

Town Council Special Meeting
Monday, December 10, 2018
5:00 P.M. Town Hall

Edinburgh Town Council met in a special session on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 5:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, Indiana.

President Kami Ervin called the meeting to order.

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, Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley, Town Manager Wade Watson, Director of Administration Mary Patterson, and David Meihls of ADA Consulting of Indiana.

President Ervin said the reason for the special meeting was to explain the ADA Transition Plan. She said Mr. Meihls would be leading the meeting.

Mr. Meihls said he was with ADA Consulting of Indiana and would be assisting the town with its ADA Transition Plan and Title VI implementation. As a municipality, the ADA requires everything the town does including programs, services, and activities be accessible to individuals with disabilities. Each department will be interviewed and a report will be drawn up showing action items that need to be implemented. What the council will be approving at the regular council meeting is the guide that will help the town reach full ADA compliance.

Mr. Meihls gave an explanation of different requirements for different disabilities. He also explained some issues specific to town programs. He explained that ADA does require the town to make programs accessible but the town cannot be expected to have a sign language interpreter, for instance, ready within minutes. It is within reason to require 48 hour notice for situations like this.

Councilman Shepherd asked if the ADA plan would apply to all town buildings.

Mr. Meihls said yes, if the public is allowed in those buildings. These issues will be discovered in the physical audit.

Mr. Meihls said the plan will setup a grievance procedure for anyone who believes they were denied access to a public program or activity. The new laws make grievance procedure more local than previous laws.

Mr. Meihls briefly explained the difference between ADA and Title VI.

Mr. Meihls gave an explanation of what the overall plan would look like. The plan will include new policies for the town including policies for service animals and other power-driven mobility devices (OPDMD).

Mr. Meihls said ADA Consulting of Indiana provides specific training for each department and can also continue working with the town on an on-call basis after the initial work is completed.

Discussion was held regarding translators and alternative service providers for braille, sign language, etc.

Ms. Patterson asked Mr. Meihls to give a brief explanation of what will happen after the plan has been implemented and evaluations have been completed.

Mr. Meihls said a report will outline all necessary changes within the town. Certain things will need to be changed immediately and other will need to be addressed when changes are made in certain areas. The report will give changes a priority number with priority one being most urgent. He explained "undue burdens" for projects. He asked for any comments or concerns the public may have.

Janice Burton of 504 Fulford Drive said she understands that the changes are not going to happen overnight but she thinks the town is doing a good job of working towards compliance.

Councilman Lollar asked what the time frame was for completion.

Mr. Meihls said he should be done with everything including physical audits by April 1, 2019. The ADA Transition plan is 90% of the requirement for the town.

Bill Jones of 7853 East State Road 252 asked about playground surfaces.

Mr. Meihls said there is currently no product on the market that meets the egg drop test and the test for wheel chair resistance. The best option for now is engineered mulch. This will be priority one.

Mr. Meihls said there are two resolutions on the council meeting agenda adopting the plans.

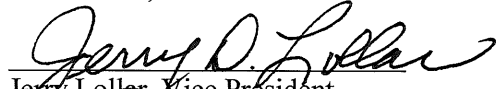
The council thanked Mr. Meihls for his presentation and for his work on the ADA Transition Plan.

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

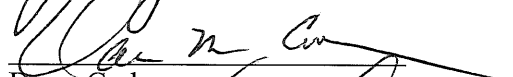
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Kami Ervin, President



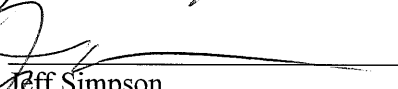
Jerry Lollar, Vice President



Dawn Graham



Jack Shepherd



Jeff Simpson

ATTEST:

Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer