

The Ellettsville, Indiana, Town Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, April 11, 2022, at the Ellettsville Town Hall Meeting Room located at 1150 W. Guy McCown Drive. Pamela Samples announced she was stepping down as president of Town Council. She explained her life was busy and she could not fulfill the needs required for the position. William Ellis as Vice President will take over as the new president and they will vote later in the meeting for a new Vice President. Mike Cornman led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a prayer by Jimmie Durnil. William Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Approval of Minutes

William Ellis entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting March 28, 2022 and the Executive Sessions March 31 and April 6, 2022. Dan Swafford so moved. Scott Oldham seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – abstain; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll

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

William Ellis made a motion to add to the agenda the discussion for nomination of Vice President for Town Council. Darla Brown, Town Attorney stated they only needed a nomination and a vote. Scott Oldham nominated Trevor Sager. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

Resolutions

Resolution 02-2022 Additional Appropriation for Police and Fire Departments

Jimmie Durnil, Town Marshal explained his is for gasoline, a car, cameras and to send a part-time officer to the academy. **Mike Cornman** explained his was \$13,000.00 for physicals, \$5,000.00 to the fuel line and \$20,000.00 to the overtime budget for un-anticipated expenses due to Covid earlier in the year. Pamela Samples made a motion to approve. Dan Swafford seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 2022-03 to amend the Ellettsville Town Code to Increase the Rates and Charges for Water Service

Darla Brown, Town Attorney explained the City of Bloomington increased its rates for water and since the Town buys their water from the City, the Town had to raise its rate as well. That is called a tracking factor. Baker Tilley petitioned the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) under a 30-day filing to increase the rates to make them commensurate with what the City of Bloomington was charging and increasing the Town’s rates. The 30-day tracking factor was approved by the IURC and it resulted in a tracking factor of \$.85 per 1,000 gallons. That will increase the tap and meter installation charges, the monthly water usage charges and the minimum monthly charges but does not affect the municipal hydrant charges, the automatic sprinkler charges, reconnection charges, late payment fees, insufficient funds charges and the meter deposits. This is a new Ordinance to adopt those rates and charges pursuant to the IURC approval of the rate tracking factor. Darla Brown

further explained this rate increase only covers the raise in the water rates penny for penny, there is no profit so it can be done with the 30-day tracking factor instead of a rate study.

Michael Farmer, Town Manager explained there is a substantial increase in the hook-on fees for new starts on residential buildings so this amount represents what it costs the Town to put it in, so they don't try to make money on the hook-on fee, but we do need to recover our money to keep it from impacting existing customers. These new rates cover the increase in materials and it represents the new laborer costs. **Jeff Farmer** explained the rate per 1,000 gallons increases from \$5.48 to \$6.33 making the monthly bill increased by \$2.55 which makes the minimum bill \$18.99 per month. The new rates are listed on the website and if there are any questions they can inquire at the next meeting. The last rate increase was a year ago and was a two-phase increase. This was the second phase and was expected.

Envision Ellettsville Update

Dan Rarey reported the new date to roll out the Envision Ellettsville plan will be May 17th from 5:00-7:00 at the Ellettsville Town Hall. He encouraged everyone to attend.

New Business

Richland Township Trustee – Shelter House for Health Net Inc., a non-profit that provides mobile healthcare

Darla Brown, Town Attorney explained she received a letter from Eric Koch, Richland Township attorney, to inquire if the Town would have any objection with the Trustee and Health Net Inc. having a mobile healthcare service to serve the people of Richland Township. The arrangement would provide services through a memorandum of understanding and the mobile health service would be at the Shelter House three days a week in the mornings, not on the weekends. There will be a more formal request later, this was just for awareness. Jimmie Durnil asked that it goes before the Parks Board first. Darla Brown will refer him to Jimmie Durnil for the request.

Supervisor Comments

Jimmie Durnil, Town Marshal thanked council for the additional appropriation to purchase the things they need.

Mike Cornman, Fire Chief thanked council for the additional appropriation. He also discussed an email he sent from IU Health concerning Lifeline. It is the ambulance service that operates out of Monroe County. They are dissolving the contract the Town has with them to run the backup ambulance out of Station 81 due to a lack of people trained and they didn't have the people to train us. There were also issues with contract workers. They plan to add additional services this summer and it will not affect the ambulance service in Ellettsville. The funding to replace it Richland Township increased the contract for this year by \$60,000.00 which is approximately \$3,000.00 less than what IU Health would be. This will be effective June 30, 2022.

Kip Headdy, Street Commissioner discussed the help from Blue Stone with removing the tree behind the Methodist Church. The tree was 200 years plus and 72" across. They did confirm the tree was rotten in the middle. He was very appreciative and they had it removed in about 5 or 6 hours.

Dan Rarey on behalf of the Methodist Church thanked the Town and Blue Stone for removing the tree. The church had grown quite concerned with the stability of it and the estimates they received to remove it were astronomical. This was a great service to the church.

Council Comments

Dan Swafford thanked Pamela Samples for her service as President for this year and congratulated the new President William Ellis.

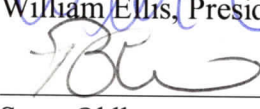
Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer mentioned she removed the personnel policy issue off the agenda until she can check the references. She will add it back once she has completed her check.

Adjournment

William Ellis entertained a motion to adjourn. Dan Swafford so moved. Scott Oldham seconded. Roll call vote: William Ellis – yes; Scott Oldham – yes; Trevor Sager – yes; Dan Swafford – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.



William Ellis, President

Trevor Sager, Vice President

Scott Oldham

Pamela Samples

Dan Swafford

Sandra Hash, Clerk Treasurer, IAMC, MMC