

Town Council Meeting  
Tuesday, May 29, 2018  
6:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 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, Councilman Jeff Simpson, Councilwoman Dawn Graham, Vice President 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 May 14, 2018. 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 a copy of the claim docket in their packet. The total for the claim docket was \$652,632.79. He said he had signed off on all the claims in that docket and handed them over to the council for approval. Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Mike Jarvis and Jerry Sweetin presenting dam removal funding opportunities. She asked Town Manager Wade Watson to introduce the presenters.

Mr. Watson said the two gentlemen approached the town and asked if they could give a presentation regarding funding options for removing the dam in town.

Mr. Sweetin said he was a Manchester University graduate. He said Mr. Jarvis would be giving the presentation and he is a professor of biology.

Mr. Jarvis said he had created a company called Ecosystems Connections, LLC. He presented a PowerPoint presentation explaining some dam removals that have happened in the state including a dam on the Eel River. He focused mostly on the effect of the dam removal on the river and the fish and wildlife in the area.

President Ervin said if the town were interested in removing the dam would the funding be available to a community like Edinburgh.

Mr. Jarvis said the projects would be turnkey. His company would be responsible for getting the funding and removing the dam. He believes the Fish and Wildlife Service would see this as a high priority project. He said funding should not be the town's major concern.

President Ervin said funding is a big issue but it is also a big part of the history of the Town of Edinburgh.

Mr. Watson asked if the funding would be equal to the cost of removal or supplement the cost of removal.

Mr. Jarvis said it is possible there could be a local match.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was staff reports for 2018 tax abatement CF-1 forms. She asked Building Commissioner Nick Valenzuela to present the abatements.

Mr. Valenzuela said there are three abatements up for consideration. The staff recommended approval for the abatements for Edinburgh Investments, LLC and SAPP, Inc. The third abatement

was for MacBeath Hardwood who had not submitted a CF-1 for their abatement. Mr. Valenzuela gave options for this abatement outlined in the staff report.

Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve the CF-1 for Edinburgh Investments, LLC relating to Resolution 2013-6. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow President Ervin to sign the aforementioned CF-1 on behalf of the council. Councilman Shepherd seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Lollar made a motion to approve the CF-1 for SAPP, Inc. relating to Resolution 2013-5. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Shepherd made a motion to allow President Ervin to sign the aforementioned CF-1 on behalf of the council. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the MacBeath Hardwood tax abatement.

No action was taken on the MacBeath Hardwood tax abatement.

President Ervin said next on the agenda was Wayne Gibbs presenting the Timbergate update.

Mr. Gibbs provided the council with a packet of information in their council packet. He said he will be happy to answer any questions the council may have.

Councilman Lollar thanked Mr. Gibbs for putting this report together for the council. He asked when the course anticipates having the website redesign complete.

Mr. Gibbs said he should have the first proof for that this week.

Councilman Lollar asked what, if anything, the course pays Jeff Smith to provide lessons.

Mr. Gibbs said the course provides the facilities for lessons as well as range balls to use for lessons. He is at the course 3 to 4 times a week and brings a customer base of about 300 people. His services should draw more customers to the course.

Councilman Lollar asked about liability insurance for Mr. Smith.

Mr. Gibbs said Mr. Smith carries his own liability insurance but the town insurance would also cover any incidents.

Councilman Lollar asked if he had a copy of Mr. Smith's insurance coverage.

Mr. Gibbs said no but he would get a copy from him.

The council thanked Mr. Gibbs for his presentation.

### **Council Comments**

Councilman Simpson said the cemetery looked beautiful for the Memorial Day Service. He thanked the department for getting the cemetery ready for the event.

Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley said the Bartholomew County EDIT and Riverboat funds that were being used for the community center have been basically depleted. There are still some expenses that will need to be paid before the center is ready to open. The cleanest way to do this will be to do an additional appropriations request from the Rainy Day Fund.

Councilwoman Graham asked how far over budget we are for the building.

Mr. Watson said the original budget was \$170,000 and we have not exceeded that yet but with the last few expenses we will probably exceed that amount slightly. He explained that there were several budget line items that were well over the original estimate.

Mr. Lollar said he would like to see an estimate of what has been spent so far on the community center.

Mr. Finley said in addition the town also needs to fund the Health Reimbursement account so when he presents the additional appropriations request he will include an amount for that as well.

### **Departmental Comments**

Mr. Valenzuela said he was asked to present a code enforcement effort report at the last meeting. He presented the council with a month snapshot of what his code enforcement efforts looked like.

The council thanked him for his report.

Mr. Watson said he has handed out to the council a report showing three quotes for trim work on the community center. The only thing he has not received quotes on was for installation. He would like the council to consider approving the quotes for raw materials and staining.

Councilman Shepherd made a motion to approve the purchase of the raw materials from Indiana Hardwood for \$14,776.69. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried 3 to 2 with Councilman Simpson and Councilwoman Graham voting nay.

Councilman Shepherd made a motion to approve the quote for stain from Jerry Harris for \$2,450. Councilman Lollar seconded. Motion carried 3 to 2 with Councilman Simpson and Councilwoman Graham voting nay.

Mr. Watson said the pre-bid meetings for the Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) project and the East Main Cross project were held this week. The bid opening for the LTCP project will be held tomorrow and the bid opening for the East Main Cross project will be held on Thursday.

Mr. Watson gave an update on the Eastern Bartholomew Water connection project. There has been a concept drawing presented and they are working on costs. The towns estimated portion will be between \$30,000 and \$50,000.

Mr. Watson said the town has been inundated with internet providers wanting to do work in the area. There are currently no processes in place to issue permits and protect the town during this type of work. He asked the council to consider having the town attorney establish policies for this type of work in right of ways. Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston to draw up a policy outlining procedures for issuing right of way permits for internet service providers.

Mr. Watson said along with that, the town has had two requests to work on a project for installing fiber for the school system. There have been franchise agreements in the past for similar companies. If the connection is going to be closed there is no need for a franchise agreement but if those companies ever want to expand their services to citizens a franchise agreement would be necessary.

Mr. Huddleston said there are already cable companies in the area so we need to make sure their contracts are not exclusive. Franchise agreements allow the town to regulate how the content is distributed and also brings some revenue back to the town.

Mr. Watson said we are currently holding up three permits because process are not in place for this type of work.

Kimberley Pitcher of Smithville Fiber was present and explained the urgency for this project with the school. She said they had contacted the town in March to inquire about the process. Last Friday they were told they may not receive a permit because of the franchise fee discussion. Two more weeks will really put the company in a bind on this particular project. The company has no intentions of making this an open network.

Mr. Valenzuela said while the company had inquired about the process in March, an application for a permit was not actually submitted until May 16. According to the information he has there

is the potential to pick up other customers down the road. He and Mr. Watson have been working with Mr. Huddleston to make sure the town is covered under this scenario.

Mr. Huddleston said if his understanding is correct the cable will be going underground. The town needs to be sure it is covered liability wise as there will be construction happening on its infrastructure. He said we need to make sure the streets are repaired and repaired correctly. In his opinion the town needs a comprehensive agreement.

Ms. Pitcher said the company takes out project bonds on all projects that hold the company liable for any issues.

Mr. Huddleston said yes, that would need to be a part of the agreement but the town needs to make sure it is covered by its processes. Ultimately we need to protect the town's infrastructure.

Mr. Valenzuela said he would love to issue the permit. He does not want to hold up any work for the school but this is a difficult scenario to maneuver.

Further discussion was held regarding the timeline of the project.

Councilwoman Graham made a motion to allow Mr. Huddleston to draft an agreement to accommodate Smithville's request. Councilman Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

Town Marshall David Mann said he wanted to introduce a couple new residents to the town, Jim and Sue Paris. They have recently moved to the addition in Timbergate. Jim is a retired architect that worked on many projects in Columbus including the Columbus library and the downtown fire departments. Sue has held several elected offices in the Columbus area including president of county council, auditor, and treasurer. He said he is happy to have them in the community.

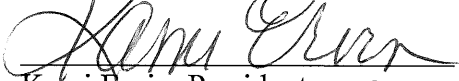
Fire Chief Allen Smith handed out to the council some pictures of the new ambulance. He said he would be picking it up in June and would have it decaled after that.

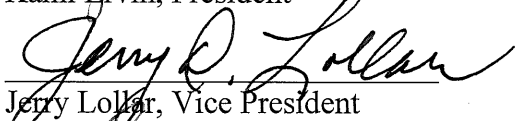
**Public Comments**


Janice Burton of 504 Fulford Drive said she wanted to hand out some pictures of destruction of a cemetery in Illinois. She said they really need to have some lights out there to deter vandals.

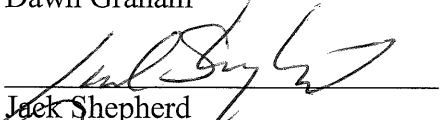
Being no further business or comments, Councilman Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Graham seconded. Motion carried.


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