

Dillsboro Town Council

May 22, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Dillsboro Town Council was opened by President, Doug Baker, with the pledge to the flag on May 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Prayer was given by Mike Hill.

CM Baker read the Title VI Advertisement. As a recipient of federal funds, the Town of Dillsboro, is required to develop a procedure for gathering statistical data. The voluntary Public Involvement Survey is available.

Council members present: Doug Baker, Becky Fryman, Tim Benning, Charlie Caldwell and Jamie Craig.
Attorney present: John Watson.

The minutes of the regular meeting on May 8, 2023 were approved by CM Fryman. Seconded by CM Benning. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer – Rita Stevens

CT Stevens stated CM Baker contacted her regarding investing some Riverboat funds into a CD with Friendship State Bank. CT Stevens did contact the towns financial person, Robert Reynolds, LWG, and thought it would be a good idea. Friendship has a CD at 4.05% for 6 months. \$500.00 to open account and no maximum amount. CM Benning made a motion for 5 CD's of \$100,000.00 each and this money would be from Riverboat fund. Seconded by CM Caldwell. Motion carried.

Fire Department

CT Stevens was given from the new Fire Department treasurer, Tanner Thompson, a couple of invoices for council to pay. Invoices are paid 40% town and 60% townships. 1st Invoice was for \$442.40 from Liberty Mutual Insurance. CT Stevens did contact the former FD treasurer, LaDessia Thayer, because the town has never paid Liberty Mutual Insurance before. Ms. Thayer stated the town should have not received this invoice and will contact the new treasurer.

The 2nd Invoice was for \$2,823.04 from Fire Services for light bars. CT Stevens just paid an invoice to Fire Services for \$2,862.91 on May 4, 2023 for rebuilt valves of a pump. CT Stevens stated she is concern if the town pays this 2nd invoice from the VFD Expenses Appropriation Fund the fund will run out of funds before the end of the year. This fund pays \$1,143.03 monthly for Brightspeed (telephone), Professional Janitorial (cleaning), Comcast Cable (cable), Southeastern Indiana Natural Gas (heating), Duke Energy (electric) and SEI Data (fiber). Plus town paid in 2022 some yearly expenses to Koorsen Fire & Security (fire extinguishers), Genset Services (generators), National Hose Testing and Friendship Insurance which was \$4438.80. The appropriation beginning balance is \$24,000.00. As of April 30th the balance is \$17,957.93. Council did decided for CT and Town Manager review the monthly bills. Council did decided to table this invoice to the next meeting.

Town Manager Turner did state the Capital Fire Special Fund has a balance of \$19,574.60. The fund is to purchase fire trucks.

Police – Kevin Turner

Josh Cady was absent but sent an email to council regarding the Homecoming Overtime, radar sign on Rullman Drive has arrived and new Officer Ashley Brown training.

Turner stated from the Public Safety LIT Fund for the Dillsboro Homecoming Overtime for 78.5 hours worked was \$2,747.50.

Utility Department – Matt Bauer

CT Stevens stated a sewer deposit and transfer increase has never been done when the sewer rates went into effect on January 1st, 2023. Water has already been increased to \$85.00 (homeowner) \$100.00 (renter) and \$10.00 transfer fee when water rates increased in November 1, 2021. Sewer deposit is \$75.00 and transfer fee is \$5.00. CT Stevens gathered some information from 4 different households the monthly usage and cost. Single person – Average 1453 consumption costing \$58.86. Family of 2 – Average 2597 consumption costing \$75.32. Family of 4 – Average 5030 consumption costing \$110.27. Attorney Watson stated the Lake Dilldear Sewer Project is coming up. Will contact Robert Reynolds about increasing this. Also to increase there will have to be a public hearing for the deposit and transfer fee.

Bauer stated the finishing repairs on the clarifier total cost is \$59,000. \$39,000 can be used from ARP (American Recovery Act Fund). Request \$20,000 from Riverboat. CM Benning and CM Craig opposed coming out of Riverboat. CM Benning made a motion for \$10,000 from Riverboat and \$10,000 from sewer. Motion died of lack of a second. Council asked how much is in the sewer fund. CT Stevens stated the balance in the sewer fund on April 30, 2023 was \$55,241. CM Fryman made a motion for \$20,000 from sewer. CM Caldwell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Economic Development/Town Manager – Kevin Turner

Several Code Enforcements

- 12625 North – Troxell/Tackitt – Possibly in bank receivership.
- 12624 North – Muncy. Spoke to owner. Ms. Muncy in hospital. Did mow sidewalk. Will be taking official action in June.
- 12774 North – Steven Blair. Very cooperative. Complied with mowing for fair. Is selling house.
- 12766 North – Kyle Smith. Sent certified letter. Mowed front yard. Back yard still in violation.
- 12949 North – John Boyken. Complied. Grass was mowed.
- 10194 Front – Jan Perdue. Sent certified letter. Not in compliance.
- 12527 Rullman – Rental house. Owned by Mark Caldwell. Spoke to residence. Wife just out of hospital. Have seen minor improvement.
- Council, Utility and Police can file a report for violation.

Budget – Each department present a budget to CT Stevens. Street, fire department and police.

Main Street – Attended the New Director Training. Very good. Received the Ross Foundation Grant of \$1,325.00 for Hometown Christmas.

Mary Hallgarth contacted Turner regarding setting up a used book display.

Dillsboro Heritage Legacy – Veteran’s Walk will be up for Memorial Weekend from May 25-30 at the green space, corner of Front & North. Memorial Day Service by Legion on May 28th at 1:00 p.m. at Oakdale Cemetery. Received at \$2,500 Ross Foundation Grant for supplies.

Beautification – Charlie Caldwell

Received a Ross Foundation Grant for \$2,500 for flowers and supplies. Will be planting the summer flowers on Sunday, May 28th.

Parks – Kevin Turner

- Received a grant of \$2,500 from Ross Foundation for playground mulch.
- Have an offer to purchase mulch from St. John’s School to cover 150 square feet they have left over. Around \$2,700.
- Park Board is in agreement about paving with millings for extra parking.

Town Manager Turner stated he will order the Council Budget Workshop (virtually) for council members.

John Watson – Attorney

- Bruce Tackitt does not have any closure on his property.
- Budget Deadline is September or October.
- Lake Dilldear Extension Project with the Dearborn County Regional Sewer District Board is moving forward. Money allocated for next year. Bidding project this year. Meeting will be held the week of June 12th or 19th. Meeting for Watson, Lori Young, Eric Graver, Matt Bauer, Kevin Turner and a council member. Will contact Robert Reynolds, LWG, regarding this. One question is there going to be a cap.
- Updated Salary Ordinance – will have at next meeting. Removing Susan Greco, adding Kevin Turner as Town Manager and adding Ashley Brown as police officer.

Old Business

Kevin Turner stated the building at 12854 North owned by Indiana Landmarks. Received an email from Indiana Landmarks that the property is getting the price set on June 18 and will be listed with Jay Knowles. Did talk to Jarrod Holdbrook, Indiana Landmarks, thought the listing price would be \$75,000.

New Business – none

Public Comment

- Matt Bauer did state regarding the Dillsboro Homecoming. Clean-up went good with the utility workers.
- CT Stevens stated the Dillsboro In Bloom there was a big turn out.

Being no futher business. CM Fryman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Seconded by CM Caldwell. Motion carried.

Rita Stevens

Rita Stevens, Clerk-Treasurer

Charlie Alkhi
Becky Fry

Doug Baker *Tommy*
Jamie Craig