

Town Council Meeting
Monday, May 8, 2017
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Monday, May 8, 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, Councilwoman Dawn Graham, Councilman Jerry Lollar, and President Kami Ervin. Also present were Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston and Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley.

President Ervin said next on the agenda were the minutes of the council meeting of April 24, 2017. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Finley said everyone should have received two claim dockets in their council packets. The first was the regular claim docket for the period and the second was the end-of-month docket for March. The total for the regular claim docket was \$109,937.84 and the total for the end-of-month docket was 185,392.86. He said he had signed off on all the claims in those dockets and handed them over to the council for approval. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the American Legion Memorial Day Proclamation. She explained that each year the council president reads this proclamation at the Memorial Day service at the American Legion. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the American Legion Memorial Day Proclamation. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was the staff report on the tax abatement CF-1 for LB Mold. She asked Building Commissioner Nick Valenzuela to explain the report.

Mr. Valenzuela gave a brief explanation of the tax abatement reporting process. The CF-1 up for approval at this meeting was a personal property abatement for LB Mold Inc. The original abatement was approved via Resolution 2014-5. He said based on the documentation it appears that LB Mold is in compliance with the original Statement of Benefits. The staff recommendation was for approval of the CF-1. Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve the CF-1 for LB Mold Inc. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Council Comments

Councilman Shepherd asked if the electric department moved the goal posts at the school.

President Ervin said yes. According to the school board minutes the school got new goal posts and the old ones will be used for Bantam League.

Councilman Lollar said he noticed there was overtime at the golf course by a part time person.

Mr. Watson said occasionally that will happen if someone has to cover a shift. It is especially true with the limited staff.

Councilman Lollar said the Building Commissioner issued 35 violations with 25 cleared violations. He asked if those 25 had been completely cleaned up.

Mr. Valenzuela said in the majority of cases that is true. There are a few where he feels it is a judgement call if enough of the issue has been abated to consider it cleared.

Discussion was held regarding the violations process.

Councilman Lollar said the Building Commissioner report also says "appealed audit report." He asked Mr. Valenzuela to explain that process.

Mr. Valenzuela explained that the department went through an ISO (Insurance Services Office) risk audit recently. The department rated even lower than the last audit. He explained that the issue is that the audit

is based on Indiana State Code that continues to get further and further out of date. Until the state code is updated the department will continue to receive low ratings. He encouraged the council to contact legislature about updating the Indiana code.

Further discussion was held regarding building codes.

Departmental Comments

Town Manager Wade Watson gave an update on the Storm Water Project. He said he has received a letter from the engineer for substantial completion of that project with the exception of two problematic places. Those will be fixed in the next week or two.

Mr. Watson said there is a water main break that is scheduled for repair on State Road 252 this week. Traffic will be one lane in front of Amos Hill while that main is fixed. The leak has been known for a while now but the department had to obtain permits to fix the issue.

Mr. Watson said he received notice from the Railroad that they will be starting to upgrade crossing starting the week of May 22. Some of the crossings will be closed but the town has asked that certain crossings not be closed at the same time in case emergency services need to get across town.

Mr. Watson said the test well for well #5 has been drilled. The process has taken longer than expected because of having to relocate. The town is just waiting on the permit from IDEM.

Mr. Watson said the paving on county line just south of Timbergate Golf Course has been completed. This week the work on the sidewalks on Eisenhower has begun and the repaving of Eisenhower should start in a couple of weeks.

Mr. Watson said the Police Department had budgeted for upgraded weapons for the officers. Town Marshall David Mann has done the research and obtained quotes for the weapons. The low quote for 15 P230's was \$6,100.

Mr. Watson submitted a request to hire a new part time employee in the Electric Department to assist with the renovation of the Blue River Building. He said this would also be an opportunity to test out an employee who could eventually become a lineman within the department. He explained the long process lineman must go through before becoming certified lineman. He said it will be much cheaper for the town to do most of the renovation on this building in house rather than outsourcing the work.

Councilman Simpson said he is not interested in adding any new staff.

President Ervin said if the council chooses not to hire this employee the town will have to find other ways to finish the Blue River Building.

Mr. Watson said that is correct. The town does not have the excess staff to do the work in house currently.

Councilwoman Graham said there is also several people working for the town that are thinking about retirement.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Watson to hire the part time electric employee to assist with the Blue River Building. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Councilman Simpson voting nay.

Cemetery Sexton John Hoskinson said he would like to ask council permission to fill a vacant position at the cemetery. Councilman Simpson made a motion to fill the vacated position. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

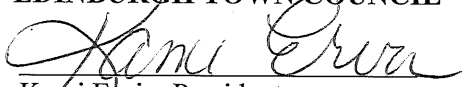
Assistant Electric Superintendent Steve Clark said the town owns its own substation and is therefore responsible for maintaining that substation. Yearly maintenance is required to keep the substation in working order. There have been a few issues with the company currently doing that maintenance so they have obtained other quotes. The low quote was \$15,990 per year for 3 years by Electrical Power Systems. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the quote as submitted. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Clark said as the council knows Sacoma is adding on to their building. They are also adding a second transformer. To do this the department had to relocate their existing transformer. At that time it was found that the transformer had an issue they could not fix. One was used from stock but they now need to replace the transformer used from stock. The cost would be approximately \$12,500. The cost fluctuates based on the price of metal. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to approve the purchase of a new transformer for stock. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Allen Smith said the department has a replacement for Tim Bryant. April Flake will be taking his place and is planning on starting on May 15th.

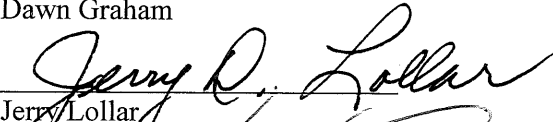
Being no further business or comments, Councilman Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried.

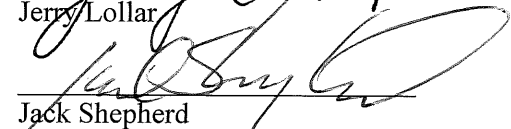
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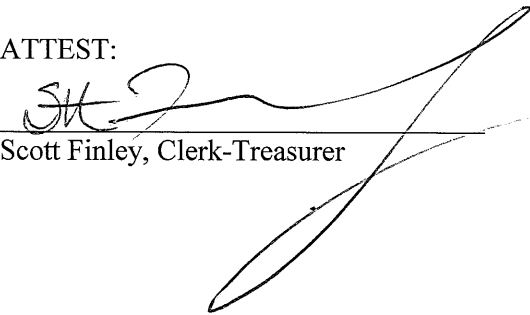
Jeff Simpson, Vice President

Dawn Graham


Jerry Lollar


Jack Shepherd

ATTEST:



Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer