# TOWN OF DAYTON, INDIANA



#### TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION/ SPECIAL MEETING

**SETTLED:** 

**INCORPORATED:** 

# Minutes of September 30, 2021

These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript.

#### **TOWN COUNCIL:**

CLERK-TREASURER: Michelle Frewerd C/T

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

Ron Koehler, Carla Snodgrass, Jen Manago and Stan Kyger were present. Clerk-Treasurer, Michelle Frewerd, Mark Harlow and Janet Alexander were also present on the phone.

Jen Manago called the meeting to order.

## 2022 Budget:

Jen opened discussion regarding the 2022 budget.

Janet Alexander went over the Cash Flow report that she created for the town.

Michelle wanted to discuss the request for attorney fees for the Clerk's office for 2021. Jen stated that she wanted to wait until the salary ordinance. Michelle stated that she didn't want to wait until then due to one of the biggest arguments during the litigation was regarding that the clerk never asked to appropriations for attorney fees in the yearly budget.

Michelle requested \$6000 for the Clerk's office attorney fees to be allocated in the 2022 budget. Jen stated that she was hopeful that Michelle would use the new town attorney to ask them any questions. She also stated that Michelle use Aim.

Jen stated that she has spoke to other towns to see how much they appropriate for Clerk attorney fees. Jen stated that she would like to appropriate \$1200 for the clerk-treasurer attorney fees for 2022. Michelle stated that she was concerned that there could be possible issues that arise in the near future due to the council's allegations regarding when Michelle had control of utilities so therefore, she has the right to have legal representation if any issues arise. Due to the history between the town council and the clerk, chances are that everything isn't going to run smoothly as it never does.

Ron Koehler made a motion to allocate \$1200 to the clerk-treasurer for attorney fees in the 2022 budget...Jen Manago seconded the motion...carried roll call vote 4-0.

Stan Kyger- Yes Ron Koehler- Yes Carla Snodgrass- Yes Jen Manago- Yes

Jen wants to change the title of line item "Movie Night" in the General Fund to "Community Enrichment".

Janet believes that the town should lower the budget in MVH Infrastructure from \$100,000 to \$90,000. She stated that the funds could come from MVH, Local Road and Streets, EDIT, Riverboat or CCD funds.

## **Preliminary 2022 Salary Ordinance:**

Jen suggested that the council should not increase any elected official salary.

Jen stated that this year the council was forced to remove the town utilities from the Clerk-Treasurer due to the lack of cooperation with the utility service board. The town spent thousands of dollars building a new clerk's office and for professional help to move computers, the town had been delayed in reinstating late fees and shutoffs.

The clerk's responsibilities have been greatly reduced. So therefore, Jen wants to reduce the Clerk's salary due to the reduction of responsibilities, but due to the law the council can not lower the compensation of the Clerk. Jen suggested that since they can not lower the salary of the clerk that they eliminate the health care stipend from the clerk.

Jen stated that they have to pay Bridget to do Michelle's job that she is supposed to do per town ordinance.

Jen Manago made a motion to remove the health care stipend for the clerk-treasurer and to have Reid change any other ordinances necessary to do that...Ron Koehler seconded the motion...carried roll call vote 4-0.

Stan Kyger- Yes Ron Koehler- Yes Carla Snodgrass- Yes Jen Manago- Yes

Jen stated that Bridget's job as the utility clerk is different than what the other utility clerks had to do. Jen would like to give Bridget a \$1 raise. Ron stated that she has been here several months so he thinks that the raise should be given right away.

Jen Manago made a motion to give Bridget a \$1 raise effective as soon as possible on the next pay period...Carla Snodgrass seconded the motion...carried roll call vote 4-0.

Stan Kyger- Yes Ron Koehler- Yes Carla Snodgrass- Yes Jen Manago- Yes





Jen suggested that Mark and Scott get a performance stipend of \$1500 for each of them for 2022. Jen Manago made a motion to add a \$1500 performance stipend for the Town Marshal and Town Manager for 2022 Salary Ordinance that will be payable with January payroll...Ron Koehler seconded the motion...carried roll call vote 4-0.

Stan Kyger- Yes Ron Koehler- Yes Carla Snodgrass- Yes Jen Manago- Yes

Jen Manago adjourned the meeting.

Attest:

Michelle Frewerd Clerk-Treasurer

Clerk-Treasurer Original