

**TOWN OF
DAYTON, INDIANA**

UTILITY BOARD

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**Minutes of
May 19, 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
Ashley Stevenson, Council Member

CLERK-TREASURER:

Utility President Ron Koehler called the meeting to order. In attendance were Council Members Jen Manago, Carla Snodgrass, and Stan Kyger. Ashley Stevenson was absent. Also present were Town Attorney Alicia Albertson, Town Manager Mark Harlow, and Marshal Taylor.

Greg A. Woods, District 41 Representative Candidate, introduced himself and described his areas of concern.

Attorney

Water Ordinance – Alicia advised that the ordinance is being changed so that people who have their water shut off still have to pay the minimum rate. Jen read the Ordinance 2022-2, an Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Dayton, Indiana Amending §52.17 Regarding Waterworks Rates and Charges on second reading. Ron made a motion to approve the ordinance on second reading. Stan seconded. Roll call vote.

Ashley - absent

Stan – yes

Jen – yes

Carla -yes

Ron - yes

URT Tax Repeal- Alicia explained that the state legislature has repealed the Utility Receipts Tax effective July 1. This is a tax we were required to collect on our water. We are required to have a public hearing. We will do that at the June meeting.

Water Credit for New Construction Jen explained the current ordinance that says new construction can get a credit for watering a lawn but doesn't say how to calculate the credit After discussion, the council decided that residents may petition the council for credit for usage during

the months of June, July, and August. The request must be made AFTER August but before the following June, and homes without three months of usage should wait to apply for the credit until they have a three-month usage history. The credit for the three-month period will be for the water usage in excess of the normal usage based on the three month history.

Rate Study for Utilities Ron stated that it's taken a while to get this study but Steve Brocks says we can lower water rates \$10/month. Stan clarified that it's actually a percentage and the \$10 savings applies to someone who uses 4,000 gallons of water. Alicia explained that the water rate is being reduced by 24.68%. We need a public hearing for this but we can do first reading now. Jen read Ordinance 2022-3 An Ordinance Amending the Rates and Charges for the Waterworks Utility for the first reading. Jen made a motion to approve on first reading Ordinance 2022-3 An Ordinance Amending the Rates and Charges for the Waterworks Utility. Carla seconded. Roll call vote.

Ashley - absent

Stan – yes

Jen – yes

Carla -yes

Ron - yes

Cindy Marsh 749 Shady Lane stated that the reason this council could reduce the water rates is because we didn't pay the \$500,000 cost to extend the utilities to the new subdivision. The old council refused to say the town would not pay and even allowed a lawsuit rather than offer that assurance. The developer did not commit to paying for the utility extensions until the new council came in. She thanked the council for reducing the rate.

Utility Superintendent Report

- Consumer Confidence Report went out with last utility bills and hard copies are available at town hall. He will send certification form to state.
- Annual sewer meter calibration required by Lafayette Renew. It was completed by BL Anderson for a cost of about \$1000.
- Spring inspections of grease traps have been completed.
- April 27th was the 5-year Stormwater audit. It's recommended to have streets swept every month. Also recommended that we add the private stormwater systems to the GIS system. Private systems include Caterpillar, Dollar General, and Truck Indiana. It is predicted that testing of the water going into the creek will be required at some point. Mark will ask BF&S for a price to add our maps to the GIS.
- 291 Republican. Mr. Bowman has requested again to have the stormwater drain raised up. Mark will ask contractors for a price to add another ring.
- 2022 CCMG Agreement will require minutes from a meeting designating a signatory.

Ron made a motion for Jen to be the signatory for the CCMG documents. Carla seconded. Roll call vote.

Ashley - absent

Stan – yes

Jen – yes

Carla -yes

Ron – yes

- Mark enumerated the other requirements for the grant documents. Contract should be awarded within 90 days.
- A timeline that was set up with BF&S: Monday, 5/23 will be a field check meeting., Mark will meet with them at town hall to review details. Monday, 6/13 town council will approve advertisement and bidding of the project. Friday, 6/24 first advertisement will be published, Friday 7/1 the second advertisement will be published, and on Monday, 7/11 bids will be opened. A special meeting will be 7/14 for awarding the bids. We hope to have construction between July and October but it may be a challenge. Another consideration is that costs are increasing but hopefully the buffer that’s built in will cover it. Council is welcome to attend the 5/23 field check meeting.
- State Road 38 status- gas has been relocated and AT&T is working on moving fiber from the north side to the south side. The official switchover is scheduled for the middle of the night on 5/26.
- Mulberry Telephone has 4 contractors in town hooking up fiber.
- BP Development – Mark expected them to be at the meeting. Issues had been raised about the traffic flow pattern that needed to be addressed.
- Baker Farms has been informed that they need to sweep the roads every month. Construction has slowed down.

Public Comment None

Reports of Council Members

Ron- thanks Jenna Marie Shireman for planting around gazebo.

He thinks after things are finally in order in the clerk’s office, we might be able to reduce sewer rates too.

Ron Koehler adjourned the meeting.

Attest:

Jen Manago, Council President

Minutes prepared by Jen Manago