure that the Chamber stays informed and connected on critical town issues. William Ellis and Pam Samples have also contributed to recent meetings for the town visioning process, Envision Ellettsville.

To further that community connection, chamber members will continue their attendance at town council meetings to provide a business perspective on local issues. Our board also welcomes opportunities to join council work sessions or other discussions that focus on finding solutions for challenges and/or opportunities facing Ellettsville.

We believe that the key challenges and opportunities for Ellettsville in the coming year are:

- Continued progress on flood mitigation and the Ellettsville Comprehensive Plan
- Increased development of the Ellettsville parks system, including trails
- Improved aesthetics and continued progress towards a better-defined town identity
- Development of housing opportunities that meet resident needs
- Engagement of residents, businesses, government, and not for profit organizations in the Envision Ellettsville visioning process
- Support for economic development opportunities that bring jobs and visitors to our community
- Identification of funding needs/resources to achieve our community's goals

Our mission as a Chamber is to advance the economic vitality and quality of life in the Ellettsville area so that the entire community can prosper. We believe this is a goal that we share with the town council and we look forward to working together to create a viable future so our town and our residents can grow and prosper.

He continued by thanking the council for allowing them to host events at the Town Hall and thanked Fire Chief Mike Cornman for allowing them to hold the power luncheons at the Fire Station and invited everyone to attend those. He feels fortunate to have a council that they are so in tune with.

### **Agreement between the Town of Ellettsville and EVAPAR for maintenance on the Town Hall Generator**

**Mike Farmer**, Town Manager explained this agreement for preventive maintenance and annual checkup for the generator at Town Hall. The amount is \$840.00 and is necessary to ensure our generator is in good working condition when needed. He did consult other

maintenance companies for prices. EVAPAR was the best price. They were the original provider of the equipment. He also tried to bundle all the Town's generators into one service, but it became difficult with the existing contracts in place. It was recommended from the installers of the generator to use EVAPAR to maintain the warranty and annual service due to the size of the generator they have the best service experience. The pricing is comparable if not a little less than the other service contracts for other departments generators.

#### **Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Ellettsville and Monroe County concerning Hartstrait Rd**

**Danny Stalcup**, Street Commissioner explained in order to apply for the Community Crossing paving grant, there has to be a Memorandum of Understanding on record for Hartstrait Road. Due to annexation there is a section in the middle that belongs to the County consisting of approximately 700 feet. It will be paved by the Town and we will reduce our section by 700 feet at the end to be paved by the County. Mike Farmer clarified by saying it just makes more sense to do it that way instead of having the Town do both ends and the County jumping in to do the middle. The memorandum must be on file in order to cross lines. William Ellis made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Ellettsville and Monroe County concerning Hartstrait Rd. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Pamela Samples – yes; Dan Swafford - yes. Motion carried.

#### **Privilege of the Floor**

**Jill Thurman** spoke as a resident of Vine Street and not a representative of the Chamber of Commerce. She expressed her thoughts on the flooding stating it is exhausting. While she appreciates the efforts by the Town at the immediate times of flooding, she has in the 9 years of residence on Vine Street had to replace a furnace, water heater, deep freezer and 3 washer and dryers. She stated she is one of the lucky ones. There have been residents who lost pets and also some that had to be rescued from the rapid raising waters. Many neighbors have to relocate during the floods. They also own a business on Vine Street that is affected by the flood and people who travel through Ellettsville are also affected. She has a deeply vested interest in the Town voting to mitigate the flooding. It is also her opinion that the downtown area will not grow until the flooding is better controlled. She loves Ellettsville and the downtown area she urges the council to vote to mitigate the flood issue.

**Carl Thurman**, Vine Street resident and business owner, echoed Jill's comments and also thanked all the crew who came out Saturday and worked diligently to protect businesses and the homes downtown.

#### **Supervisor Comments**

**Michael Farmer** thanked everyone for allowing the Ellettsville Council for Youth, who supports the Boys and Girls Club, to hold their upcoming annual retreat at the Town Hall on January 25th. The event will be held to prepare them for the upcoming year and the Big Hearts fundraising campaign to begin in the spring. The facility is truly a benefit to the community and the Town. He further encouraged the staff and the council to attend the power luncheons held by the Chamber of Commerce. He feels they are a great way to get to know your community and business owners.

#### **Council Comments**

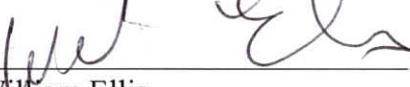
**William Ellis** explained the Public Comment section and Privilege of the Floor section of the Council meetings are the same. He has had some comments stating that Public Comment wasn't listed on the agenda and wanted to make sure it was understood that it is the same thing as the Privilege of the Floor. He further discussed at the last meeting there were some comments made at the end of the meeting about people of the Town and people out of the Town. He apologized to the public and stated he should have stepped in and put an end to it, but he didn't.

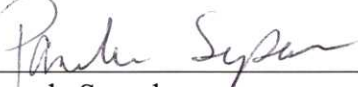
**Dan Swafford** welcomed Trevor Sager and expressed thanks for the nomination of president. He also thanked the crews for the efforts made on Saturday to prepare for the flooding.

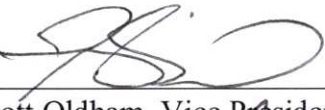
**Adjournment**

Scott Oldham made a motion to adjourn. William Ellis seconded. Dan Swafford adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

  
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William Ellis

  
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Pamela Samples

  
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Scott Oldham, Vice President

  
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Trevor Sager

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