SHELBURN TOWN COUNCIL
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August 20, 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 present.

The financial documents were distributed to the Town Council by the Clerk-Treasurer.

The minutes from July 9, 2024 were approved and signed by the board with Council Member Aaron making a motion and Council Member Jared Miller seconding it. All in Favor.

Dustin Geatches from Southern Indiana Compliance was in attendance and had emailed his report to the council earlier in the week. The council had no questions for Dustin and he was excused from the meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Copeland presented a quote for wall repair as well as painting for the inside of the community building. The community building has suffered some damage from renters as well as work that was not completed correctly by the previous contractor. Council President Noah J. Southwood asked if she advertise and get additional quotes. This topic was tabled.

At a previous meeting AJ from Springer had mentioned that the current vehicle use agreement that the town has between themselves, and Police Reserve Chad Gilbert is not satisfactory, and it is his opinion as well as the opinion of the insurance provider to void the contract as it is a liability for the town. After discussion Council Member Jared Miller made a motion to remove the Tahoe from the fleet effective immediately, seconded by council member Aaron Lewis. Council President Noah J. Southwood voted against it and stated he would like to table the discussion until Alex was present and get his take on the subject. The vote did not pass, 2-1.

Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Copeland stated that she had discussed with the employees that they would like to have direct deposit and to be able to do that, she would need timecards earlier than the day before the pay date. She stated that she would hold one day from each pay for the next 5 weeks to accumulate an entire weeks' pay so that she can then hold a paycheck back and get them on the proper schedule to be able to do direct deposit. Council Member Aaron Lewis made a motion to accept these payroll changes, seconded by Council Member Jared Miller. All in Favor.

Council Member Jared Miller made a motion to approve the claim and payroll. Seconded by Council Member Aaron Lewis. All in Favor.

Council President Noah J. Southwood made a motion to accept an HWC Service Agreement for $220 per hour as an engineering consult on projects. Seconded by Council Member Jared Miller. All in Favor.

Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Copeland requested that the council also put some safety measures in place that any project discussion or any type of contact with HWC needs to be pre-approved from the council so that we do not get into an overspending situation like we currently have with the Town Attorney. Council President Noah J. Southwood made a motion that "Full Council Approval" must be made before consulting HWC to move forward with any projects of scopes of work. Seconded by Council member Aaron Lewis. All in Favor.

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There is a stormwater project on Glenn St. that needs taken care of and due to the understaffing of the laborers, the council would like to contract Lummie Wilson to do the project. His quote came in at $530. Council President Noah J. Southwood made a motion to accept this quote and to hire Lummie to complete the project. Seconded by Council Member Aaron Lewis. All in Favor.

Resident Josh Akers was present and asked for permission to remove a grinding station from his property. Council President Noah J. Southwood said to make arrangements with the laborers to get the okay to remove it.

Employee Shawn Akers is not happy with the new backhoe that the town purchased. Council Member Aaron Lewis is going to contact the company and see if he can find a resolution to make everyone happy.

Council President Noah J. Southwood has been in contact with Lou Britton, the Redevelopment Commission Attorney on the proper way to take care of the abandoned houses that the council is wanting to demolish and remove. He stated that title searches need to be made as well as having public hearings, sealed bids, and several other steps that need to be taken to ensure it is done properly. He stated the town has demolished and cleaned up abandoned houses in the past but had to stop due to not following all the proper steps. He then asked the council if it would be okay to move forward with getting quotes on Title Searches from Sullivan County Abstract as well as Hendrick Title Co. They agreed they would like to get two quotes to go ahead and move forward with these projects.

Employee Brandon Zeabart gave two weeks' notice and Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Copeland asked if they would like her to advertise online and in the paper for an open position. Council President Noah J. Southwood ran down the expenses of having an additional employee and suggested that they hold off on hiring an employee. No decision was made.

Autumn Fulk was present and shared a project she would like to do for the Scouts. It involves building and installing a Firefighter memorial somewhere in Downtown Shelburn. She asked if the council would approve her to use a piece of property that they own for her project. Council Member Jared Miller made a motion to allow her to build and install her memorial on a piece of property on the West side of the community building. Seconded by Council Member Aaron Lewis. All in Favor.

Debby Stuck from the Shelburn Redevelopment Commission was in attendance and stated that the RDC would like to purchase the "slab/stage" back from the man who purchased it from the Community Club for $55,000. The decision was tabled due to Alex not being in attendance and the council wanting to know his opinion on the purchase.

The discussion of the library came up and the council charges some non-profits to rent spaces that the town owns and allows others to use them for free. Resident Justin Copeland asked if there was any way the town would be willing to stop charging the $250 per month rent to the library and allow them to use the space for free like the other non-profits are doing. Council President Noah J. Southwood stated he does not want to void their $250 a month rental fee because the town uses that for expenses for the community building. The council decided to table the discussion for a future meeting.

A motion was made by Council President Noah J. Southwood at 7:51pm to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Aaron Lewis. All in Favor.

Noah J. Southwood, President

Aaron Lewis, Vice President

Jared Miller

Alex Norris

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer, Melissa Copeland