

TOWN OF ELLENDALE
Regular Meeting of Ellendale Town Council

July 10, 2024 7:00 PM

Ellendale Fire Hall – 302 Main Street

MINUTES

- **Call to Order**
- **Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence**
- **Roll Call**

Town Council Members Present:
Tom Panas – President

Clay Walton- Vice President
Joe Beck- Council Member at Large
Virginia Weller – Secretary

Town Council Members Absent:
Michael Workman- Council Member at Large

- **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Joe Beck and 2nd by Clay Walton to accept the Amended agenda. Roll Call Vote: Clay Walton yes, Joe Beck yes, Virginia Weller yes and Tom Panas yes. The agenda was amended due to the Presidents report was missing and update on the Executive Session.
- **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Motion to accept the minutes from May 1, 2024 was made by Virginia Weller, 2nd by Joe Beck. Roll Call Vote: Clay Walton yes, Joe Beck yes, Virginia Weller yes and Tom Panas yes. Motion to accept the June 5,2024 Minutes was made by Clay Walton, 2nd by Joe Beck. Roll Call Vote: Clay Walton yes, Joe Beck yes, Virginia Weller yes and Tom Panas yes.
- **Treasurer’s Report:** Council was given a copy of the proposed budget at the meeting.
- **Police Chief’s Report:** Report was read by Chief Von Gorres. Motion was made by Virginia Weller to accept the report with a 2nd from Joe Beck. Roll Call Vote: Clay Walton yes, Joe Beck Yes, Virginia Weller yes and Tom Panas yes.
- **Town Clerks Report:** Report was read by Karen Brittingham. Motion to accept the report was made by Virginia Weller with a 2nd from Joe Beck. Roll Call Vote: Clay Walton yes, Joe Beck Yes, Virginia Weller yes and Tom Panas yes.

- **Committee Report(s)**

1. Community Outreach Update: Report was read by Terrie Ottomano.
2. Police & Emergency:

talked about how informative Mr. Ron Teet is and that the next meeting should be held at the Zion Church. He thinks the town should piggyback with the state police.

- **President's Report:** A verbal report was given by Tom Panas. He stated that the final Audit was available on our web page. He said that in the last 6 months that this council has hired a town clerk, hired a CPA bookkeeper, dealt with partial property tax issues and annexation issues. He also stated that the taxes went out on time, changed banks and that a filing system has been put in place. Next to be addressed is the fee schedule, charter update, policy and procedures and an inventory of the town. The town needs to look at future sites for new buildings for the town hall and police department and look for a part time town manager.
- **Visitor's Recognition:** Mrs. Ottomano said the speed bumps on Gladys St. Are working and that its a safety factor. She believes that anyone listed in the audit should not be allowed to run for office next year or be on Planning and Zoning. Tamaria Skis said that this council has more help than any council in the past. Mrs. Skis said that for 10 years only two people ran the town, and that Mrs. Ottomano is attacking our character. Mr. Ottomano said that he is glad about the speed bumps and that you shouldn't vote against kids' safety. Mrs. Moore said that Terrie Ottomano was on council during the audit. Bob Mandell likes the speed bumps. Debbie Short asked what the eta was on the speed bump on Willow St. Janet Dickerson who lives on Ponder Rd said that the road is sinking and has a hole in it and that the trees are growing across the road. Mrs. Young said that she lives of Ponder Rd and that at least 25 cars a day are from out of state. She also said that the council doesn't need to forget about people who live in town and not just Ingram Village. Jamie Webb said that he was working on Ponder Rd today cutting back the trees.
- **Old Business:**
 - 1**Tax billing/Split Properties:** The resolution was recorded with the county on July 1, 2024. It was received in the office today and will be mailed out to the residents.
 2. **Annexation Advertising Update:** Posted in News paper and will be final on July 15, 2024.

3. **Police Vehicle Update:** The same company is installing the equipment that did the previous vehicle. It should be completed by Aug.,19, 2024

4. **Update of town service building:** The police have 119 things to do before they can be accredited. There is possible funding available for a satellite building which would be portable. The building is military style and is ADA Compliant. The police are having to take prisoners to Milton to be processed or go to DSP. Mrs. Brittingham said that the Chief doesn't quit, he's a titan.

5. **Fee Review, including Impact Fee Disbursement:** Any changes in the fees will apply to the new developments. The town needs to compare ours to other towns.

6. **Security Camera Update:** The town has signed an agreement to purchase 8 cameras.

The cameras will be put on the main street and crossing streets. DP&L has passed the plans on to their engineers. The cameras will be put on Town Hall first.

7. **Speed Bump Update:** This topic has already been talked about a fair amount already. The next streets to get them are Willow and State Streets.

8. **Drainage Issues Update:** DNREC and the developer are working on cleaning up the tax ditches.

9. **Grant Status (generator):** The generator has been ordered. The company doing this is also fixing some sidewalks, repairs to steps at town hall and the drain.

10. **Planning & Zoning Commissioner Appointment:** Mr. Dale Kirlin was sworn in to office.

New Business:

1. Construction Entrance- North Old State Rd: Del-Dot approved of the entrance and the town received the letter.

2. Accounting Firm Update:

Budget: ShyAnn provided us with a budget for 2025. The town is moving forward With the budget. A plus of \$200,000

State Audit (final report): on the web page today.

3. T. Skis- Re: Speed Bumps: Mrs. Skis gave Referendum paperwork to the Secretary.

- **Correspondence:** The town needs to review its insurance policy's, DP&L letter to fill out, take Kim Hughs name off credit card and change the pin. The amount of dust in Ingram Village.
- Executive Session: Litigation Matters: Joe Beck made the motion to adjourn the meeting and go to executive session, 2nd by Clay Walton. Roll Call Vote: Clay Walton yes, Joe Beck yes, Virginia Weller yes and Tom Panas yes. Tom Panas made the motion to start executive session, 2nd by Clay Walton. Roll Call Vote: Clay Walton yes, Joe Beck yes, Virginia Weller yes and Tom Panas yes. Clay Walton made the motion to leave executive session and go back into the regular meeting, 2nd by Joe Beck. Roll Call Vote: Clay walton yes, Joe Beck yes, Virginia Weller yes and Tom Panas yes.
- Adjournment: Clay Walton made the motion, 2nd by Joe Beck. Roll Call Vote: Clay Walton yes, Joe Beck Yes, Virginia Weller yes and Tom Panas yes.

Minutes Submitted by Virginia Weller