

# Town of Hamilton

900 S Wayne St – PO Box 249

Hamilton, In 46742

DRAFT – NOT YET ADOPTED

September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019- Town Council Meeting  
7:00pm

## **1. Council President Mary Vail called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.**

Roll call: Councilors Mary Vail, Steve Blum, Danny Lingo and Nancy Renner were present. Gerry Martin was absent. The Clerk Treasurer, Hester Stouder was present to record the meeting. Town Attorney Dan Brinkerhoff and Town Manager Brent Shull were both present. Attached is a list of audience members.

SUE HOUSER – Dekalb Humane Shelter – Several board members from the Dekalb Humane Shelter were in attendance asking for a contribution from the Council for their new facility. They recently had 4 acres donated and have raised 50% of their total funding. They need to raise the other 50% by December 31<sup>st</sup> of 2019.

They have never reached out to communities for financial support but realize they will need to future in order to maintain their operations. Just in 2019 they have taken in 29 animals from the Hamilton zip code and would estimate Hamilton's cost to be about \$1500.00. The Council understood their need to invoice Towns for their services. They started setting money aside in the budget after Steuben County began invoicing for their services. Without being prepared to approve an amount, the Council thanked the board members for their presentation and said they would discuss it again at their October meeting. Once they have approved a dollar amount, the Clerk will reach out to the Dekalb Shelter to send the contribution. The Council wished them with their Capital Campaign and new building project.

**Reading and approval of the August 14th, 2019 minutes** – Councilman Steve Blum motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Nancy Renner seconded the motion, motion carried.

## **2. Clerks Report - *The clerk has submitted financial EOM statements and payroll to the Council.***

- A. Claims – Councilman Danny Lingo made a motion to approve the claims. Councilman Steve Blum seconded the motion, motion carried.
- B. Delinquent Accounts – Councilman Steve Blum motioned to approve the delinquent accounts, Nancy Renner seconded the motion, motion carried.
- C. The Clerk will email the Council regarding the upcoming budget meetings, to Include the public hearing and adoption. The public hearing will take place at the Regular monthly meeting in October. The adoption will be held later in October.

### **3. Reports**

A. *Town Manager* – News on the Aquifer has quieted down. Brent keeps abreast of what is going on and stays in touch with officials in Williams County Ohio, as they are very active in the whole process.

here is an Economic Development Forum on housing, Brent will be attending, and the public is invited to attend as well.

Alliance internet will be putting a small antenna or something similar on the concession stand at Gnagy park. Hopefully the service will reach Fish Creek Trail, where having the internet available will help when cameras are installed to detour vandalism.

Brent would like the Council to consider upgrading the generator at the Town Hall. He was able to find a Generac Generator for \$13,700. The Police Department would purchase the current one at the Town Hall that was installed not even 2 years ago.

The remaining amount needed to cover the difference would come out of the Rainy-Day fund. Councilman Danny Lingo motioned to approve the expense and sale to the Police Department. Steve Blum seconded the motion, motion carried.

The local day care/learning center needs an industrial style dishwasher. They are asking if the Town would be willing to donate the one that was left by the Head start Program when they moved to the school in 2012. The Council had no objections, Danny Lingo motioned to donate the dishwasher. Steve Blum seconded the motion, motion carried.

*Please see attached report*

B. *Street Department* – The department is still working out the details for drainage and curbing on Lane 221. The Highlands Association wants to make sure all concerns are addressed, and they can cover their portion of the expense. They will continue discussing it within their association board and will report to the Town when they have decided.

*Please see attached report*

C. *Police Department* – A boat has been obtained from a facility in Texas. The department is now working out the transportation details for getting it to Hamilton.

*Please see attached report.*

D. *Water Department* – Zip Spider has potentially been sold. No changes have been made regarding the Antennas on the Water Towers.

*Please see attached report.*

### **4. Old Business –**

A. *Reserving Pickleball Courts and Insurance* – Brent said they are still working on Obtaining insurance thru the YMCA or independently. Knowing it won't be Resolved before their tournament, the board agreed to let them host the Tournament and continue working on getting insurance.

B. Curbing and work on Lane 221 with the Highlands Association – This was Discussed in the Town Managers report.

C. Public Beach Project – Brent has been working with ERI to establish base costs and Put together bid package. Currently they estimate the total project to be between \$375- 400,000.00. The Council made a couple of changes to the number of electrical locks and wanted to make sure a Title Insurance Commitment was part of the bid package.

When budgeting for the project the Council wanted to include the entire amount And have drawings rendered to gain public interest. Engineering Resources will be Working with Brent and the Council on the entire project and will prepare the bid Packages for the Council to approve. They estimate their cost for this not to exceed \$25,000.00. Councilman Danny Lingo motioned to approve this expense, not to Exceed \$25,000.00 Nancy Renner seconded the motion, motion carried.

This project will continue to be on the agenda for Council discussion as it moves forward.

#### 5. **New Business –**

A. Advertisement for Water Superintendent - The Council reviewed the advertisement for the position. Steve Blum motioned to approve the advertisement, Nancy Renner seconded the motion, motion carried.

Applications will be accepted thru September 30<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. They will only be accepted via mail or in person, an applicant may not email or fax them.

B. Resolution 2019-5 – Memorial Beach – Council President Mary Vail read the resolution aloud, changing “and” to “the”. With the minor change, Councilman Steve Blum motioned to approve Resolution 2019-5. Councilman Danny Lingo seconded the motion, motion carried.

Town Manager Brent Shull said he would like to have the flagpole constructed by Memorial Day 2020 so it can be part of the annual Memorial Day service. A renaming and dedication will also take place during this time.

C. Ordinance 2019-4 – Amending Title VII – Chapter 73 Parking schedules – This was tabled until the Town Attorney and Marshal can discuss it further.

#### **Public Comments/Questions concerning ADA or other items of Business –**

Hamilton resident Mrs. Justice asked if cameras will be installed when the new restrooms at the Public Beach are constructed. Town Manager Brent Shull said yes, especially with them being open year-round.

She then asked if golf carts were intended to go over the path where the old portion of Lane 150 was? Town Manger Brent Shull said yes, the area was designed to include golf cart traffic.

With no other comments or items of business, the motion to adjourn was made by Steve Blum and seconded by Danny Lingo the meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

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Hester Stouder, IAMC - Clerk Treasurer

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Mary Vail –Council President