

## March 9, 2026

The Ellettsville, Indiana Town Council met for a regular scheduled meeting on Monday, March 9, 2026, at the Ellettsville Town Hall Meeting Room located at 1150 West Guy McCown Drive. Scott Oldham called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Jimmie Durnil, Town Marshal said a word of prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Fire Chief Kevin Patton.

**Roll Call:** Members present were Scott Oldham – President, William Ellis and Pamela Samples. Dan Swafford and Trevor Sager Samples were absent. Michael Farmer, Town Manager and Darla Brown, Town Attorney were also present., Kelley Cantrell was present for Noelle Conyer, Clerk Treasurer who was absent.

**Supervisors Participating:** Kevin Patton –Fire Chief, Jimmie Durnil – Town Marshal, Kip Headdy - DPW Director, Denise Line, Planning Director and Jeff Farmer - Wastewater supervisor.

### **Approval of the Minutes for the Regular meeting February 23, 2026**

Scott Oldham entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2026 meeting. William Ellis so moved. Pamela Samples seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll**

**Scott Oldham** entertained a motion to pay Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll. William Ellis so moved. Pamela Samples seconded. All in favor, motion carries.

### **Resolutions**

#### **Resolution 05-2026 Surplus of Equipment DPW**

**Kip Headdy**, DPW Director explained this is a slide in for a pickup truck that turns it into a dump truck that they don't use anymore and would like to surplus. He will be advertising on Gov Deals. Pamela Samples made a motion to approve Resolution 05-2026. William Ellis seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; William Ellis – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion passes.

### **Old Business**

#### **Selection of citizen member to serve on RDC (citizen member to be appointed by the entire Council)**

**Scott Oldham** explained that he might have someone interested but it will be next meeting before he knows for sure.

### **Heritage Center**

**Michael Farmer**, Town Manager discussed that they would like to do away with the Certificate of Insurance section of the form instead of the \$500.00 deposit. It would be cumbersome to deal with insurance on these matters especially if people have high deductibles it would be complicated. He feels the \$500 deposit will cover anything they need. They are getting a lot of rentals and everyone so far has just paid the deposit. Scott Oldham asked for clarification on whether the Marshal or Fire Chief has the authority to shut down any event if it is a danger or becomes too much of a problem. Denise Line will check the verbiage and change it if needed. William Ellis suggested they also need to outline if there is damage we have the right to sue them. Darla Brown, Town Attorney suggested to add to paragraph 29, disorderly, unsafe or illegal grounds for immediate termination of the event without refund. Add the sentence Police or Fire personnel may terminate an event for disruptive behavior and no refunds will be given. Also add to paragraph 32 damages not covered by the damage deposit are the responsibility of the renter. That will give us the right to sue in small claims if we want to. William Ellis made a motion to approve the Heritage Center rental agreement as amended and removing the certificate of liability insurance and adding the language suggested for paragraphs 29 and 32. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; William Ellis – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion passes.

**Phlebotomy MOU between BPD and EPD**

Scott Oldham explained he was sitting this one out and asked if they could still vote without a quorum. Darla Brown, Town Attorney explained that 2 people can vote because it is not an Ordinance and we have a quorum for the meeting and the majority of the quorum approves it then it is fine. She explained it is not the most up to date version of the agreement, but if you take out paragraph 2, the command structure and put 2 t's in Ellettsville that covers it. Pamela Samples made a motion to accept the Phlebotomy MOU between BPD and EPD as amended. William Ellis seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – abstain; William Ellis – yes; Pamela Samples – yes. Motion passes.

**Mass Gathering Permit Discussion**

**Michael Farmer**, Town Manager stated that they didn't need to talk about it since it was discussed at the Supervisor meeting today. There were some concerns about whether it has to go to the board when they have Mass gathering request. Darla Brown, Town Attorney clarified that the Ordinance states that the Town employees look at it and then it comes before the council for a vote on the permit within 30 days of the application date. Blocking of the road can be left to Fire and Police without council approval. William Ellis inquired about the Fall festival parade and asked if it would still happen with the construction. Michael Farmer, Town Manager explained they are trying to make it happen and the company has the event date but they have had some delays due to the rain. They will try to come up with an alternate route or something.

**Septic Dumping Rates Discussion-No vote will happen next meeting**

**Jeff Farmer**, Wastewater Supervisor explained that the current rate is \$4 per thousand gallons. They have 2 types of trucks that dump there, 2,500-gallon tanker trucks, 4000 and 5000 tanker trucks. They spend \$2-\$2.3 million a year to treat that many gallons which comes out to .006 cents per 10 thousand gallons which comes to \$6 per thousand gallons so he proposes it be raised from \$4 to \$6 per thousand gallons. That will raise a 2,500-gallon truck from \$10 to \$15 and a 5,000-gallon truck goes from \$25 to \$30. He also proposes that we raise the sludge that we dispose of there from \$30 to \$35. He explained that the money they make off all the dumping is between \$75 to \$100,000 a year and it pays for all the sludge to be landfilled for the tipping fees. He has had meetings with all the septic haulers and discussed the rates. This was just discussion and he can assess the rate once it is approved. He hopes to start the rate on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Supervisor comments**

**Darla Brown**, Town Attorney explained she sent a revised MOU between Rogers Group, the Township and the Town for the construction of the Fire Station for the sub-lease. Katie Stenberg, council for Rogers Group, after she received our signed copies, wasn't sure we could do a 99-year lease and believes we can only do 50 years. Since it has been before council and it was approved, she stated that was the only change to that contract in paragraph 2. William Ellis made a motion to approve the updated and amended lease from Rogers Group, the Township and the Town of Ellettsville. Pamela Samples seconded. Roll call vote: Scott Oldham – yes; Pamela Samples: William Ellis – yes. Motion passes.

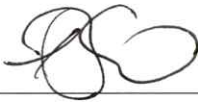
**Michael Farmer**, Town Manager stated there is a Reorganization Meeting on Wednesday and every Wednesday until we finalize our plan. He asked people to come and be involved. There are a lot of moving parts and please come and ask questions. After the meeting at 6:00 there is another meeting after it for the Fire Territory hearing at 7:00. **Darla Brown**, Town Attorney requested for the boards to discuss the resolution to be signed by the Township, the ordinance to be signed by the Town, the agreement and the prospective equipment replacement fund ordinance so that it can be lined out at Wednesday's meeting because she will Zoom in for the last meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> so she would like to get the agreements lined out before she leaves for vacation.

**Kevin Patton**, Fire Chief discussed on Saturday Seven Oaks Classical School hosted the Battle of the Badges basketball game again. The Fire Department won this year and all proceeds will go to Panty 279. It was a fun time and they had a good turnout.

**Kip Headdy**, DPW Director explained they have been discussing with Mike Farmer that they need a vehicle for the Fleet Manager to be able to run parts. The vehicle is under \$50,000.00 so they obtained 3 quotes and they decided to purchase a 2025 Ford Ranger crew cab XL. The lowest quote was Capitol City Ford in Indianapolis. Mike Farmer added that Cody being the Fleet manager and the new DPW building is really working out well, even better than they expected. Now Cody will have a truck of his own to run parts instead of having to try to find a truck he can use.

**William Ellis** mentioned you can go to [ellettsvillerichlandinfo.com](http://ellettsvillerichlandinfo.com) there is all the information they have on the reorganization. There will also be a presentation on Wednesday with maps for the new voting districts.

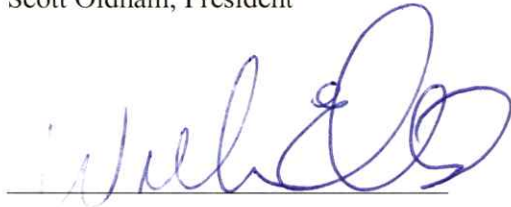
**Scott Oldham** adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.



Scott Oldham, President



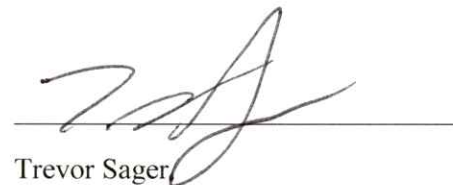
Dan Swafford, Vice President



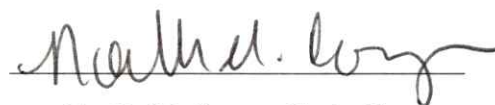
William Ellis



Pamela Samples



Trevor Sager



Noelle M. Conyer Clerk -Treasurer