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THE TOWN OF DAYTON INDIANA

The Dayton Town Council met Monday November 9, 2015 in the Dayton Town Hall at 7:00 pm. Council Members present were Ashley Stevenson, Mike Harris, John Swick, Tyrone Taylor, and Tammi Nice. Jason Ramsland, Town Attorney, was also present.

Mr. Swick called the meeting to order.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve minutes of October 19, 2015 Budget meeting and the October 19, 2015 town board minutes. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion.

Ms. Nice made a motion to modify the minutes of October 19, 2015 to say that the motion to buy the two police computers was properly seconded by Mr. Stevenson. Also she asked to have it clarified in the minutes the discussion of the explanation given to council members who abstained. Mr. Harris seconded the motion to modify the minutes and the motion carried.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the town board minutes as corrected. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Stevenson explained the increased bills from American Paving for Conjunction Street.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the November 6, 2015 claims docket of \$111,319.01 and the allowance docket of October 1, 2015 to October 30, 2015 for \$22,389.19. Ms. Nice seconded the motion and the motion carried.

No comments from the residents.

Mr. Koehler asked if the claims docket and the allowance docket should be paid together in one motion or separately in two motions. Mr. Ramsland explained that the state board of accounts says that the two claims should be voted on in separate motions.

Mr. Harris made an amended motion to approve the claims docket of \$111,319.01. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the allowance docket of \$22,389.19. Ms. Nice seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Ramsland explained the schools and classes, that were available for the new elected council members and clerks. Mr. Stevenson asked for more information on these classes. Mr. Ramsland suggested a work session to talk about the proposed subdivision of Mr. Connors and have some discussion on the development. He said that you don't really get a choice of yes or no, if it applies to the technical requirements. Mr. Koehler asked Mr. Ramsland if his law firm was also representing Mr. Connors in any way on this new proposed subdivision. Mr. Ramsland said that Mr. Walkey of their law firm was helping Mr. Connors on the land acquisition only and not the proposed subdivision. Mr. Koehler explained that a builder could build in a subdivision if the zoning was right but because he needed Dayton's water and sewage, therefore the town council had a the say so on whether the subdivision went in or not.

Mr. Ramsland explained ordinance 2015-8, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 31, section 31.016 of The Tippecanoe County Code". The town council discussed in detail Ordinance 2015-8. Mr. Harris made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-8. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Marshal Taylor gave his police report which is down loaded and attached to the minutes.

Marshal Taylor explained that some residents had chickens and other livestock in the town limits. The council discussed this matter. Mr. Ramsland said that several towns and counties had written their statutes and restrictions saying that if your chickens and animals were called pets then they could have them. Marshal Taylor said he referred a couple complaints to area plan.

Marshal Taylor explained the reason of hard rusty water in the police station and got a bid to have a Culligan water softener for \$40 a month. The council discussed the matter

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and decided that some kind of system was needed so the town would not have to put in a water line to the station. Mr. Harris made a motion to go ahead and get the Culligan softener system for around \$40 per month. Ms. Nice seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Marshal Taylor gave the council a list of items at the police station that needed to be donated to Good Will or destroyed. Mr. Stevenson made a motion to declare this property listed in the 11-9-2015 Marshal report as surplus property and valueless and dispose of it. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion and the motion carried.

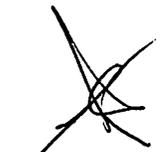
Marshal Taylor asked the council that in the ordinance about tall grass in yards that it is written so he has the ability to give a warning and citation for tall grass. Mr. Ramsland said that he would write a modification to the ordinance to solve this problem.

Marshal Taylor explained that leaf burning was allowed in people's yards but not on the town's streets. Mr. Harris said that our ordinance says that residents can not burn trash but can burn leaves. The council discussed the matter and said that maybe in 2016 we could get bids to have a company go around and suck up the leaves or come up with some other option.

The town council discussed in detail the 2016 salary ordinance. Mr. Koehler said that the clerk's office was proposing keeping all the salaries the same as 2015 because this is what was suggested in the last council meeting discussions. Ms. Nice asked about the 4% increase that was discussed before. Mr. Koehler said that the 4% increase was for the budget and not the salaries.

Mr. Stevenson asked about the pay for the new utility clerk. Ms. Nice said that it was listed as between \$10 to \$20. Ms. Merkel explained that the budget increase was just to cover the existing salaries. Ms. Merkel said that Mr. Hahn's pay could be increased because of the range set up in the salary ordinance.

Mr. Koehler suggested that council members take no extra pay since their monthly salary was already higher than other towns. He also suggested that the extra \$75, for up to three

  
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hour long meetings, should be split up into \$25 for each hour for the first three hours.

Mr. Harris said that by the time you got cleaned up and go to the meetings you have a couple hours tied up. Ms. Nice said that she had to take off work. The council discussed how much salaries have increased in the last 4 years.

Ms. Nice made a motion to increase Mr. Hahn pay by 3% because of his new job. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Nice made a motion to keep the salary ordinance 2015-9 the same as written and that any additional meetings be paid at \$75 if they are held outside the town hall building. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Swick reported on the building reports.

Mr. Hahn gave his report. He reported that that the gazebo painting was 75% completed. The underside will be painted next spring and then Richie Painting will get the last 25% of the money. The salt spreader was modified/repared and can be used.

Mr. Hahn said the cost of taking down the tree on Prairie Lane was \$675, which was \$275 more than the original estimate. Ms. Nice made a motion to pay an additional \$275 for taking the tree down. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Hahn said that he was in the process of changing out 50-60 bad meters.

Mr. Hahn explained that the town would need to purchase a meter locater. They run from \$2000-\$5000. He will get more costs on one. The council discussed the meter locater situation.

Mr. Stevenson explained what driveway approaches that still needed to be done on Quabache Court. Now they would need to be done next spring. Mr. Harris made a motion to have Mr. Scott do 8 more approaches on Quabache court. Ms. Nice seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Tyrone asked about the large Christmas wreaths that are in storage in the town maintenance building. Mr. Koehler said that he and Tyrone were going to hang 6 or so up on the poles with the Christmas banners. They would be put up in the middle of town to see what they look like.

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Mr. Ramsland explained the different workshops for the new councilmen and the clerk treasurer. Ms. Nice made a motion for current or elected office holders to go to the workshops as needed. Then town would not spend over \$800 for the training for all personnel. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. James asked about his property down by the cemetery and whether it had been recorded when the council voted for de-annexation in 2006. The council discussed in detail about the de-annexation. The paperwork was not delivered to the County Auditor. Mr. Ramsland said that he would look into the matter and see how the problem could be solved.

Mr. Harris made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Nice seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

  
Clerk-Treasurer

  
Presiding Officer

  
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