

## Dillsboro Town Council

May 8, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Dillsboro Town Council was opened by President, Doug Baker, with the pledge to the flag on May 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Prayer was given by Mike Hill.

CM Baker read the Title VI Advertisement. As a recipient of federal funds, the Town of Dillsboro, is required to develop a procedure for gathering statistical data. The voluntary Public Involvement Survey is available.

Council members present: Doug Baker, Becky Fryman, Tim Benning, Charlie Caldwell and Jamie Craig.  
Attorney present: John Watson.

Randy Frye, State Representative, spoke on the 101 Connector Road that there is funds for it and it is still in the planning stage. Frye presented Susan Greco, retired Town Manager, the State of Indiana, Indiana General Assembly House Resolution and thanked her for all her work she has done. Also Frye talked about him working with Indiana Department of Homeland Security to support funding and training resources for Indiana's fire service. Frye authored legislation, which was included in the budget, to create a Regional Public Safety Training Fund to provide much-needed support to update firefighter training, scholarships and equipment upgrades. County Council has to adoptive this.

Police – Josh Cady – Asked council for approval to hire Ashley Brown for a police officer. Beginning rate is \$21.50/hour. After successfully completing a 6-month probation period she will receive a \$0.50/hour raise and another \$0.50/hour raise after successfully completing the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy Tier II Course. CM Fryman made a motion to hire Ms. Brown. Seconded by CM Benning. Motion carried. CT Stevens solemnly swear Ms. Brown in the oath of office as a police officer.

The minutes of the regular meeting on April 24, 2023 were approved by CM Craig. Seconded by CM Fryman. Motion carried. The minutes of the Executive Meeting on May 8, 2023 were approved by CM Benning. Seconded by CM Caldwell. Motion carried.

### Clerk-Treasurer – Rita Stevens

- CT Stevens thanked Town Manager Turner in helping with the Project & Expenditure Report for the ARP funds.
- Need approval for Invoice for SIRPC FOR \$24,400.00 for administering water project grant. This is paid from OCRA funds. CM Benning made a motion to approve the invoice. Seconded by CM Craig. Motion carried.
- CT Stevens and CM Fryman attended the AIM Roundtable on May 4<sup>th</sup>. It was very good. And thanks to Janet's Diner for furnishing a door prize from the town.

### Fire Department – Tim Heitmeyer

- Incident Summary Report was given to council.
- Have two candidates interested in becoming a firefighter.
- Fire Prevention Program at the school. No firefighter is available to do it this year.
- Firemen will have a raffle at the Dillsboro Homecoming Fair.

Utility Superintendent – Matt Bauer

- Trees at the park. Will get quotes of any trees near the buildings and parking lots that needs to be taken down.
- New RTV – Present RTV is a 2006 and has 2,000 hours on it. Asking council permission to get on a list at Zimmer’s Tractor when one comes in. Town can turn down once if on the list and the 2<sup>nd</sup> time turned down will be put on the bottom of the list. Approximately \$21,000.00 for a new RTV. Used for spraying, trash and etc. Council approved for Bauer to place the town on the list.
- Will be sweeping streets to get ready for the fair.
- Change orders for the Water Project. Division 1 - #2 for \$3,150.00 for digging out existing well and putting stone in. Division 1 - #3 - \$42,625.00 for replacing meter crocks. CM Benning made a motion to approve the change orders. Seconded by CM Caldwell. Motion carried.
- The “Do Not Enter” stencils for the end of Guion Street by Lenover Street. The quote is \$225.00 for 24” and \$564.00 for 36”. There is 2 signs there. But a council member was notified that there is an issue of vehicles going the other way on this one way street. Maybe possible could borrow another town/city stencils. CM Benning made a motion for Bauer to check into borrowing a stencil. If not, purchase a stencil. Seconded by CM Craig. Opposed was CM Baker, CM Fryman and CM Caldwell.
- Extension of waterline project. Have \$100,000.00 left over. Could use it towards replacing the water line on Old US 50 from US 262 to Holland. Could be around \$200,000.00. Would have to use \$100,000.00 from Riverboat. Council asked Bauer to get a quote from Holman Excavating.

Town Manager/Economic Development – Kevin Turner

- Main Street Kick Off Meeting with OCRA will be on May 24<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall.
- Main Street Executive Training on May 18<sup>th</sup> at Indianapolis.
- Request for Front Street to be blocked at North and Main Streets on May 13 for the Dillsboro in Bloom. Council approved.
- Main Street request to close Bank Street from US 50 entrance to the alley behind Dillsboro Arts on June 3 for the Jazz Festival. Council approved.
- Request by SAY Soccer putting up a large, wooden sign at the entrance to the Town Hall during the Dillsboro Homecoming. Council approved.
- Grant opportunity through Office of Community and Rural Affairs for a Fire Station addition. This would be to store the ATV carrier, ATV, other equipment/vehicles and possible more office space/sleeping quarters. \$500,000.00 maximum grant. Local match of 10%. Council agreed to move forward for Turner to check into this.

New Business

Lucky Greco, property owner on 12870 North Street, commenting on the building next to him at address 12854 North Street. The 3-story building that caught on fire. They have worked on it but it is still there and nothing has been going on recently and is unsafe. Turner stated he will contact Jarrad Holbrook from Indiana Landmarks who owns the building to see what is going on. CM Baker stated it is a safety concern. Town attorney is absent to give some advice. Turner stated he can talk to the County Planning & Zoning for possible code enforcement.

Other Business

CT Stevens asked council if the council was planning on participating in the Dillsboro Homecoming Parade. Council decided not to participate.

Tim Heitmeyer stated the Civic Club would like council to be at the Dillsboro Homecoming Fair Opening Ceremony on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

CM Fryman mentioned that it was announced at the AIM Roundtable about the AIM Summit is August 22 to 24 at French Lick. Also AIM Council Members Budget Seminar is March 24 (virtual).

CM Fryman mentioned is there a AED Device at the ball field. Town Manager Turner stated one has been applied through the Ross Foundation Grant. Coaches will get trained for using it.

CM Baker stated need to look again in graveling a parking lot at the park where the grass practice field is on the ball side for additional parking. It has been brought up at a previous meeting but nothing has happened.

CM Baker congratulated Susan Greco again regarding receiving the House Resolution.

Being no further business. CM Benning made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. Seconded by CM Caldwell. Motion carried.



Rita Stevens, Clerk-Treasurer

