

Dillsboro Town Council

November 27, 2023

The regular meeting of the Dillsboro Town Council was opened by President, Doug Baker, with the pledge to the flag on November 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Council members present: Doug Baker, Becky Fryman, Tim Benning, Charlie Caldwell and Jerri Jackson.  
Attorney Absent: John Watson

The council minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 13, Special Meeting on November 15 and Executive Meeting on November 20. CM Benning made a motion to approve all the minutes. Seconded by CM Jackson. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer – Rita Stevens – nothing to report

St. Elizabeth Foundation – Sarah Siegrist, Jim Deaton & Mike Schwebler. Siegrist updated the council on the new Cancer Building stating Spring 2024 should be open. Schwebler stated would like the town to continue the support to the pledge. Deaton stated Dearborn County Hospital was in trouble so St. Elizabeth bought the hospital and updated it. Plans are building a new hospital close to the Cancer Building.

CM Baker stated the council froze the Riverboat funds in 2023 and that is why the pledge didn't get meet.

Greco stated in 2019 Town of Dillsboro Pledge of \$100,000 towards the Cancer Building. Town has paid in 2019 - \$5,000; 2020 – nothing; 2021 - \$10,000 and 2022 - \$5,000. Due is \$80,000.

CM Fryman, CM Caldwell and CM Jackson agreed to honor the pledge. CM Benning stated Riverboat is frozen this year and recommends next year to pay the pledge for 2022 & 2023. This will be voted on at the January 2024 meeting.

Melissa Walston asked what other towns or cities have pledged. Schwebler stated Lawrenceburg, Aurora, Greendale and Sunman gave a donation. Walston stated council needs to improve Dillsboro before anybody else in financial support.

Main Street – Rod Martin & Carrie Miller. Martin explained what Main Street is and where Main Street is going. Martin presented a flier of the history of Main Street from 2014-2022, the working groups and events created. Main Street follows the state guidelines. In 2023, after a rigorous application process, Dillsboro Main Street was accepted into the Aspiring Indiana Main Street program. In February 2024 there is a review. Miller stated there is up to 2 million dollars for projects. This would bring a downtown revitalization to the town. Would need a 10 % match. Martin stated the Executive Director needs to be the town manager to coordinate Main Street with the State. Could use more board members. The board meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 6:00 p.m. at the Art Gallery. Main Street is asking the town for continued support.

Fire Department (Tim Heitmeyer) – absent

Police – Josh Cady – absent

Utility Superintendent – Matt Bauer

- Regarding the lawsuits presently with 3M and DuPont on the PFAS chemical found in drinking water. Dillsboro is below the limits of 1.3. Lori Young from Curry & Associates suggested the town to opt out. Attorney Watson will have to do this by December 11<sup>th</sup>. CM Fryman made a motion for the town to opt out. Seconded by CM Jackson. Motion carried.
- Division water meter replacement complete. CM Benning made a motion for CM Baker to sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion form. Seconded by CM Caldwell. Motion carried.
- Change Order for Division II – Water Meter Replacement. Additional Cost is \$18,975.00. Credit \$33,854.20. Decrease of \$14,879,20. CM Benning made a motion for CM Baker to sign the change order. Seconded by CM Jackson. Motion carried.
- Application for Payment No. 3 from Mike Holman Excavating for construction of the Division II Water Meter Replacement Project of \$185,717,31. CM Fryman made a motion for CM Baker to sign the application. Seconded by CM Caldwell. Motion carried.
- The mulch from St. John's is at the sewer plant.
- Meter readings – been cross training.

Interim Town Manager – Susan Greco

- Met with Tony Clark from SEI. Wanting sewer to a new complex. Town needs to do the first phase of annexation to do this. A map was given to council. TIF to assist with development and it would increase tax base. CM Baker made a motion to move forward to the annexation. Seconded by CM Benning. Motion carried.
- READI 2.0 Regional Grant. Engineering plan for North Street Park. Civic Club is anxious for a stage at the park. Need an overall plan and the deadline is December 22. CM Fryman made a motion to move forward. Seconded by CM Caldwell. Motion carried.
- Caldwell Property on 12933 North Street. Regarding the alley, the building is sitting right on the alley, is why his building got hit by a truck. Regarding the tree between his building and Art Center. The tree is real close to his building and recommends to remove the tree. CM Baker made a motion to get the tree removed. Seconded by CM Jackson. Motion carried.
- SIRPC 2024 Appointment. Recommends the town manager be appointed. CM Benning made a motion to approve the recommendation. Seconded by CM Fryman. Motion carried.
- Verizon Delinquency. This is from discontinuing the sewer on call phone. Made several attempts with Verizon regarding the account and now the town received a notice from a law firm. The amount is \$176.98. Recommends to pay this delinquency. CM Jackson made a motion to pay the delinquency. Seconded by CM Caldwell. Motion carried.
- 911 Meeting is December 15 for CM Baker, Greco and Attorney Watson.

Beautification – Charlie Caldwell – Flower pots are being decorated for Christmas. The snowmen and soldiers need to be painted. Will not be displayed this year.

Park

- No minutes received. CM Baker stated someone needs to come to the council meeting.
- Greco stated the Public Hearing for 5 Year Comprehensive Park Plan is December 11 at the beginning of the council meeting.
- Board members are staggered. Sherri Cutter just did a 1 year term. Need approval for Cutter to do a 4 year term. CM Jackson made a motion to approve Cutter a 4 year term. Seconded by CM Caldwell. Motion carried.

Attorney – John Watson - absent

Old Business

Greco stated need the following board members approved.

- Steve Barger be appointed to the Planning & Zoning Board. CM Baker made a motion to approve Barger. Seconded by CM Benning. Motion carried.
- Christine Stewart be appointed to the Redevelopment Board. CM Caldwell made a motion to approve Stewart. Seconded by CM Baker. Motion carried.
- Downtown Design. Needs to be a property owner. 2 year terms are Kim Spangler, Patty Perkins, Tom DeVille and Cheryl Redwine. 1 year terms are Brad Holtegel, Aaron Patterson and Jerri Jackson (council). CM Fryman made a motion to approve these appointees. Seconded by CM Caldwell. Motion carried.

Bauer asked council regarding Comp Time. Does it get carried over or need to be used before the end of the year. Council stated if not used a pay out at the first pay period of December. CM Benning made a motion to approve this. Seconded by CM Fryman. Motion carried.

New Business

CT Stevens stated the 2<sup>nd</sup> council meeting is on December 25<sup>th</sup>. CM Baker stated a Special Council Meeting will have to be scheduled.

CM Baker recommends the town employees full and part time to receive a \$150.00 Christmas Compensation. This will come from General/Trash Appropriation. CM Baker made the motion to approve this compensation. Seconded by CM Fryman. Motion carried.

CM Baker stated the employee health insurance was increased by 12.9% from the Insurance Company. Recommends for the insurance stay the same and no increase in employee cost. CM Fryman made a motion to approve the insurance staying the same. Seconded by CM Jackson. Motion carried.

CM Baker recommends Veteran's Day be added to the holidays for employees. CM Fryman made a motion to approve Veteran's Day. Seconded by CM Caldwell. Motion carried.

CM Baker recommends a change in the employees Bereavement leave. Spouse, Parents (including in-laws & step-parents), and Child (including step children) from 5 days to 3 days. Sister (including sister in-law), Brother (including brother in-law) and Grandparents (including in-laws) from 3 days to 2 days. CM Benning made a motion to change this leave. Seconded by CM Fryman. Motion carried.

CM Baker recommends the following employee raises. Utility Clerk, Rita Stevens, and Assistant Administrator, Kami Hamilton, to receive a 4% raise. Utility laborers a \$1.12/hour raise. Police, Josh Cady, and Utility Superintendent, Matt Bauer, to receive \$29.20/hour. Council and Clerk-Treasurer receive a 4% raise. The 2024 Salary Ordinance will be approved at the December 11 council meeting.


CT Stevens asked about the HSA. Council stated it will be the same.

Public Comment – none

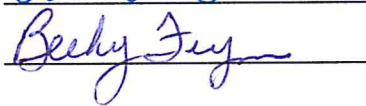
Being no further business. CM Jackson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Seconded by CM Benning. Motion carried.




Rita Stevens Clerk-Treasurer



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