

Town Council Meeting  
Monday, June 26, 2017  
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, June 26, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

President Kami Ervin called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members answering roll call were: Councilman Jack Shepherd, Vice President Jeff Simpson, Councilman Jerry Lollar, and President Kami Ervin. Also present were Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston and Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley. Councilwoman Dawn Graham was absent.

President Ervin said next on the agenda were the minutes of the council meeting of June 12, 2017. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda were claims and handed it over to Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley.

Mr. Finley said the council received two claim dockets in their packets. One was an end-of-month docket for April and the other was the regular docket for the period. The total for the end-of-month docket was \$195,046.94 and the total for the regular docket was \$913,935.37. He said he had signed off on all the claims in those dockets and handed them over to the council for approval. Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the CDBG Grant Project Public Hearing. Kent Anderson was present from Kenna Consulting to explain the grant project.

Mr. Anderson passed out a sign in sheet for everyone attending the meeting to sign. He said the town will be applying for a wastewater grant. There are three components to the project: Replacing a diversion manhole with a weir structure, relocating an influent pipe, and adding a downward opening weir gate.

Wastewater Superintendent Glenn Giles explained that these components would maximize the flow to the wastewater treatment plant. The plant can handle 3 million gallons at peak flow but the diversion structure will only allow 1.6 million gallons. This project would increase that flow and cut down on overflow going to the lagoon.

Mr. Anderson gave an outline of the project timeline. The project cost is \$587,000 and the town will be applying for \$450,000.

President Ervin opened the public hearing to comments.

Town Manager Wade Watson said the town supports IDEM in its attempt to cut down on illicit discharges into public waterways. This project arose from an illicit discharge by the Edinburgh Wastewater Plant. The town has an agreed order with IDEM and this grant would help comply with the agreed order. Illicit discharges can pose a health and safety issue.

Building Commissioner Nick Valenzuela said the building department supports this project. The department often looks at flood plain maps when issuing permits. During heavy rain events that overload the combined sewer system, water can back up into streets posing health and safety issues.

Electric Superintendent Kevin Rubush said he also supports the project. The department has a lot of easements that can flood during rain events and increasing plant capacity could cut back on those flooding events.

Town Marshall David Mann said the police department wants water off the streets as quickly as possible for the safety of the citizens. Cars often try to drive through flooded areas and kids will play in standing water causing health and safety issues. He said he is also a recreational boater and is often in river water. The thought of any community having illicit discharges is less than appealing.

Wastewater Superintendent Glenn Giles said he supports this project fully. With the amount of rain the town has been getting over the last few years the plant has often been overwhelmed. This project could help alleviate some of that stress by increasing the maximum flow to the plant. He said the department would not be able to do these projects without the help of grants like these.

Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley said he, too, spends time on the rivers in the area and would hate to see more illicit discharges in public waterways. Discharges like that can pose health issues to citizens of Edinburgh as well as surrounding communities. Without this grant it is very unlikely that the town would be able to fund its long term control plan.

Parks Director Daniel Teter said the town has a park that sits in a flood plain surrounded on two sides by the river. Any contamination in that river could get into the park and cause health and safety issues.

Ashly Getz of Strand Engineering said she wanted to reiterate that this is a plan that is required by IDEM to complete and the town will need grant funds to complete such a large project.

President Ervin said she supports this project fully. The town gets standing water during any significant rainfall. It is difficult to understand the combined sewer system and it is a huge public concern.

Being no further comments President Ervin closed the public hearing.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the 2017 Attorney Contract.

Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston said the only change to the contract was the effective date. The rate and everything else in the contract are the same. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the 2017 Attorney Contract. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Resolution 2017-2 Public Employee Deferred Compensation Plan. She said this was discussed at the previous meeting and would be effective September 1, 2017. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-2. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Resolution 2017-3 Joint Planning Commission Board Appointment. There was an opening on the Joint Planning Commission and Tim Barrett has agreed to serve on that board for the remainder of the term. Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-3. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley performed the Oath of Office and congratulated Mr. Barrett on his appointment.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Resolution 2017-4 Sacoma Personal Property Tax Abatement and Memorandum of Agreement. She asked Building Commissioner Nick Valenzuela to explain the resolution.

Mr. Valenzuela said at the previous meeting the council voted to approve a new abatement for Sacoma International. Mr. Huddleston has drafted the resolution and memorandum of agreement for that personal property abatement.

Councilman Shepherd made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-4. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the memorandum of agreement for the Sacoma Tax abatement. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Janice Burton to discuss standing water.

Janice Burton of 504 Fulford Drive said she found that the town does not have an ordinance regarding standing water in abandon pools, boats, tires, etc. Standing water can cause excessive amounts of mosquitos that can carry diseases. There needs to be something on the books so the town can remedy those types of situations.

President Ervin asked Mr. Valenzuela if he would look into what other communities have regarding standing water.

Mr. Valenzuela said yes, he has done some research already and found a few examples. There are not many local governments that have this type of ordinance but he did find a few county ordinances.

Ms. Burton said another issue she has is since the new pavement has been laid on Eisenhower cars have been speeding down that road. The town needs to put some speed limit signs in that area. She said the town is also missing several street signs within the community that need to be replaced.

Councilman Lollar said he has noticed a police presence in that area every time he has driven through there in the last few weeks so the department appears to be aware of the issue and hopefully they will help cut down on speeding.

President Ervin said next on agenda was the open burn discussion. Janice Burton had brought up at the previous meeting people having bonfires that were not permitted by the town ordinance. The council wanted to take some time to review the ordinance.

Councilman Lollar said he reviewed the document and thought it was very well written. It seems to cover any issue regarding open burns including fines for violations. He said he thinks we just need to work on enforcing the current ordinance.

President Ervin said she talked to Mr. Watson and he is going to have a meeting with Town Marshall Mann and Fire Chief Smith about how we can better enforce that ordinance.

Ms. Burton asked if the council could put a reminder in the Edinburgh Courier explaining what can and cannot be burned.

President Ervin said she would get with Mr. Watson to discuss that possibility.

### **Council Comments**

President Ervin said she wanted to thank Town Marshall Mann and the department for the reserve officer ceremony.

Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston said the town entered into a purchase agreement to obtain the building across the street that is falling down. The title commitment is back and no issues came up other than the back taxes that must be paid by the current owner prior to closing. A survey was done and the legal description has been certified and no major issues were found. The town will need to decide whether an environmental survey should be done.

Mr. Watson said his recommendation is that the town not do an environmental survey. He has done research and cannot find any instance that the building was used for anything other than sleeping rooms. Councilman Simpson made a motion to proceed to closing on the Loy Property without the environmental study. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Watson commended Town Marshall Mann on the great class of reserves. It is important to recognize these men and women who volunteer their time to protect the citizens of the town.

Mr. Watson said the railroad crossings will be closed sometime this week to replace the railroad ties and to resurface the crossings.

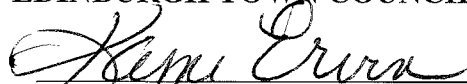
Mr. Watson gave an update on well 5. The well has been successfully drilled and they are beginning testing. So far it has exceeded standards. It will be 6 to 8 weeks before the well is pumping water into the system.


Parks Director Daniel Teter said the Firecracker Festival will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. It will start at 5 P.M. and will end after the fireworks. They will have food vendors, a DJ, and plenty of games.

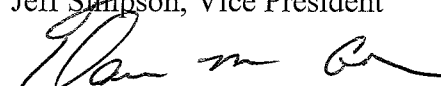
Mr. Teter said Little League season is ending but fall league sign-ups will start soon.

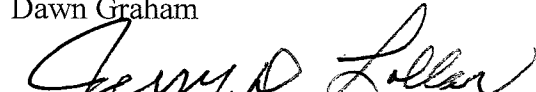
Being no further business or comments, Councilman Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.


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Dawn Graham

  
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Jack Shepherd

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