

**Special Joint Meeting
Edinburgh Town Council
Edinburgh School Board
Tuesday, June 4, 2019
6:00 P.M. Town Hall**

Edinburgh Town Council met in a special session on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at the John R. Drybread Community Center, 100 East Main Cross Street, Edinburgh, Indiana 46124.

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

Town Council members answering roll call: Councilman William Jones, Vice President Dawn Graham, and President Jerry Lollar. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Scott Finley, Town Manager JT Doane, and Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston. Councilman Jeff Simpson and Councilman Ryan Piercefield were absent.

School Board members present: Curtis Rooks, Kathy Hamm, Justin Lollar, Alice Taulman, and Daniel Teter. Also present was School Superintendent Dr. Doug Arnold.

Kathy Hamm noted that the school board was calling this a working session and not a regular meeting. The school board is happy to work with the council and discuss some projects on which we may be able to collaborate.

Town Manager JT Doane begin the meeting with welcoming remarks.

TIF Discussion – Dr. Arnold provided the council and board with a handout regarding TIFs. He explained how the TIFs could impact the school. He explained the school's education fund and the operation fund. He said the TIF could affect the circuit breaker which would in turn effect the funds the school would receive. The school will not receive approximately \$315,000 in 2019 due to the circuit breaker tax credits. He asked that the town keep the impact on the school in mind when it comes to TIF districts.

Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston gave a brief explanation of TIF districts. He explained that funds created by these TIF districts would not be seen until development happens in those districts.

President Lollar said while the Redevelopment Commission will be in charge of these funds, it will be the council's goal to appoint people to that commission that will keep the school in mind.

Kami Ervin said she was president of town council when these TIFs were created. The council and commission at that time were committed to helping the school with the funds generated from the TIFs.

Mr. Doane said he has created a presence at the school and created a Student Enrichment Committee at the high school. He wants the youth to be engaged in the community and more knowledgeable about local government.

School Resource Officer – Dr. Arnold provided the council and board with a handout regarding a school safety grant program. He said he has worked with the Department of Homeland Security before and written safety grants. The State of Indiana is committed to the safety of students. The school received \$30,600 to modify entrances to make them safer. These funds can also be used for a school resource officer. He explained the duties and benefits of having a school resource officer. The grant application is not out yet but will be available in the near future.

Ms. Hamm said the school board has discussed this at length and would like to partner with the police department for this officer. The town and the school could share the costs associated with the position.

Curtis Rooks asked if a reserve officer could fill that position.

Town Marshall Dave Mann said typically these positions are filled by a full time police officer who would receive additional training on working with the school and the students.

President Lollar said this has not been on a council agenda but they have discussed school resource officers. He said he is personally in favor of partnering with the school for a resource officer.

Aquatic Center Property Discussion – Dr. Arnold provided a handout regarding the aquatic center property. He said the school would like to propose a land swap for the property where the pool sits. The proposed property is the property directly west of the aquatic center. Dr. Arnold said the school owning the property where the pool is creates a liability for the school. The benefits of this land swap would include:

- It would relieve the Edinburgh Community School Cooperation of any liability for the operation of the swimming pool that is currently located on corporation property
- It would be accomplished without the expense of a land appraisal
- It would not require the exchange of money from either party
- It would provide the school corporation with land that may have future value for sale or use to enhance the school corporation's educational program

- The Town of Edinburgh would have complete ownership of the pool property

He explained that proposed property was actually the school's property at one time.

Justin Lollar said the other issue is the school does use a portion of that property for student pickup and drop off so there would need to be an easement on that property as well. The school is open to options but really needs to relieve itself of the liability.

President Lollar said he is in agreement that the school should not have that liability. He would like to see this issue come before the council for further review.

Public Comments

Lanette Hobbs of 4323 West Compton Drive said she loves the social media pages the town has created. She said she thinks a school resource officer is a great idea.

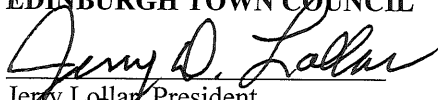
Don McQueen of 521 High School Drive said he wants to see the town cleaned up and the curbs in town need painted. The new trash service is leaving trash cans in the street causing drivers to have to swerve to avoid them.

President Lollar thanked Mr. McQueen for his valid points and said the new town manager, JT Doane, is working on these issues.

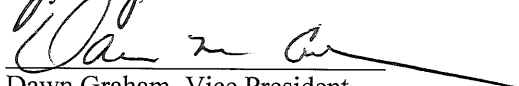
President Lollar thanked the school board for being a part of this meeting.

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


EDINBURGH TOWN COUNCIL



 Jerry Lollar, President



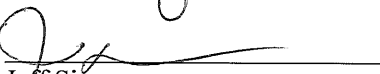
 Dawn Graham, Vice President



 William Jones

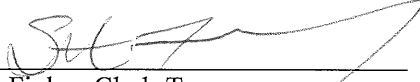


 Ryan Piercefield



 Jeff Simpson

ATTEST:



 Scott Finley, Clerk-Treasurer