

SHELburn TOWN COUNCIL
SHELburn TOWN HALL
DECEMBER 28, 2023 at 6:00pm

The meeting was called to order by Town Council President Jesse Kasinger at 6:00pm with council members Brad Cagle, Alex Norris, and John Curtis in attendance.

Clerk Treasurer Melissa Copeland read the minutes of the meeting held on November 20, 2023, all minutes were approved by the Town Council.

Council Member Alex Norris made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-12-28-01 a Resolution Allowing Additional Appropriations, Seconded by Council Member Brad Cagle. All in Favor.

An agreement between HWC Engineering and the Town of Shelburn was recently voted on by the Shelburn Redevelopment Commission and is now being presented to the Town Council for approval. Council Member Alex Norris made a motion to table the decision for the 2024 Town Council, seconded by John Curtis. All in Favor.

An agreement was presented between the Town of Shelburn and Local Government Services, LLC. for consulting and training for Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Copeland. A motion was made by Council President Kasinger to approve the agreement, seconded by Council Member Alex Norris. All in Favor.

After Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Copeland read the 2024 Salary Ordinance, Council Member Brad Cagle immediately made a motion to make an amendment to the Ordinance in which he stated they are terminating the Office Manager position that was created in the 1980's. This position was held by former Clerk Treasurer Noah J. Southwood for over 38 years and most recently held by Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Copeland since she was appointed office on July 8, 2022. Seconded by Council Member Alex Norris. Vote passed 3-1. Council Members Cagle, Norris, and Curtis voted yes.

Council Member Brad Cagle made a motion to accept Salary Ordinance 2023-12-28-01 An Ordinance Fixing the Wages of Town Marshall and Employees of the Town of Shelburn, Sullivan County, Indiana for the year of 2024, seconded by Council Member Alex Norris. All in Favor.

Council Member Alex Norris made a motion to accept Salary Ordinance 2023-12-28-02 An Ordinance Fixing the Wages of Town Marshal and Employees of the Town of Shelburn, Sullivan, County, Indiana for the year of 2024, with the amendment of removing the entire Office Manager Position and salary from the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Cagle. Vote passed 3-1. Council Members Norris, Cagle, and Curtis voted yes.

A discussion was made in the meeting from residents and council members about an employee who held the position of Janitor and Custodian. During the discussion someone from the crowd asked Council Member Brad Cagle if he had any part in hiring the employee who is his son in law. Council Member Brad Cagle denied hiring him or having anything to do with the hiring process and stated the "office manager" hired the employee. Isaac Compton from the Sullivan Daily Times asked if the town could go back and find the minutes from when that employee was hired, and Council President Jesse Kasinger asked Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Copeland to look back into the minutes and that the residents would be updated on the findings at a future meeting.

Council Member Brad Cagle made a motion to allow the Fire Department to purchase drywall for a wall repair in their fire department. Motion died due to lack of second.



Brad Cagle

Council President Jesse Kasinger made a motion to allow an adjustment to be made on the water bill of resident Bryan Stormes located at 124 W. Griffith St. since his paperwork that he was given when he turned on his service stated that "one adjustment a year would be made." Seconded by Council Member John Curtis . All in Favor.

Council Member Brad Cagle made a motion to allow former Shelburn Reserve, Billy McCombs to come back as a Shelburn Reserve effective immediately . Seconded by Council Member John Curtis. All in Favor.

Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Copeland passed out the nepotism policies for the council members to sign. Council Members Brad Cagle and John Curtis refused to sign them. Council Members Jesse Kasinger and Alex Norris, along with Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Copeland did sign both nepotism policies.

A motion was made by Council Member Brad Cagle to approve the claim vouchers, seconded by Council Member Alex Norris. All in Favor

A motion was made by Council President Jesse Kasinger to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alex Norris. All in favor.

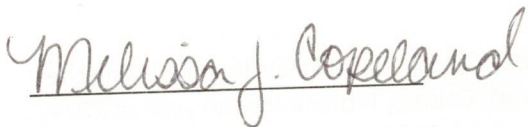
Jesse Kasinger, President

Brad Cagle

Alex Norris

John Curtis

Attest:



Clerk Treasurer, Melissa Copeland

These minutes are unsigned by the council because 3 of the council members (Jesse Kasinger, Brad Cagle, and John Curtis) are no longer on the council due to their term ending at the end of 2023. Council Member Alex Norris is still on the council and began a new term on 1-1-2024, however he was not in attendance at the 1-30-24 meeting where these minutes were read aloud.

Melissa Copeland

Clerk-Treasurer

2-2-2024