

Dillsboro Town Council

May 12, 2025

The regular meeting of the Dillsboro Town Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on May 12, 2025 by Council President, Tim Benning, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council present: Tim Benning, Becky Fryman, Charlie Caldwell, Jerri Jackson and Dustin Kitchell.
Attorney present: John Watson

CM Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on April 14, 2025 and the executive meeting on May 5, 2025. Seconded by CM Kitchell. All were in favor, and a motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer – Rita Stevens

Need approval of the yearly donation to St. Elizabeth Foundation of \$5,000 for the Dearborn County Cancer Center pledge and to be paid from Riverboat donation appropriation. CM Fryman made a motion to approve paying \$5,000 to the St. Elizabeth Foundation, seconded by CM Jackson. All were in favor, and a motion carried. Resolution 2025-5-1 “A Resolution Approving Town Donation to St. Elizabeth Foundation” was signed. (attached)

Church of Christ had a toilet leak in May 2024. They been paying an extra \$100.00 each month on their bill (\$250.00). The church is asking for the town to waive the penalty fee that has been charged of \$252.05 and not be charged a penalty until the bill is paid in full. Now and in the past, if a customer has a leak, the customer was always charged the penalty. As of May 9 – balance of the church account is \$1,028.55. Also have Heidi Sizemore on Sesame Street paying extra a month for a leak. Council decided for the customer of the leak pays the penalty the first month and no monthly penalty is charged until the bill is paid in full. CM Kitchell made a motion the customer pays the penalty the first month and no penalty is charged after that until the bill is paid in full. And if the bill is not paid within a year, the account will be reviewed. Seconded by CM Fryman. All were in favor, and a motion carried.

Received a check of \$20,000 from Clay Township Trustee, Jerry Caldwell, for a donation to the park.

Received a check of \$2,277.69 from Alvin Benning for leasing the Spangler Property (in front of the Sewer Plant) for crops. This was deposited in the Town Owned Properties fund.

Dillsboro Homecoming Fair Parade is Saturday, May 17 at 11:00 a.m. The town will have a truck in the parade for council members, town manager and clerk-treasurer to participate in.

Received a letter from the State Board of Accounts, the town will be audited this year for the years of 2021-2024.

As of April 30, 2025, the fund balances are as follows: General Fund: \$2,168,180.54 (included CCMG of \$391,395.50). Water Utility Operating Fund: \$137,695.49. Sewer Utility Operating Fund: \$210,251.64.

Beautification – Charlie Caldwell

Charlie stated the pump on the mule is working great.

Main Street – Kami Hamilton, Executive Director

Dillsboro in Bloom was held May 10. There was 23 vendors. The food truck Heaven In Your Mouth BBQ sold out.

Jazz Festival is June 7, will have a booth selling ice cream, brownies and cobblers.

Steve Sassaman is the new Main Street treasurer.

There is a Main Street 101 Meeting on May 15 in Greendale, which the Executive Directors are required to attend.

Legal – John Watson

The Dillsboro Emergency Unit (DEU), the courts have granted a change in venue to Ohio County and a telephonic pre-trial conference has been scheduled for May 23. This is by phone and will schedule for pre-trial conference date and hearing dates. Question has been brought to my attention, should the town jump in. The county has the contract, as of right now, don't think it is necessary for the town to jump in. Watson stated he has good communication with the county of what is going on. We're not sure what the disposition of the assets are going to be. If it comes to being involved, the town has covered the water, sewer, snow removal and lawn care. Regarding the trust funds, the money was put in their management. Citizens does know where the money came from and knew what it was for and helping to preserve the corpus of the trust by doing those things. This could be an argument also if the town gets involved.

911 Special Meeting is scheduled for May 19 at 6:30 p.m. Garrett Bascom, Representative, will be attending and possible Aurora, Greendale and Moores Hill. Greendale and Aurora Mayors are planning on attending the County Council Meeting on May 15 and tell the county the county needs to raise a tax and needs to pay for the increase. Since nobody is available to attend from Dillsboro, a letter will be written and given to county council that the town supports the efforts of the mayors.

Regarding the Dennerline property on US 50. When the water line went through, they didn't want to sign the easement. The town worked out a deal and a contract and there will be reasonable compensation. This was in lieu for the town filing a condemnation action. Watson has received an email from the Dennerline's for a meeting regarding the compensation.

Town Manager – Derek Walker

911 Dispatch Interlocal Agreement of paying \$32,046.70 for 2025, this will be tabled until after the May 19 Special Meeting.

Green Space Catch Basin has been replaced by the utility workers. Wanted this replaced before the fair and the Dillsboro In Bloom.

The Utility Superintendent open position has been reposted on Eagle Country, newspapers, indeed and Facebook. Will email the applications to council.

There has been 3 water leaks the utility workers had to fix on Spangler Road (service line), Texas Gas (valve) and Guion Street (Main). Also the new water main is in on Guion Street.

Old Business

Stellar Pathways Sidewalk Improvement PE Preview

Received from six companies for preliminary engineering. Will pick 2 or 3 to interview. CM Benning and CM Kitchell volunteered to review with TM Walker.

Planning Commission Appointment

After checking with Attorney Watson, TM Walker can be appointed to the Planning Commission. CM Jackson made a motion to appoint TM Walker to the Planning Commission, seconded by CM Caldwell. All were in favor, motion carried.

Aurora EMS Request for Vehicle Shelter

Met with Dillsboro Fire Department and Aurora EMS regarding a shelter for their vehicles. Possible a 40x40 with 3 bay building for the old fire truck, ATV fire hauler and the chaser car. The area would be next to the recycling trailer behind the fire house. Will get a bidding process started. Jerry Caldwell, Clay Township Trustee, could possible donate up to \$20,000.

Water Rate Study

The study showed a rate for a minimum gallons of 2,500 is \$35.85 plus tax. This is a 10% increase from the rate of \$32.28. Schedule a public hearing in June.

Brush & Heavy Trash Pickup Standards

The standards the town already has are ok, but need to have an ordinance. CM Benning suggest maybe having the Heavy Trash pickup every other week.

American Legal Proposal

Regarding the code of ordinances book updated, tabled to the next meeting.

New Business

Seasonal Help

Tom Lewis and Jerry Caldwell has been hired for the part-time seasonal help. CM Kitchell made a motion to approve hiring Lewis and Caldwell and their pay will be \$13.25 hour. Seconded by CM Fryman. All in favor, motion carried.

Certified Water Operator

TM Walker has passed his license for a Certified Water Operator. CM Fryman made a motion for TM Walker be the Certified Operator in Charge, seconded by CM Caldwell. All in favor, motion carried.

Dillsboro Arts Jazz Festival

The Dillsboro Arts will have a Dillsboro Arts Jazz Festival on June 7 at the Arts Center. The town will ask for the Dillsboro Arts sign a Indemnity and Support Agreement. CM Kitchell made a motion for a pre-approved agreement, seconded by CM Jackson. All were in favor, motion carried.

Aurora EMS Fuel Usage Agreement

Aurora EMS has asked the town to use the fuel tanks. CM Fryman made a motion for Aurora EMS to use the towns fuel tank and be invoiced monthly, seconded by CM Caldwell. All were in favor, motion carried.

SIRPC MOU

The Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (SIRPC) have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) proposed for their work on the Stellar Pathways Sidewalk project. CM Fryman made a motion to approve SIRPC MOU, seconded by CM Jackson. All were in favor, motion carried.

2025 Budget Adjustments

When budgeting for 2025, the life insurance wasn't considered. It is around \$4,000 a year. And the health insurance, budgeted \$30,000 for family plan and it is really \$32,000 a year. And the single plan is \$12,000 for a single plan and it is actually \$18,000. TM Walker is working on moving some funds around to cover these line items, will report at the next meeting.

DCRSD Easement

The Dearborn County Regional Sewer District (DCRSD) have drafted an easement for the town to consider for the sanitary sewer main. It is coming into the town's property at the sewer plant in the corner and go around the lagoon and come down the drive and then connect to the sewer plant. IDEM is requesting to abandon the old lagoons in a couple of years. Attorney Watson did state they owe the town the capacity fee at some point. Could withhold a sign off until they pay that, or maybe the town could put language in there that it's not granted until that is paid. Attorney Watson will check on this. So once DCRSD get the towns easement in June, construction will start in maybe July or August.

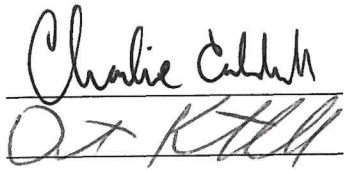
Other Business

CM Fryman mentioned the legion would like a bucket day at the 4 way stop on North and Front Streets and wanting to do this twice a year. Council has no problem with this, but let Police Chief Cady know about it.

With no further business, CM Kitchell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m., seconded by CM Fryman. Motion carried unanimously.



Rita Stevens,, Clerk-Treasurer



Resolution 2025-5-1

A RESOLUTION APPROVING TOWN DONATION TO ST. ELIZABETH FOUNDATION.

WHEREAS, The Civil Town of Dillsboro is interested in supporting the healthcare needs of the community.

WHEREAS, all pledges and dollars collected by Highpoint Health Foundation for the Dearborn Cancer Center have been transferred to St. Elizabeth Foundation and placed in a restricted fund whose sole purpose is to be used to build the Dearborn Cancer Center.

WHEREAS, Dearborn Cancer Center will be a part of the large St. Elizabeth Dearborn healthcare campus located in Greendale, IN.

WHEREAS, the Town Council expects the Cancer Center to be an innovative treatment center that will provide care to the citizens of the Town of Dillsboro in Dearborn County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Town Council of the Civil Town of Dillsboro approves a donation to the St. Elizabeth Foundation for the Cancer Center in the amount of \$5,000.00 towards the pledge of \$100,000.
2. The Clerk Treasurer is authorized to disburse said funds immediately to the St. Elizabeth Foundation.

PASSED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL TOWN OF DILLSBORO, INDIANA, this 12th day of May 2025.

