

Town Council Meeting  
Monday, April 13, 2015  
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

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

President Hoffman thanked everyone for coming.

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

President Hoffman said next on the agenda were the minutes of the council meeting of March 23, 2015. Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said claims were next on the agenda and handed it over to Clerk Treasurer Scott Finley. Mr. Finley said everyone should have received a copy of the normal claim docket in their council packets. The total of the docket was \$228,436.81. He said he had signed off on all the claims in that docket and handed them over to the council for approval. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilwoman Ervin seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Ordinance 2015-1 Additional Appropriations. He asked Mr. Finley to explain that ordinance.

Mr. Finley said if the council remembers, in order to spend money from our Bartholomew County EDIT, Shelby County EDIT, and Riverboat funds the money must first be appropriated and submitted to the DLGF. The amounts from each fund being appropriated are as follows:

- Bartholomew County EDIT - \$123,500
- Shelby County EDIT - \$72,000
- Riverboat - \$100,000

Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-1. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the Bond Renewal for Dave Lutz. Because of Mr. Lutz' position of Deputy Police Chief he is required to be bonded. The bond amount is \$15,000. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the bond for Dave Lutz. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Unanimous.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was Raina Regan from Indiana Landmarks presenting the Historic District signs.

Ms. Regan said Indiana Landmarks and the Conover Foundation have been working with the Town of Edinburgh on this project for the two residential historic districts, the Toner district and the South Walnut district. There will be new signs going up in those two districts. The Parks department has agreed to install the signs around town. She said there will be seven signs in the Toner district and five signs in the South Walnut district.

Mark Dollase, also of Indiana Landmarks, said this project could not have been achieved without the support of the Conover Foundation. It was with their funding that this project was completed. The whole project came at no cost to the Town of Edinburgh. He thanked Janet Totten for her help with the project.

President Hoffman thanked Ms. Regan, Mr. Dollase, and Ms. Totten for their work on the project.

President Hoffman said next on the agenda was the Blue River Building Project Update by Building Commissioner Wade Watson.

Mr. Watson said the council authorized him to contact and contract with Ratio Architects to do an analysis of the cost of the project. The town has received the initial draft report from Ratio which had several recommendations which were outlined in the staff report. In the report they analyzed the cost of a total rehabilitation of the entire building versus a structural exterior rehabilitation. It will cost approximately \$900,000 to completely remodel the building. That is probably out of reach of what the town can accomplish. The cost for a structural rehabilitation of the shell of the building would cost approximately \$200,000 which is much more feasible with the help of an OCRA grant. He said because of the short timeline to apply for the grant this year he contacted our grant writers at Kenna Consulting and they started the process. They will hold a public meeting on April 23, 2015 at 5:00 P.M. in order to meet the grant deadline. Citizens can attend the meeting and voice their opinions on the project at that time.

President Hoffman thanked Mr. Watson for his work on this project.

#### Departmental Comments

Parks Director Daniel Teter handed out a program report from the Easter events. He said he is happy with the way the events turned out but he does have a few ideas on how to make it better in the coming years. He also said Little League was starting as well. There have not been any tournaments held yet as two have been cancelled due to bad weather but those will pick up as the weather gets warmer. The Parks Department and Buildings and Grounds department started the process of power washing the downtown area this week. A letter was given to each business informing them that power washing would be happening.

Fire Chief Allen Smith said he would also like to thank the Conover Foundation as they have been supporting the Firefighters Cheer Fund for many years. He also said the lettering on the fire station has been replaced because of hail damage over the last few years. Since the county took over dispatch they also went to a new numbering system. Therefore the numbers on the stations had to be replaced as well. Edinburgh is now Station 41 and Station 42.

Town Manager John Drybread said he would also like to acknowledge and compliment the Conover Foundation and Indiana Landmarks. He also wanted to acknowledge the Blue River Building Committee as they have been diligent about meeting and keeping the project moving. He said he also wanted to make sure everyone knew about hydrant flushing. That has started and will run until April 27.

Police Chief David Mann said the department is currently working on a property room rehabilitation. Items are being bar-coded and indexed so everything can be accounted for. He said the department received its new patrol car this week and it will be put into commission as soon as the license plate comes in.


#### Public Comments

Bill West said he has missed a few meetings and was wondering what the latest news was on the grain elevator.

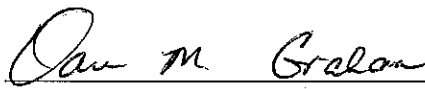
President Hoffman said the taxes were paid on the last day however the penalty was not paid. The law says that the property taxes must be paid in full by the designated date. The town has filed with the court to be issued the warranty deed and the issue is scheduled for a hearing with a Johnson County judge.

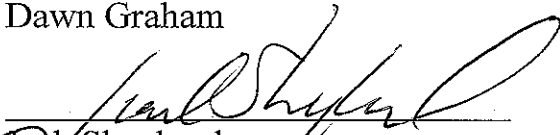
Being no further business or comments, Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Unanimous.

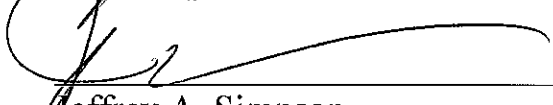
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Ron Hoffman, President

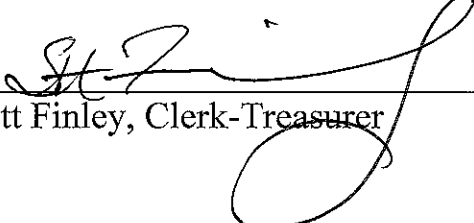
  
Kami Ervin, Vice President

  
Dawn Graham

  
Jack Shepherd

  
Jeffrey A. Simpson

ATTEST:

  
Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer