

Dillsboro Town Council

August 12, 2024

The regular meeting of the Dillsboro Town Council was opened by President, Doug Baker, with the pledge to the flag on August 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

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

CM Benning made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on July 22 and the special meeting on July 29. Seconded by CM Jackson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer – Rita Stevens

- Ideas Summit is scheduled for October 8-10 in Fort Wayne. Registration starts on August 15th. Council needs to let CT Stevens or TM Walker know by August 14th if anyone wants to attend.
- Retired Volunteer Fire Department Dinner was August 5, CM Benning and CT Stevens attended.
- Invitation received for the Purdue Extension Annual Meeting and the 4-H Achievement Banquet on Saturday, September 21st at 3:30 p.m. at Agner Hall, Lawrenceburg Fairgrounds.

Utility Department – Matt Bauer

- Mulch installation has been completed at the park soccer field playground. The projected used over 200 yards of mulch, the playground is now in compliance with insurance standards of 9" or more.
- Main Street Sewer Issues. The utility crew jetted and recorded footage of the Main Street sanitary sewer main and confirmed that a storm drain, and sanitary lateral are tied in together. Town staff will continue jetting farther down the street to assess the condition of the main. The town needs to make plans for additional sewer main inspections. TM Walker and Bauer will look over the recording and discuss corrective action options with the property owner
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, Eric Graver has been bagging sludge.
- Ted Thurber, summer help, has continued good work and is anticipated to be retained until the park bathrooms are closed.
- Water line extension project. Previously it was estimated that the project would overrun grant and loan funding by \$120,000, which was later reduced to \$60,000. The final overrun balance of Curry & Associates is \$32,500 and Mike Holman \$15.00. CM Jackson made a motion to revise the motion on 4/22/2024 for Curry & Associates to be paid \$32,500 and be paid from Riverboat. Seconded by CM Caldwell. All in favor, motion carried. Mike Holman should be getting his last SRF check for over \$200,000 and will be owed a difference of \$15.00. CM Benning made a motion to pay Mike Holman the \$15.00 from Riverboat. Seconded by CM Jackson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Park – Town Manager Derek Walker

- With the completion of the playground mulching and drainage improvement projects the park budget is completed, so there will not be any more park projects this year.

Main Street – Kami Hamilton

- The Main Street 101 required course for Executive Directors is scheduled for October 22-24, K. Hamilton will be attending.
- Heritage Days flier. Main Street has been contacting each town business for merchandise or up to a \$25.00 gift card for the free give away basket that will be given away at the Arts & Crafts on the Lawn on September 21st.
- Summer Concert on August 17. Main Street will be selling sweets, the Legion Auxiliary will be selling food, and One Dearborn will be providing information on the Stellar Pathways program.

Attorney – John Watson

- Updated the burn ordinance which makes the use of burn barrels illegal in town limits.
- DCRSD (Dearborn County Regional Sewer District) Agreement is still pending a contract, but the Town's financial studies are completed. We are waiting to hear information on DCRSD's plans.
- EMS situation. Nothing new to report

Fire Department – Jason Sullivan

- Need approval for Felicia Sullivan to join as a new member, firewoman and paramedic. Mostly paramedic. CM Benning made a motion to approval Felicia Sullivan for a member of the fire department. Seconded by CM Caldwell. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Firemen's Hog Roast is the last Sunday in September.

Old Business – TM Derek Walker

- Stellar Pathways. Mike Perleberg with Dearborn One presented and gave council an update. Stellar week is the week of August 19th for Dillsboro, Greendale and Bright. The Dillsboro workshop is scheduled for August 19th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Civic Club. Perleberg & TM Walker attended a workshop in Greenfield regarding projects for Dearborn County. One Dearborn will be at local events promoting the Stellar Pathways and informing the public. TM Walker provided a list of the timeline and funding sources and reviewed preliminary plans.
- Burn Ordinance. TM Walker reviewed the ordinance with council. TM Baker stated concern over the hours of not being able to use from 1:00 a.m.-noon, noting that people do use them in the mornings. Rhett Dennerline stated that requiring a 50-foot set back from house makes it questionable as to why even have an ordinance. Jason Sullivan stated that the ordinance needs to match with the county. Steve Barger did state 10'-15' should be enough.

- Right-Of-Way Ordinance. TM Walker reviewed the ordinance with the council. Bauer did state the need to consider keeping it simple for Duke and the gas company.
- Façade Improvement Matching Grant (FIMG). TM Walker reviewed the program packet & application with the council. The proposed program includes a maximum grant amount of \$10,000, and applications due November 1, 2024. Considerations or preference could be given to applicants in the Downtown Design area only or within the town of Dillsboro limits. Will look to make some tweaks and seek approval at the next Council meeting. The council should let TM Walker know of any proposed changes.
- Main Street Sewer Issue. Will be reviewing everything with M. Bauer and look to have potential cost estimates at the next meeting.

New Business

- 2025 Budget. CT Stevens and TM Walker met with DLGF. Taxpayers (Form 3) and Budget Estimate (Form 1) were provided to the council. The required public hearing is scheduled for September 9 and the adoption meeting for October 14. Total budget estimate is \$1,072,350.

Public Comment

Rhett Dennerline, 9777 US 50. R. Dennerline stated that he provided license to the town for the installation of the water main and was questioning if a survey has been completed according to the agreement. Attorney Watson stated the town did a license for Dennerline and that the work is complete but that he'll have to check with the surveyor on the survey. Bauer stated a survey was done by the SEIG Surveying Company. Watson will check on everything.

Rhett Dennerline also commented on the County Zonings Ordinance. The County zoned property to the east and west of Dillsboro on US 50 for multi-residential. R. Dennerline questioned why the Town would want this housing outside of town and encouraged Council to bring people and housing to town instead.

Being no further business. CM Benning made a motion to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. Seconded by CM Jackson. All in favor. Motion carried.



Rita Stevens, Clerk-Treasurer



