

Dillsboro Town Council

June 26, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Dillsboro Town Council was opened by President, Doug Baker, with the pledge to the flag on June 26, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Prayer was given by Charlie Hill.

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 June 12, 2023 were approved by CM Caldwell. Seconded by CM Fryman. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer – Kevin Turner. Rita Stevens absent – attending the ILMCT Conference.

Invoice from HWC Engineering for \$6132.50 to be paid out of Local Roads and Streets was approved by CM Benning. Seconded by CM Caldwell. Motion carried.

TM Turner stated CT Stevens requested the residential garbage cost to increase from \$18.23 to \$18.50. Council denied the request.

Fire Department

No business.

Police Department – Josh Cady

Everything has been going great with new Officer Ashley Brown. Josh stated she is very eager and has been reading the SOPs. They have been working together, and the week of July 3rd she will be patrolling alone. She has been working with one of the Dearborn County Sheriff's units, and participated in active shooter training at South Dearborn High School. Chief Cady thanked the Aurora Police Department & The Dearborn County Sheriffs Office for the assistance. Chief Cady stated Officer Brown has also been riding on county roads to get familiarized.

Chief Cady asked Council if the K9 trailer can be shared with the Fire Department. Council approved.

Utility Department – Matt Bauer

CM Baker asked to see the paperwork on all roads and Streets. TM Turner has it, and will get it to him.

The 75 gallon tank needs rehab. \$18,000 change order allotted for the rehab of this tank. No cost to The Town. Needs approval. CM Craig made a motion to approve the tank rehab. Seconded by CM Baker. Motion carried.

Matt Bauer stated the tank needs a new roof, an sediment needs drained every 45 years, and will need painted in the future.

Matt Bauer stated that everything else has been going good. They have been busy at the Park. The baseball tournaments went good.

CM Baker asked about a 15% discount from recycle center on trash cans. TM Turner and Matt Bauer will check into it.

Officer Cady asked Dillsboro Summer Ball and Dillsboro Soccer could help pay for the trash can cost.

Mike Holman has changed out about 250 meters. 127 were done in the winter per the Division I project. Halfway done on the transmitters.

Matt Bauer stated that Dino has been doing a great job with the park bathrooms. Eric has been bagging sludge alone. Kyle & Mike have been helping Brian with transmitters. Brian is in charge of the transmitters. Matt also stated AA Kami Hamilton has been helping Brian with some meter input and thanked Kami.

CM Benning asked about a speed sign on Rullman Drive. Chief Cady stated they have been busy with training Officer Brown. Officer Cady stated he wanted to find a spinnable pole to change the direction the sign faces and hopes to get it installed soon.

CM Baker asked about the school cross walk. It is very dark in the mornings when kids cross. Wanted to install some lighting. Chief Cady stated that Duke has no control over this. Chief Cady mentioned the issue to some school board members, should be a school issue. CM Baker stated to stay on top of this issue for the safety of our community and children.

Town Manager/Economic Development – Kevin Turner

Code Enforcement on Michelle Lane is taken care of.

TM stated resident Kyle Smith is aware the Town has been mowing for him. Matt Bauer stated there is poison ivy all around house and wanted to spray it down. TM Turner said to do whatever they need to do.

TM Turner stated the Dillsboro Main Street has its very first out of network sponsor. Route 262 Outdoors. Dillsboro is an “aspiring” Main Street, and need to be reporting to MAESTRO. Working on July Quarterly. AA Kami Hamilton has been inputting data in MAESTRO, and handling the social media aspect of Main Street, and is doing a great job and thanked Kami.

Dearborn County zoning is investigating the camper on 12510 North Street. It is also in a Utility Right-of-Way.

Met with Indiana Landmarks, Jarrod Holbrook. Susan Greco also attended the meeting. Indiana Landmarks ran out of funds to completely take down elevator. Building will be up for sale soon.

CM Baker asked if they could add in \$25,000 and give back to the town.

Dearborn County Commissioners are raising our rates to contracts for dispatch services. Cost now is \$7200.00. Projected cost is around \$12,000 - \$13,000. Need a council member, or Josh to negotiate with the County Administrator Sue Hayden due to conflict of interest with TM Turner being on County Council. Chief Cady stated he could pull the call volume and figure out what each community pays. CM Baker asked if we could get money back from the Township. CM Baker offered to take a day off work from his regular job to attend meeting with Josh. Discussion tabled until next meeting.

Phase II Dearborn County Community Grant improvement meeting for Green Space requested by Civic Club is September 5, 2023 at 12pm.

CM Fryman volunteered to be a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals. CM Benning made a motion to approve CM Fryman on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Seconded by CM Craig. Motion carried.

CM Craig volunteered to be a member of the Redevelopment Board. CM Fryman made a motion to approve CM Craig on the Redevelopment Board. Seconded by CM Benning. Motion carried

Beautification – Charlie Caldwell

No business.

Park – Kevin Turner

TM Turner stated there was not a quorum to vote at the Park Board meeting for the mulch project. CM Baker asked if Summer Ball & Soccer could help pay for the trash cans.

Swing set by the Baseball Concession needs to be removed. ADA states it is not in compliance. Park Board plans to replace it.

TM Turner said Munch-A-Lunch is doing good.. averaging around 20-30 kids daily.

Attorney – John Watson

Attorney Watson suggested raising sewer deposit.

Council asked about raising the price of water rates again. Attorney Watson said we just would need a consultation report since we just raised the water rates a few years ago, so the cost would be cheaper. Council all agreed small increases would be best. Discussion tabled until next meeting

DCRSD Lake Dildear - Attorney Watson received an email about this. TM Turner has copies. The county is committed to this and so is Dillsboro. Would need Lori Young and Eric Graver to attend meetings. July 5 or July 6 would work for Matt Bauer. All council members are on board with the project. Attorney Watson stated we have room to negotiate, and this should be good for Dillsboro.

Old Business

Jared Teaney looked into the bills regarding the 3 different services paid by The Town for the Firehouse. Jeff Bittner from INDICOM said we could cut back 200-300 a month by removing these.

TM Turner stated there is a local income tax that could be taxed to 2% for Life Squad services. This could generate around 2 million dollars for the counties. Could fix entire issue. This is a brand new law effective July 2023. TM Turner will attend the next meeting regarding this.

New Business

Attorney Watson thanked everyone for the way he was treated during his mother's passing. He greatly appreciated the compassion.

Being no further business. CM Benning made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Seconded by CM Fryman. Motion carried.



Kami Hamilton

Administrative Assistant





