SHELBURN TOWN COUNCIL
SHELBURN COMMUNITY BUILDING
January 21, 2025, 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 minutes from December 17, 2024, and December 30, 2024, were approved and signed by the board.

A motion was made by Noah J. Southwood to nominate Aaron Lewis for Town Council President for 2025, seconded by Jared Miller. All in Favor.

A motion was made by Aaron Lewis to nominate Noah J. Southwood for Town Council Vice President for 2025, seconded by Jared Miller. All in Favor.

Council President Aaron Lewis appointed Bryan Stormes to the Shelburn Park Board for a four-year term (2025-2028).

Council President Aaron Lewis appointed Paula Montgomery, Steven Morgan, and Bryan Stormes to the 2025 Redevelopment Commission. The remaining council members appointed Don Ransford and Keith Hood to the 2025 Redevelopment Commission. At this time, Don Ransford is the non-voting member that represents the Northeast School Corporation, so he will attempt to fill that position with a different NESC board member.

Council Member Noah J. Southwood made a motion to hire Terry Modesitt as the Town Attorney for the 2025 calendar year. Seconded by Council President Aaron Lewis. All in Favor.

Kristine Krueger from THRIVE needs to have another "Public Hearing" for the OCRA Grant process and it must be held prior to February 14th. The council decided to hold it at 5:30pm on February 11th prior to the February Town Council Meeting.

Council Member Noah J. Southwood made a motion to have the 2025 Town Council Meetings on the third Monday of the month, seconded by Council Member Aaron Lewis. All in Favor.

Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Copeland disbursed the Nepotism Policies and Contracting Policies for the Council Members to sign as well as the financial documents.

Council Member Noah J. Southwood made a motion to allow Sewer Superintendent Dustin Geatches to purchase a new heater (not to exceed $10,000) for the sewer plant. Seconded by Council Member Alex Norris. All in Favor.

Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Copeland presented the Town Council with a contract from the Sullivan County Humane Society for the year 2025. The Town has not had a contract with the Humane Society since 2022 and with the rise of dog problems, a new contract was presented to the Town. Council Member Alex Norris, who also turned down the contract in 2023, stated he still has some issues with the wording in the agreement and would like to table the issue for next month's meeting.

A representative from Wholesale Drainage was in attendance and asked the council why Wholesale Drainage was not invited to bid on the large pipe and equipment order that the Town recently awarded to Utility Supply Company for over $144,000. She stated she did not see the advertisement in the paper and did also not receive a bid packet. Council President Noah J. Southwood apologized for not offering them a bid packet and stated he would be sure to contact them in the future.

Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Copeland presented the council with three invoices for approval. Napier's Garage for a total of $10,830, Halton Equipment for a new Salt Spreader for $7,999, and for Trident for $918.00. Council President Aaron Lewis made a motion to pay the Napier's Garage invoice and Halton Equipment invoice. Seconded by Council Member Alex. All in Favor. The third invoice has been tabled and will be discussed at an executive session.

Council President Aaron Lewis made a motion to accept WEX as the new fuel cards for the town vehicles. Seconded by Council Member Jared Miller. All in Favor. A new company has been chosen since the current company they use has implemented service charges for using gas stations other than Casey's.

Taco Tequila, the company who currently rents out the Interurban Building from the Shelburn Redevelopment Authority, received four Liquor License Violations and received a violation fee of $750.00. Council Member Noah J. Southwood made a motion for Clerk-Treasurer Melissa Copeland to write a check for $750.00 to the State of Indiana to cover the Liquor License Violations and he would have Marshal Price or Alex stop by the Town Hall and pick it up tomorrow and deliver to him, where he will then overnight it to make sure it arrives in time. Seconded by Council Member Alex Norris. All in Favor. He also presented the Clerk-Treasurer with a check from Taco Tequila for reimbursement from paying their violation fee.

In both of December's meetings, Marshal Price has stated that he needs a new vehicle due to his vehicle having multiple recalls that cannot be repaired at this time. He has brought forward three quotes for brand new Police Trucks, all ranging around the $80,000 mark. The 2025 budget is set for spending $877 a month on his vehicle and if the Town was to purchase the new truck that Marshal Price has requested, it would increase it to $1400+ a month. His vehicle has been parked with no movement since the middle of December, while he waited for a decision from the council. Council President Aaron Lewis called three different Ford Dealerships, Mace, Silverthorne, and Andy Mohr, and gave them his vehicle information and all three dealerships stated the recalls are ready and all they need to do is bring the vehicle in to assessed and then scheduled a service date. President Aaron Lewis had emails from all three dealerships stating this information and requested Marshal Price contact them and get his car in immediately to get it serviced and back on the road.

Council Member Noah J. Southwood had a quote for "smoke testing" and stated they hadn't had any smoke testing done since 2019. Council Member Jared Miller brought up that he'd like to see the report from 2019 to see if any of the issues were resolved from the last smoke test that was done. He is concerned that there is a large amount of money to be spent on something that may not need to be done at this time if repairs have not been made from the last test yet.

Council Member Noah J. Southwood presented his conflict-of-interest form to the council since he works at Midwest Engineers and the Town frequently uses their services. Council member Alex Norris made a motion to accept the Conflict-of-Interest Form, seconded by Council President Aaron Lewis. All in Favor.

At 7:45pm a motion was made by Council Member Jared Miller to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Aaron Lewis. All in favor.

Aaron Lewis, President

Noah J. Southwood, Vice President

Jared Miller

Alex Norris