

**TOWN OF  
DAYTON, INDIANA**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**SETTLED 1827**

**INCORPORATED 1970**

**Minutes of  
February 23, 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:**

Present were Council Members Ashley Stevenson, Stan Kyger, Jen Manago, Ron Koehler and Carla Snodgrass. Also present was Marshal Scott Taylor.

**Marshal Taylor Commendation**

Jen Manago announced that the Town Council had something they wanted to present and asked Marshal Taylor to come forward. Jen described how Marshal Taylor took a call about a dog attacking two children and rushed to the home. He had to dislodge a frozen backyard gate and then taze the animal in order to free a child who was being attacked. He safely secured both children in his police car until the fire department and EMS arrived, and the injured child was then transported to IU Arnett and then to Riley Hospital. He was presented a plaque and a Certificate of Commendation for his heroic actions.

Jen called the roll and the special meeting began.

**Clerk-Treasurer Vacancy**

Jen described the three ways the position can be filled: qualified resident, interlocal agreement with another town, and appoint a board member as ex officio clerk and contract with outside consultants. No qualified resident was present, and she had contacted another town and they were too busy to help. If a board member was appointed they could not collect extra pay. She recommended option three.

Ashley asked about town residents but indicated no one had contacted him. Jen said that the office needed to be brought to order before a new person was placed in that office. She also said we would have to pay a resident and pay consultants too if someone was appointed.

Ron suggested they take their time and get things cleaned up. It would be unfair to someone to walk in until things were in order. Stan thinks we need things in order for the state and Carla agreed. Carla also said we could look for someone after the audit but appointing a figure head was a good stop gap.

Ashley asked about a timeline, and it was generally agreed that this could be reevaluated after the audit.

Jen described how they were left with no passwords and getting into things took a lot of time. They were just now getting into things and were finding a lot of things had not been done.

Cindy Marsh 749 Shady Lane pointed out that this wasn't a new situation for Dayton. In 2018 when Lena Merkel moved out of town the part time 24-year-old college student/ utility clerk was appointed and when she left less than a year later the office was in shambles. The next time the council took applicants and chose Michelle. People who have taken that job the last two times have had no idea what was involved. To start a new person from scratch with no experience in municipal government was asking for disaster because the amount of work that needs to be done is overwhelming. As a result nothing gets done and a mess is left for the next person. She is glad to see the council considering using professionals. She added that in the worse case scenario this arrangement could only last until the next election.

Jen moved to appoint Ron as ex-officio Clerk-Treasurer and contract with outside consultants. Stan seconded. Roll call vote. Passed 4-1.

Ashley Stevenson – No

Stan Kyger – Yes

Ron Koehler – Yes

Carla Snodgrass – Yes

Jen Manago – Yes

Jen moved to approve eight minutes: December 13, 2021 Utility Board, December 13, 2021 Town Council, January 3, 2022 Special Meeting, January 10, 2022 Utility Board, January 10, 2022 Town Council, January 24, 2022 Special Meeting, January 29, 2022 Special Meeting, and the February 8, 2022 Special Meeting. Carla seconded. Roll call vote. Passes 4-1.

Ashley Stevenson – No

Stan Kyger – Yes

Ron Koehler – Yes

Carla Snodgrass – Yes

Jen Manago – Yes

Jen Manago adjourned the meeting.

Attest:

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Jen Manago, Council President

*Minutes prepared by Jen Manago*