SHELBURN TOWN COUNCIL
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April 24, 2024 at 4:00pm

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm with council members Aaron Lewis, Jared Miller, and Noah J. Southwood in attendance. Council Member Alex Norris was not in attendance.

The Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Copeland asked the Town Council if they would vote to match a possible grant that the Shelburn Park Board is applying for. The grant is a Wabash Valley Community Foundation grant that would be to replace the old playground equipment at the Mill St. Park. The Park Board will submit a Letter of Intent this month and will not know if they are invited to fully apply for the grant until June. The grant could be up to $25,000. Council President Noah J. Southwood made a motion that if the park board was awarded this grant, the Town of Shelburn would do a financial match of $20,000. Motion was seconded by Council Member Jared Miller. All in Favor.

The Contract between the Town of Shelburn and Shelburn Volunteer Fire Department Association for 2024 has not been approved yet. Council Member Alex Norris who is also the Fire Chief is not present with the contract, but Council President Noah J. Southwood made a motion to go ahead and accept the 2024 Fire Contract with the assumption that nothing has changed from the previous year of $20,000 for fire coverage, paid as $5000 each quarter, as well as an additional $10,000 from the EDIT Fund to help cover equipment needs. Motion was seconded by Council Member Aaron Lewis. All in Favor.

A Resolution to use ARPA funds to pay for additional Fire Equipment was presented to the council but they have decided to table the discussion and decision on this until the May 14, 2024 meeting when the Fire Chief is present and can answer questions of what is exactly needed.

Dustin Geatches the Water/Sewer Superintendent was present to discuss an array of water and sewer issues. The current urgent issue is a sewer issue where sewer is backing up inside the homes of a few residents when there is a lot of rainfall. Dustin mentioned that the town should consider a liner job where PVC pipe is put inside the old clay tile as he believes the issues could be caused from the clay tile deteriorating due to age. Council President Noah J. Southwood made a motion to allow Dustin to put together a scope of work for the sewer maintenance as well as for a repair needed on a lift station. Seconded by Council Member Jared Miller. All in Favor.

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Noah J. Southwood, President

Aaron Lewis, Vice President

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Attest:

Clerk Treasurer, Melissa Copeland