

**TOWN OF
DAYTON, INDIANA**

UTILITY BOARD

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**Minutes of
March 14, 2022**

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TOWN COUNCIL:

Jen Manago, Town Council President
Stan Kyger, Town Council Vice President
Ron Koehler, Utility President
Carla Snodgrass, Utility Vice President
Ashley Stevenson, Council Member

CLERK-TREASURER:

In attendance were Council Members Jen Manago, Carla Snodgrass, Stan Kyger, Ron Koehler, and Ashley Stevenson. Also present were Town Attorney Alicia Albertson, Town Manager Mark Harlow, and Marshal Taylor.

Life-Saving Award to Logan Sefried

Marshal Taylor presented 10-year-old Dayton resident Logan Sefried with a Life-Saving Award for her courage and bravery in saving her sister from an attack by a Pit Bull. Logan called 911, tried to fight off the dog, and stayed by her sister's side until help arrive. She will be forever recognized for saving her sister's life.

Ron Koehler called the meeting to order and called the roll.

CDBG Public Hearing

Council President Jen Manago announced that this was the public hearing for the planning grant. Greg Beumer of Kleinpeter and Associates stated the public hearing was held to hear public comments for and against an application to the Indiana Office of Rural and Community Affairs for a Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Dayton. Comments:

Stan Kyger – plan is needed to plan the direction of the town and include more recreation areas.

Jen Manago – plan is desperately needed to know what the economy, the people, and the town needs and how to make it happen.

Ron Koehler – plan is needed in order to grow with dignity and not let the town be taken over by developers.

Cindy Marsh – has been asking for a Comprehensive Plan for 6 or 7 years so our growing town will grow in ways to preserve our small town identity, protects the environment, and are good for the town.

The Public Hearing was concluded, and application is due by April 14th.

Resolution Authorizing Application Submission and Local Match Commitment

Jen Manago read the entire Resolution (2022-1) and moved to adopt. Stan Kyger seconded. Roll call vote:

Ashley Stevenson – yes

Stan Kyger – yes

Ron Koehler – yes

Carla Snodgrass – yes

Jen Manago – yes

Attorney

None

Water Ordinance Discussion

The Ordinance had been discussed last meeting and currently states that water can be turned off to avoid charges. Jen said she'd like to see that changed. It's a lot of extra work for the office, and fiscally it's not good for the town because of the number of rentals in town. Ashley asked about the rate study that's being done. He doesn't think people should have to pay for a utility they're not using. Discussion followed. Ron made a motion to have Alicia look into and write up a new Ordinance saying every customer accrues the minimum charges for water. Carla seconded. Roll call vote.

Ashley Stevenson – no

Stan Kyger – yes

Ron Koehler – yes

Carla Snodgrass – yes

Jen Manago – yes

Nancy Oswalt, 762 Shady Lane. Homeowners are penalized when others don't pay minimum. Cindy Marsh, 749 Shady Lane. Sadly, we have slumlords in town who will save a nickel when they can and the rest of us will pay for it.

Utility Superintendent Report

-2021 Water audit. Needs reports from Clerk's office. Due in August.

-College Street lift station had a broken piece of pipe in pump and had to be repaired. He had alerts that notified him.

-Mulberry Telecommunications repair list was submitted to Greg Maish in March.

-2021 CCMG closeout. With Jen's help he got the paperwork submitted for one part and got the release letter from INDOT. Still have one to go.

-2022 contract. Hasn't heard back.

- State Road 38, INDOT. We were reimbursed in the neighborhood of \$86,000 by INDOT for the work of moving the utilities INDOT needed moved. Jen noted that we had been told we had to pay for it and it would be \$22,000. The council didn't want to pay for it so Ron made

- a couple of calls and INDOT agreed to pay and it ended up being around \$86,000. We were reimbursed for the construction costs AND the engineering costs.
- State Road 38 project. Due to begin April 1st. Will be closed from Conjunction to Adams Road. A meeting will be held in Lebanon on the 25th of March if anyone wants to go.
 - INDOT has not yet provided the detour route.

Public Comment

None

Reports of Council Members

- Ron - packets are in dropbox but paper ones can be printed for anyone who wants one.
- as new cul-de-sac's and hammerheads are made a decision needs to be made on parking.
Currently our cul-de-sac's are packed with cars and no school bus or garbage truck can turn around.
 - discussion about Ashley's proposals from 2018 ensued.

Ron Koehler adjourned the meeting.

Attest:

Jen Manago, Council President
Minutes prepared by Jen Manago