

Dillsboro Town Council

November 28, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Dillsboro Town Council was opened by President, Tom Wafford, with the pledge to the flag on November 28th at 6:00 p.m.

Council members present: Tom Wafford, Doug Baker, Becky Fryman and Tim Benning. Attorney present: John Watson. Council Members Elect - Jamie Craig. Council members absent: Mary Lou Powers, and Clerk-Treasurer Rita Stevens.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 14, 2022 were approved by CM Baker. Seconded by CM Benning. Motion carried.

Municipal Wastewater Study

- Presentation by Robert Reynolds, London-Witte Group. During the SBOA Audit. Auditor recommends a different procedure of posting the Stripe credit card payments. CT Rita Stevens brought this to the auditor attention during the audit the way the retired utility clerk was posting more in sewer then water. This new procedure is showing more going into the water account then the sewer account. So this will improve water account.
- Need to adjust Sewer rates by 8.1% to get Sewer to operate healthy. Sewer is not operating well, and losing money.

Fire Department – Tim Heitmeyer

- Concerns about the bell tower roof, it is caving in. Fire hydrants not facing the right direction in some places. One at daycare is now gone due to US 50 access. Matt will check into it.
- Election day is Monday December 5th.

Police – Kevin Turner

- Working on Police Policy. CM Baker made a motion to approve the Police Policy changes. Seconded by CM Fryman. Motion carried. Officer Turner included the changes that need to be made below.

301.4 REVIEW BOARD

The Use of Force Review Board will be convened when the use of force by a member results in very serious injury or death to another.

The Use of Force Review Board will also investigate and review the circumstances surrounding every discharge of a firearm, whether the member was on- or off-duty, excluding training, humane destruction of injured or diseased animals, or recreational use.

The Chief of Police may request the Use of Force Review Board to investigate the circumstances surrounding any use of force incident.

The Chief of Police will convene the Use of Force Review Board as necessary. It will be the

responsibility of the Chief of Police or supervisor of the involved member to notify the Chief of Police of any incidents requiring board review. The Chief of Police or designee will also ensure that all relevant reports, documents and materials are available for consideration and review by the board.

The Town Manager or the Dillsboro Town Council may convene the board as necessary if the incident involves the Chief of Police.

301.4.1 COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD

The Chief of Police should staff the Use of Force Review Board with five individuals from the following, as appropriate:

- Two Elected members of the Dillsboro Town Council.
- A member of the Dearborn County Sheriff's Department chosen by the Elected Sheriff of Dearborn County.
- Chief of Police or the Chief's designee. In the event that the Chief of Police and all other members of the Dillsboro Police Department were involved in the incident being reviewed, then a second member of the Dearborn County Sheriff's Department shall be chosen to replace them and serve as chairperson.
- A certified Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board instructor for the type of weapon, device, or technique used.

301.4.3 CHIEF OF POLICE INVOLVEMENT IN REVIEW BOARD

If the Chief of Police is the member's whose actions are before the Review Board, then the Town of Dillsboro may designate another Dillsboro Police Department member to assume the above responsibilities of the Chief of Police for this section or a member of the Dearborn County Sheriff's Department chosen by the Sheriff.

- Vandalism at the Park. Littering kids caught, and banned from the park. Cameras are doing great. Officer Turner thanked council for allowing the Police Department to purchase them.

Utility Department – Matt Bauer

- US 50 Waterline Project. Going well. Progress report meeting Wednesday night. Will check into fire hydrants facing wrong direction per Tim Heitmeyer's request.

Town Manager/Economic Development – Susan Greco

- Wellness update. CT Stevens is doing well and hoping to return Friday December 2nd. Matt Bauer, and Brian Graver been out sick.

- Sewer Rate Study. Need to have a 10 day notice in advance for the rate change. Public Hearing scheduled for December 12th. If this is required to be a “special meeting” - need a notice posted. CM Baker asked about the Sewer deposit, and how much The Town charges. He suggested it be raised. Right now it is \$75 and the transfer fee is \$5.
- Annexation. Rule of 1/8. The perimeter of what needs to be annexed has to border 1/8 of The Town limits. Been in touch with Ivan Cutter. His property is the largest part of that parcel which would satisfy that requirement. Working on getting his approval. The county attorney has no objections to this annexation. Susan would like to move forward with this. GM of Hoosier Hills Water was not knowledgeable. Susan spoke with him briefly about development, he stated he would have to talk to the board and attorneys. Matt and Susan met with SEI Data board members who are also on Hoosier Hills Water Board of Directors. Need to keep moving forward with this.
- Solar. Susan stated that we need talk to REMC. Possibly look for federal funding for a solar farm to energize the Sewer Plant. CM Benning stated he thinks it’s a good idea and to move forward.
- Susan received a small stipend from the Indiana Arts Commission for \$250, and offered to gift it to the renovation of the Friendship Gallery. CM Baker made a motion to approve this request. Seconded by CM Benning. Motion carried.
- 12227 Rullman. Property not salvageable. Susan stated a Home Developer was interested in purchasing the larger parcel for Condos/Rentals. Susan said to provide them with the County Housing Study.
- Street Inventory/CCMG. CCMG canceled – too much going on. Susan provided council with a map. Streets aren’t correct with INDOT. Need to be in inventory to get CCMG. Lake Drive and Maple Glen Drive are not up to standard. If the owners of those streets agree to let the town take over those roads INDOT will inventory them as private street(s) which would give us more money for street maintenance. Susan mentioned having other companies do our inventory like HWC. Wednesday December 7, 2022 at the Town Hall is a public presentation by HWC for the Bike Path Trail. Council had questions about the intersection of Rullman and The Family Market, Western Row (no sidewalks), Bank, North, Woods, Rullman intersections. CM Baker asked about the stop signs by Elder and Firehouse. It is an awkward intersection. CM Wafford stated the lines could be moved up. Susan will look into this. Officer Turner stated it must follow Uniform Traffic Control.
- Our Hometown Christmas is December 3, 2022 – Susan mentioned what a great collaboration by all involved.

Attorney – John Watson

- Friendship Gallery Update. Attorney Watson has a complaint prepared to be filed seeking damages. Should get some estimates and move forward with the complaint and file.
- AARP money was originally to be used for 42 houses, Gas station, and Church in the original phase of the Lake Dildear project. Could be 10 more. Need to figure rate. The new GM at Hoosier Hills Water Trace Cutter initially thought Susan approached him seeking their customer volume. Not the case. No engineer report done, just a summary report. Meeting with Bill Shelton went well. Mentioned people distracted by the Guilford situation. Need to come to an

agreement. READi grant may be available. Attorney Watson concerned about old Aurora water lines. Should possibly talk to Hoosier Hills about a water extension.

Old Business – None.

New Business – CM Baker questioned if the Utility workers get a Christmas bonus.

Being no further business. CM Benning made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 pm. Seconded by CM Baker. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Kami Hamilton for Rita Stevens, Clerk, Treasurer.










