

SHELBURN TOWN COUNCIL
SHELBURN TOWN HALL
JANUARY 30, 2024 at 6:00pm

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm with council members Aaron Lewis, Jared Miller, and Noah J. Southwood in attendance. Council Member Alex Norris was not in attendance.

The minutes from Regular Meeting on December 28, 2023 and the Organizational Meeting on January 4, 2024 was read aloud. There were no minutes to read aloud from the Executive Session that took place on December 28, 2023. The minutes from the January 4, 2024 were approved and signed by the board.

Council Member Jared Miller made a motion to accept the new Rules of Decorum to take place of the current "Rules of Decorum" that were passed on January 10, 2022, seconded by Council President Noah J. Southwood. Council Member Aaron Lewis voted No. Vote was 2-1, did not pass.

Council Member Jared Miller made a motion to implement a "Desire to Appear at Meeting of The Shelburn Town Council" form that requires all residents who wish to speak or bring up an issue at a Town Council meeting, fill this out and turn it into the Town Hall at least 7 days before the upcoming council meeting. Seconded by Council President Noah J. Southwood. All in Favor.

Council President Noah J. Southwood presented a Conflict-of-Interest form since he works at Midwestern Engineers. Council Member Jared Miller made a motion to accept Noah J. Southwood's Conflict of Interest form, seconded by Council Member Aaron Lewis. All in Favor.

Council President Noah J. Southwood made a motion to hold the monthly council meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Shelburn Community Building. Seconded by Council Member Aaron Lewis. All in Favor.

Council President Noah J. Southwood brought forward an invoice for \$329.00 that he paid AIM to attend "Newly Elected Official Training and Boot Camp" in downtown Indianapolis. He asked the council to reimburse his registration fee. A motion was made by council member Jared Miller to reimburse Noah J. Southwood. Seconded by Aaron Lewis. All in Favor.

In December the Towns Attorney Terry Modesitt received a letter stating a possible lawsuit between the Town of Shelburn and two local towing businesses, Signal 40 and Recovery + due to the fact that the Town Marshal and his department is no longer using county towing rotation. The letter asked that the town resolve the issue and respond back within 30 days otherwise legal action may take place. Town Attorney forwarded that letter to Town Hall where Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Copeland made a copy for all four council members. The issue was not resolved by the outgoing council therefore the topic was brought up at the January 30th meeting. After a lengthy discussion between the council and both parties, Council Member Jared Miller made a motion that effective immediately, the Shelburn Town Marshal and his officers would follow with the Sullivan County Towing Rotation. Seconded by Council Member Aaron Lewis. Council President Noah J. Southwood voted no. Vote was 2-1, did not pass.

At the January 4th Organizational Meeting Council President Noah J. Southwood had appointed Matthew Price, Lummie Wilson, and Steven Morgan to the Shelburn Redevelopment Commission. Lummie Wilson decided to not be appointed and therefore Council President Noah J. Southwood appointed Mark Shroyer as his replacement.

The Council has decided to schedule a Special Meeting on February 6, 2024 at 6pm at the Shelburn Community Building to discuss the IDEM Inspection issues and the need for Generators out at the well field and chlorine building.

Council president Noah J. Southwood made a motion to allow Town Manager Dustin Geatches, to tap a new line out at Jim Fusco's property off of 400N. Seconded by Jared Miller. All in Favor.

Council Member Jared Miller made a motion to deny the HWC Engineering Contract between the Shelburn Redevelopment Commission and HWC Engineering for the addition of ADA Compliant parking lots, sidewalks, and ramps on the West side and North side of the community building making the Community Building and Library ADA Compliant. Seconded by Aaron Lewis. All in Favor.

Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Copeland presented the Town Council with three invoices from Yargus Enterprises LLC dba B&S Plumbing, Heating, & Cooling. One for \$25,000 and one for \$11,994. Those two totals \$36,994 and are for the complete removal of the old HVAC unit and installation of the new HVAC unit at the Interurban Building. There was also a third invoice in the amount of \$500 for "Labor to remove large grille and install screen and reinstall grill. All three invoices totaling \$37,494. A motion was made from Council President Noah J. Southwood to pay for the invoices with \$12,445.56 from the Riverboat Fund, \$11,500 from the EDIT Fund, and the remaining balance to come from the Northside TIF Fund. Seconded by Council Member Jared Miller. All in Favor.

Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Copeland presented the Town Council with five applications for Water Laborer. The Council asked that the Clerk-Treasurer make copies and put it in their mailbox at Town Hall and they would review the applications prior to the next council meeting where they would then make decisions on interviews.

Council Member Jared Miller made a motion to hire Terry Modesitt as the Town Attorney for the 2024 Year. Seconded by Aaron Lewis. All in Favor.

The Park Board has staggered terms, therefore every January there is a vacancy on the Shelburn Park Board. Since taking office in July 2022, Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Copeland has created "applications" for any of the town Committees or Boards to make it fair for the residents to apply for these positions. In January she presented Applications for the Redevelopment Commission but the Council President chose not to go off of applications. So Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Copeland asked if the council wanted her to advertise the vacancy on the park board and accept applications, or were they just going to choose someone. Council Member Jared Miller made a motion to advertise the vacancy and accept applications and that they would appoint someone at the next monthly meeting. Seconded by Aaron Lewis. All in Favor.

Council Member Jared Miller made a motion to accept the Claims Docket, seconded by council member Aaron Lewis. All in Favor.

Council President Noah J. Southwood made a motion to accept the Allowance Docket, seconded by Jared Miller. All in Favor.

For the record, there were many residents who utilized the new "Desire to appear at meeting of the Shelburn Town Council" form, with a wide array of topics being discussed. Sullivan Daily Times Reporter Issac Compton summarized a letter that was given to the council, by a resident, after the January 4th meeting that brought up several concerns. Some of the items discussed were the terminated office manager position and its history on how and why it started, the continued concerns with security at the Clerk Treasurers Office and what's being done about it, and concerns about the Town Marshal. No official action was taken on any of these topics or any other topics that were brought up, but Council Member Jared Miller addressed the public and said that the council would be taking a hard look at all of the items brought up as well as the items mentioned in the letter, and they hope to have answers for the public soon.

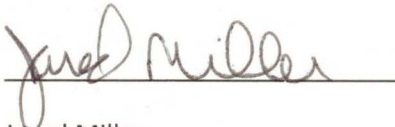
A motion was made by Council Member Jared Miller to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Aaron Lewis. All in favor.



Noah J. Southwood, President



Aaron Lewis, Vice President

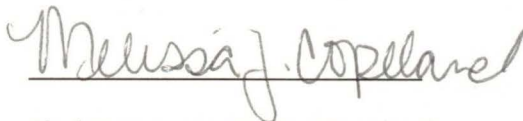


Jared Miller



Alex Norris

Attest:



Clerk Treasurer, Melissa Copeland