

## Dillsboro Town Council

November 14, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Dillsboro Town Council was opened by President, Tom Wafford, with the pledge to the flag on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Council members present: Tom Wafford, Doug Baker, Mary Lou Powers, Becky Fryman and Tim Benning. Attorney present: John Watson. Council Members Elect Charlie Caldwell and Jamie Craig. Clerk-Treasurer Rita Stevens – absent.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 24, 2022 were approved by CM Baker. Seconded by CM Benning. Motion carried.

CT Stevens prepared a paper to show the Sewer adjustments that needed approved.

Sarah Boyer, Church of Christ, and Floyd Stevens - CM Fryman made a motion to approve these adjustments. Seconded by CM Powers. Motion carried.

### Park/Beautification – Cherie Rump

- Working on the 5 year plan. Park Plan Public Meeting is November 15. Next Park Board meeting is November 21.
- Cherie Rump provided Council with information on two different Park Board creation scenarios.
- The 5 year plan MUST be submitted by the end of 2022. Greg Beifuss with the IDNR was the source of all information.

### Police – Josh Cady

- Chief Cady informed Council that police firearms need to be replaced. Had them since 2008. Wanting to purchase 9mm's, and trade in the 357 sigs. Will get a credit on them. 9mm's are cheaper and easier to get ammo. Have funds in his budget to do this. CM Baker made a motion to allow Chief Cady to purchase new guns and ammo, and to trade in old guns and ammo for a credit at trade in value. Seconded by CM Powers. Motion carried.
- Mardi Gras event approaching in February or March. \$800 a table. The Town has contributed in the past. CM Wafford said to table this discussion.

### Utility Department – Matt Bauer

- US 50 Waterline Project. Going very well. Holman are working around Starlight Event Center. As soon as 262 and East of Starlight are in service they will be ready to jump to the other side of 50.
- CM Wafford asked about Master Meters – Matt said not in yet.
- Water Towers. Trash and Hazardous materials need gone. Going to charge \$6,000 more for safety climbs, offered a \$3,000 credit if The Town guys clean up. Equipment will be provided
- Crack sealing will be done in January
- Susan, Matt, and Eric met with with Grant Kissel and Terry with Lawyer Excavating. They are reevaluating the invoice price that they over charged.

### Town Manager/Economic Development – Susan Greco

Lake Dilldear Sewer Extension Project – Met with Rhonda Cook. Took parcel cards & proposed map for annexation. Deciding which parcels are interested in annexation. Contingent on fiscal plan. Need fiscal plan for the annexation. Should have a written plan in next few weeks. Have to explain in the written plan how/when the town will supply the town services to the new territory. County Council committed to spending the money for this.

Susan thanked council for allowing her to attend the AIM Conference.

Had a good conversation with Fire Dept. about merger with EMS. No contact with EMS. Secretary of State website states that the EMS business entity has expired. CM asked Attorney Watson if the Commissioner had the authority to take the Emergency Squad away from the current board. Attorney Watson stated they could take away funds. Susan going to look into, and move forward.

Jim Thatcher is very supportive of the merger. Spoke with Andy Baudendistel about the towns, and townships. He recommended Adrian Flannery as counsel.

12227 Rullman Drive. Property sold. Owners are out of Salem IN. Progressive Engineering Concepts. Was going to put in an Apartment Complex but deal fell thru. Looking to flip and sell. Susan stated they seemed like reasonable people.

12958 North. Has been renovated and rented. Issues with parking and water drainage. Tenants have a pipe from basement sump pump going in a “dip” or an old foundation near by, discharging water. John stated we do have a “Standing Water Ordinance” for this. Parking issues on the adjacent Town Owned lot.

CM Baker asked if the discharge water could go in storm drain. Matt Bauer going to look into it.

Susan tried calling the landlord. No response. Will keep trying.

Cow Jumped Over the Moon Daycare. US 50 access has been removed, and they in total compliance with INDOT.

Indiana Chamber of Commerce Membership. Costs \$524. Anthem discount if a member. Tabled until decision on insurance.

Estimate from Stehlin Construction to renovate the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in the Art Center is \$68,000. Have approximately \$90,000 in Town Owned Fund. CM Wafford made a motion to get 3 estimates for the renovation of the Art Center Apartment 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Seconded by CM Powers. Motion carried.

Sewer Rate Study. Last increase was 2015. Council was provided paperwork from Susan. The Town is at a loss of \$10,000 in Sewer Fund. November 28, 2022 at 5pm is a presentation at the Town Hall for the study.

CM Baker asked what the average use is for a family of 4. Susan will check.

### Attorney – John Watson

Watson stated there has been no response from Adjuster regarding the Art Center. Suggested filing suit against Brown Roofing. We have retained half of the payment to Ty Brown. CM Baker made a motion, Seconded by CM Benning. Motion carried.

Need to prepare a Rate Ordinance, and speak with Robert Reynolds to coordinate times. Need Rate Ordinance passed by December 12, 2022 before new council comes aboard.

By law, need public notice.

Old Business – None.

New Business

Our Hometown Christmas. December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. Big thanks to Melissa Walston, Fire Department, PTO, and Civic Club.

Susan is meeting with a Solar Consultant Thursday November 17, 2022. Thoughts on utilizing field at Sewer Plant for solar panels to help power it. Bill is around \$3,000.

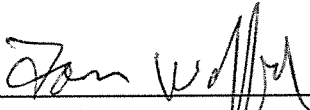

SDCSC/DES. Met with admin and PTO. Investing \$580,000 in a new playground at DES. Drainage issue on playground. Civic Club donated \$25,000 to the new playground. PTO is looking into fundraising and grants.


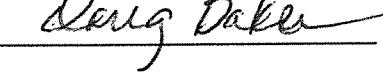
Susan mentioned that The Town could help get rid of old equipment as our "contribution". Equipment is about 10 months out.

Matt will look into this. Hoping to do in winter when less busy.

Being no further business. CM Baker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm. Seconded by CM Benning. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Kami Hamilton for Rita Stevens, Clerk-Treasurer.

  
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