SHELBURN TOWN COUNCIL
SHELBURN TOWN HALL
September 18, 2024 at 6:00pm

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm with council members Aaron Lewis, Jared Miller, Alex Norris, and Noah J. Southwood in attendance.

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

The minutes from August 20, 2024 were approved and signed by the board. Motin was made by Council President Noah J. Southwood, seconded by Council Member Aaron Lewis. Alex Abstained due to not being present at that meeting.

On the agenda in "Old News" was the agreement between the Town of Shelburn and Police Reserve Chad Gilbert on the use of his vehicle. Per the advice of our Insurance Company and Insurance Agent, they requested the vehicle be removed from the town's fleet of vehicles immediately due to a liability. Council Member Jared Miller asked that the Town Marshal provide him with a copy of the lease to review it and they would have the attorney review it to see if any changes could be made. The topic is tabled until the next meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Copeland presented the Fund Report to the Town Council and addressed the issue of overspending in General, Water, and Sewer, but that the urgent matter at this time is the Sewer Operating Fund as it will be falling into the negative during the month of October. She asked the council how they would like to proceed because they cannot have a fund in the negative at year end. Council President Noah J. Southwood suggested a water and sewer rate study and they would need to increase rates. Council Member Aaron Lewis made a motion to contact Bakertilly and Crowe to get quotes for rate studies for both utilities. Seconded by Council President Noah J. Southwood. All in Favor.

The 2025 Budget Hearing was presented with no public comments.

Council Member Alex Norris made a motion for Halloween Trick or Treating Hours to be October 30th and 31st from 6-9pm, as well as close Mill St. from Interurban to Thomas St. and Railroad St. from Mill St to Griffith St. on the evening of Friday October 25th for the Annual Shelburn Boo Bash. Seconded by Council Member Aaron Lewis. All in Favor.

The Council asked the Clerk-Treasurer to please advertise open laborer positions for both part-time and full-time with starting pay at $15 or more depending on their experience.

Council President Noah J. Southwood presented the council with two quotes. One was from Sullivan County Abstract for a 30-year title for the price of $300 each and Hendrich Title Company for a total of $400 each. These title checks will be made on two properties the council has decided to tear down and clean up in town. Council President Noah J. Southwood made a motion to accept the quote from Sullivan County Abstract for $300 each, seconded by Council Member Aaron Lewis. All in Favor.

There were four quotes presented to repair/replace the old bank roof. They are as follows : Hoosier Built for $19,900, Bryon Montgomery $11,255, DriRite LLC $20,245.45, Hoosier Homes $23, 130.56. Montgomery had done work in the past that was not completed and what was completed was not done properly, causing the town legal fees. Council Member Aaron Lewis mentioned this, and his quote was removed from the list. Council Members Aaron Lewis and Jared Miller mentioned that DriRite LLC's quote was much more detailed in what was going to be done than the others. Council Member Aaron Lewis made a motion to hire DriRite LLC. Seconded by Council Member Jared Miller. All in Favor.

Marshal Matthew Price who is also a member of the Redevelopment Commission spoke up that he would like to discuss the possible purchase of the Slab/Stage area on the East Side of the Community Building. This property is owned by Island Way Trading Inc., which is a company out of Florida. No paperwork or official offer was presented to the council other than the words of Marshal Price which was that the owner was wanting $55,000 for the property and that the property owner as well as the RDC had appraisals done and that the appraisals came back above asking price. Again, no paperwork was presented to the council. Marshal Price asked the council to forget about the past of how the slab was sold by the community club and how the previous town council did not purchase it. He asked the council to make the decision based off emotions when thinking of past experiences on the slab. Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Copeland spoke up and suggested that emotions be left out and that people should make their decision based off logic. The council decided to table the decision until they could investigate additional costs like cost of insurance, cost of repair, etc.

Shelburn Water Customer Cindy Slater was in attendance and asked that the council consider doing a water adjustment on her bill due to 3 days while on vacation it showed that their water usage had increased drastically, causing them an additional $200+ on their bill. The council denied their request.

A motion was made by Council Member Alex Norris to approve the claim and payroll docket. Seconded by Council President Noah J. Southwood. All in Favor.

The council has decided to contact Bane-Welker and would like to rescind the previous contract for the new backhoe and renegotiate a new contract with a new backhoe.

Council President Noah J. Southwood made a motion to transfer $2,825 from Fund 4445 and $2,825 from Fund 4447 to EDIT Fund 4436. Seconded by Council Member Alex Norris. All in Favor.

Council Member Aaron Lewis made a motion to accept a quote from Jake Taylor of T&T Outdoors for $5000 to lay 1000 feet of 3" pipe for a water extension on 550 N. Seconded by Council President Noah J. Southwood. All in Favor.

Council President Noah J. Southwood made a motion to accept a contract from HWC Engineering to update the PAMP. The contract is not to exceed $4,000. Seconded by Council Member Aaron Lewis. All in Favor.

A motion was made by Council Member Jared Miller at 8:06pm 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