

Dillsboro Town Council

September 26, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Dillsboro Town Council was opened by President, Tom Wafford, with the pledge to the flag on September 26, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Prayer was given by Mike Hill.

Council members present: Mary Lou Powers, Tom Wafford, Doug Baker, Becky Fryman and Tim Benning. Attorney present: John Watson. Election Council Candidates present: Charlie Caldwell, Jacob Kohorst and Jamie Craig.

The minutes of the September 12, 2022 were approved by CM Baker. Seconded by CM Powers. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer – Rita Stevens – Stevens stated the 2023 Public Hearing for the budget is October 10. Stevens also stated she received a thank you from the family of Alberta Lewis.

Utility Department – Matt Bauer

- Mike Holman with the water project. Rump Road is completed and passed the tests. At the present time they are on U.S. 50 East across from the Co-op. There is hydrants in between each valve.
- Dave O'Mara street repairs will be mid-October.
- AIM Ideas Summit – will be attending.
- Asset Management Training is November 1 at the town hall. Curry & Associates will be hosting it.
- Painters on the water tower should be done by the end of this week.
- Leak on Sangamaw Road will be fixed after water tower is completed.
- Bauer and Dino Schmaltz are concerned about 2 valves at the water tower. Will need to be replaced.
- Utility employees are doing great and working together. Brian Graver is back after having some health issues.
- Replaced 34 read heads last month after doing the August readings.

CM Benning asked Bauer about the red tiles on Front & North Streets. Bauer was aware of it and will be fixed.

CM Baker asked if any customer complaints during the water project. Bauer stated there was a couple but got resolved. One was a sign at the Church of Christ but Holman's will be replacing it.

Town Manager/Economic Development – Susan Greco

- Progress report on the water tower for council to look at.
- Greco thanks council for their support during her mother's sickness and passing.
- Broadband Ready Update – Some grant opportunities. Will be meeting in October.
- Friendship Gallery – Attorney Watson stated Brown Roofing does have insurance. Can do a demand letter for \$15,795.02 for total expenses that occurred. Town has 2 claim adjusters quotes. They are wanting 2 estimates. Which adjusters would be the same as the estimates.

Town has held back \$7,254.54 remaining balance. Should have a response at the next meeting to finish off the settlement or file suit against the insurance company.

- Dillsboro Arts renovation at Friendship Center. Mike Stehlin estimates for Phase 1 is \$19,780.00 and Phase 2 is \$27,300.00. The plumbing upstairs would have to be fixed before the downstairs renovations. Possible \$5,000.00. Received around \$7,400.00 from insurance for interior damage. Another \$15,000.00 pending. Town Owned Property Fund is around \$71,570.00. CM Benning made a motion for up to \$20,000.00 towards the renovation including the plumbing expenses. Seconded by CM Powers. Motion carried. This would be from Town Owned Properties. The plumbing would be using the old design plan.
- Grass Ordinance – Greco contacted properties with a nice letter to keep weeds, grass or rank vegetation cut or removed. Greco wants council approval for any liens that needs to be filed. After much discussion decided to review the ordinance. Attorney Watson stated also need to look at other ordinances regarding unsafe buildings, vehicles and standing water. Tabled to next meeting.
- DISA – Administrative Assistant, Kami Hamilton, is managing this program. Attorney Watson will do a Alcohol and Drug Testing Policy. Tabled to next meeting.
- Bike Paths & Trails Plan – Steering Committee and Public Meeting on September 27. Survey available to be filled out.
- Annexation – Council was given a engagement letter from Rhonda Cook from the Cook Government Advisors. CM Baker made a motion up to \$5,500.00 from Riverboat for this project. Seconded by CM Benning. Motion carried.
- Slone request for wavier on driveway and parking areas by using gravel. The County Technical Review denied his request.
- Fire Department Storage Building – Greco and CM Wafford met with the Fire Department. Had a very good meeting.
- Indiana Arts Commission Strategic Framework Advisory Committee. Greco was invited to be a member of the Advisory Committee and she has accepted.
- Health Insurance Quotes – Have received three quotes. Greco asking for a meeting for the quotes be presented to council. Special Meeting will be October 24th at 5:00 p.m.

Attorney Watson

- Sabre Property – 12227 Rullman Drive. The town got the judgement for \$5,000.00. The property is unsafe.
- Jennifer Street – Sent text to Jennell Scudder but have not received a text back to talk to her. Give her few days. Try to work something out with her regarding the building in the street.
- Lake Dilldear sanitary sewer project. No plan the town taking the sewer. No amount of money is allotted.
- Criminal Arrests Fund from the County that Josh Cady asked about. There is no extra distribution.

Being no further business. CM Baker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Seconded by CM Fryman. Motion carried.

Rita Stevens

Rita Stevens, Clerk-Treasurer

Sharon Zuff

Traci Zuff *Greg Baker*

Becky Zuff