

**TOWN OF
DAYTON, INDIANA**

TOWN COUNCIL

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**Minutes of
October 11, 2022**

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TOWN COUNCIL:

Jen Manago, Town Board President
Stan Kyger, Town Board Vice President
Ron Koehler, Utility President
Carla Snodgrass, Utility Vice President
Marc Burmester, Council Member

CLERK-TREASURER:

Board President Jen Manago called the meeting to order. In attendance were Council Members Marc Burmester, Stan Kyger, Ron Koehler, and Carla Snodgrass. Also present were Town Manager Mark Harlow and Marshal Taylor.

Attorney

Alicia absent but council needs to do 2nd reading and adoption of Abolishing Wards and adopt the Voting Cycle year for midterm year. Solicitation ordinance and Tif aren't ready.

Jen moved to waive formal reading of Ordinance 2022-9, An Ordinance Abolishing Wards and Establishing Town Council Members to be Elected At-Large. Stan seconded. Roll call vote. Marc – yes, Stan – yes, Jen – yes, Carla – yes, Ron – yes. 5-0.

Jen moved to adopt by title only Ordinance 2022-9, An Ordinance Abolishing Wards and Establishing Town Council Members to be Elected At-Large. Stan seconded. Roll call vote. Marc – yes, Stan – yes, Jen – yes, Carla – no, Ron – yes. 4-1.

In an effort to increase voter turnout the council wanted to move the election year to a Presidential year but Alicia had indicated that we could only move it to midterms.

Jen moved to waive formal reading of Ordinance 2022-13, An Ordinance Establishing Elections For Town Offices Shall Be Held In Even-Numbered Years. Carla Seconded. Roll call vote. Marc – yes, Stan – yes, Jen – yes, Carla – yes, Ron – yes. 5-0.

Jen moved to adopt on first reading Ordinance 2022-13, An Ordinance Establishing Elections For Town Offices Shall Be Held In Even-Numbered Years. Carla Seconded. Roll call vote. Marc – yes, Stan – yes, Jen – yes, Carla – yes, Ron – yes. 5-0.

Jen moved to adopt on the first night it's introduced Ordinance 2022-13, An Ordinance Establishing Elections For Town Offices Shall Be Held In Even-Numbered Years. Carla Seconded. Roll call vote. Marc – yes, Stan – yes, Jen – yes, Carla – yes, Ron – yes. 5-0.

Jen moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-13, An Ordinance Establishing Elections For Town Offices Shall Be Held In Even-Numbered Years. Carla Seconded. Roll call vote. Marc – yes, Stan – yes, Jen – yes, Carla – yes, Ron – yes. 5-0.

Allowance Docket

Jen made a motion to approve the allowance docket for 9/1/22 to 9/30/22. Stan seconded. Roll call vote. Marc – yes, Stan – yes, Jen – yes, Carla – yes, Ron – yes. 5-0.

Claims

Jen Manago made a motion to approve the October 11, 2022 Claims Docket for \$233,528.98. Stan Seconded. Roll call vote. Marc – yes, Stan – yes, Jen – yes, Carla – yes, Ron – yes. 5-0.

Approval of Reports

Wait for bank rec.

Approval of Minutes

Jen made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 12, 2022 Budget Hearing, the September 12, 2022 Utility and the September 12, 2022 Town Council meetings. Carla Seconded. Roll call vote. Marc – yes, Stan – yes, Jen – yes, Carla – yes, Ron – yes. 5-0.

Clerk-Treasurer Office

The council will need an additional appropriation next month because of a payment to Midwest Paving that was paid in 2022 but that should have been encumbered in 2021.

Marshal Taylor

- The county sheriff's department is donating Tasers to the DPD. We need a resolution to accept them. Marshal Taylor read the resolution.

Jen made a motion to approve and accept Town of Dayton Resolution 2022-14, Accepting Transfer of Taser XP26 Devices and Related Equipment From Tippecanoe County. Stan Seconded. Roll call vote. Marc – yes, Stan – yes, Jen – yes, Carla – yes, Ron – yes. 5-0.

- Stop sign at Dayton Road and Main needs added to our ordinance. He will contact Alicia.
- Halloween will be October 31, 2022 from 5-8.

Salary Ordinance for Elected and Non-Elected Officials

Jen reviewed the ordinance and noted that no changes were needed but the extra meeting part has never been used by this council so could be removed. The council decided to remove it. Carla noted that she's never asked for travel for the APC meeting.

Cindy Marsh 749 Shady Lane. She didn't say anything to anyone before the meeting because she knew she would be told not to say what she was about to say. The president stipend of \$35 is grossly underpaid. She knows there have been presidents who do nothing, but now we have Jen, who gives above and beyond. She would like it increased.

Marshal Taylor agreed with Cindy. He said Jen and Ron spend an enormous amount of time at town hall, especially without a clerk.

Stan made a motion to increase the president stipend to \$100 every two weeks. Carla seconded. Roll call vote. Marc – yes, Stan – yes, Jen – abstain, Carla – yes, Ron – yes. 4-0.

Jen noted that the Utility President doesn't get any stipend.

Salary Compensation for Non-Elected Officials – Stipends were given for 2022 for Utility Superintendent and town marshal.

Jen thinks the Utility Superintendent should receive the same \$600 for the clothing allowance as the marshal.

The deputy marshal rate of \$27 per hour is fine.

Ron would like to do stipends.

Marc thinks we need to increase the cost of living.

Stan thinks we should pay according to other towns our size.

Jen thinks Scott is fairly compensated. It's a little trickier to tell for Mark.

Ron suggested a stipend for Scott of \$1500 and for Mark of \$2000.

Marc doesn't like stipends.

Discussion followed.

Alicia's firm sent a letter asking for a little increase. \$5 per hour increase to meeting rate and \$100 per hour increase in the legal work rate.

Cindy Marsh 749 Shady Lane. She would like to share her opinion. She agrees with Marc somewhat – we're all incurring a lot of extra expenses. She thinks we need to show appreciation for all our town employees and build morale.

Rumble Strips

Ron would like to consider rumble strips at intersections around the school. Mark had a price of \$800 for one lane. Ron thinks we can do it cheaper. Discussion followed.

Public Comment

Cindy Marsh 749 Shady Lane. Thanks the council for the election changes and bringing integrity to town elections – doing away with the wards, allowing every voter to vote for every council member, and changing the election year to midterms to increase turnout. She pointed out that in 2019 we had 865 registered voters but we only had 302 people voting who could only vote for 3 council seats, only 35%. In 2015 we had 25% voter turnout. Only 229 people voted. In 2011 only 19% turnout – 156 people voted. She hopes changing the year to a midterm will make a difference.

Council Comment

Marc asks the council to think about who will serve on the Redevelopment Commission for next year.

Ron says the streets, sidewalks, and cul-de-sacs look fantastic. Thanks Mark for a great job.

Jen Manago adjourned the meeting.

Attest:

Jen Manago, Council President

Minutes prepared by Jen Manago