

**TOWN OF
DAYTON, INDIANA**

Town Council Meeting

**SETTLED:
1827**

**INCORPORATED:
1970**

**Minutes of
November 19, 2024
7:00 p.m.**

These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript.
Audio of this meeting is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

TOWN COUNCIL:

Marc Buhrmester, Town Board President
Rocky Richards, Town Board Vice President
Carla Snodgrass, Utility President
Leah Copas, Utility Vice President
Steve Schuhle, Council Member

CLERK-TREASURER:
Bridget Cadwallader

Before Marc called the meeting to order he presented Marshal Taylor with a plaque for his ten years of service.

Board President Marc Buhrmester called the meeting to order. Present were Marc Buhrmester, Rocky Richards, Leah Copas, Steve Schuhle, and Carla Snodgrass. Also present were Town Attorney, Alicia Albertson, Town Clerk-Treasurer, Bridget Cadwallader, and Town Marshal Robert Taylor.

Attorney: Ordinance for fee schedule for requested copies of reports, video, and photos. Marc made a motion to suspend the rules and read Ordinance 2024-24 by title only. Steve seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Carla-yes, Marc-yes, Rocky-yes, Leah-yes, and Steve-yes. Motion carries. Bridget read ordinance 2024-24 by title, "Ordinance 2024-24 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance Section 30.02, Fees Pertaining To Documents." Marc made a motion to suspend the rules and adopt on first and second reading Ordinance 2024-24. Steve seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Carla-yes, Marc-yes, Rocky-yes, Leah-yes, and Steve-yes. Motion carries. Marc made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-24 on first and second reading. Steve seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Carla-yes, Marc-yes, Rocky-yes, Leah-yes, and Steve-yes. Motion carries.

Marc discussed the engagement letter from Withered Burns LLP, he had Alicia look over the letter. Carla asked what the anticipated start date for the new attorneys would be. Marc stated after this meeting. Marc made a motion to hire Withered Burns LLP, effectively after this meeting. Leah seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Steve-yes, Leah-yes, Rocky-yes, Marc-yes, Carla-no. Motion carries 4-1.

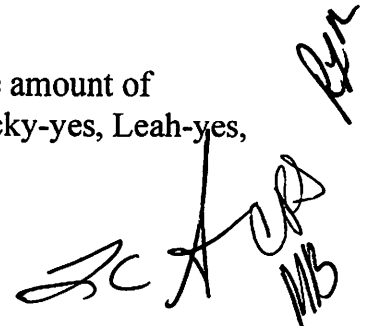
Allowance Docket:

Marc made a motion to approve the October 2024 Allowance Docket in the amount of \$31,496.99. Steve seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Carla-yes, Marc-yes, Rocky-yes, Leah-yes, Steve-yes. Motion carries.

Claims Docket:

Marc made a motion to accept the claims docket dated November 19, 2024, in the amount of \$118,565.98. Steve seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Carla-yes, Marc-yes, Rocky-yes, Leah-yes, Steve-yes. Motion carries.

Reports:



Marc made a motion to approve the following reports dated October 2024, Appropriation Report, Bank Reconciliation, Fund Report, and Revenue Report. Leah seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Steve-yes, Leah-yes, Rocky-yes, Marc-yes, and Carla-yes. Motion carries.

Approval of Minutes:

Marc made a motion to approve the following minutes; Special Meeting on 10/09/2024, Public Hearing Water, Sanitary Sewer, and Stormwater Planning Project on 10/15/2024, Utility Board Meeting on 10/15/2024, Town Council Meeting on 10/15/2024, and the Special meeting on 10/30/2024. Leah seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Steve-yes, Leah-yes, Rocky-yes, Marc-yes, and Carla-yes. Motion carries.

Clerk-Treasurer Report:

Bridget announced the CCMG grant that the town was awarded in the amount of \$495,750.00. Bridget discussed the ARP Fund and the obligation that the US Department of Treasury is requiring by the end of this year. Alicia elaborated on the obligation term. Bridget asked for a special meeting on December 4th to discuss the use of the ARP funds and contracts. The council agreed on December 4th at 6:00 p.m. Bridget explained the Merchant Services credit card/debit card terminal. She asked for the board to approve purchasing a second machine for uses outside of town hall and in the clerk's office. The one-time fee is \$499.00 and there is no additional monthly charge. Marc made a motion to approve purchasing a second terminal in the amount of \$499.00. Steve seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Leah-yes, Rocky-yes, Marc-yes, Carla-yes, and Steve-yes. Motion carries 5-0.

Bridget discussed purchasing new lights for the Christmas trees at town hall and decorations. Bridget also discussed making treat bags for the students at Dayton Elementary School, and having food carry in for the staff at the school. Marc made a motion to approve spending up to \$955.00 on lights, decorations, treat bags for the students, and food for the staff. Leah seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Steve-yes, Leah-yes, Rocky-yes, Marc-yes, and Carla-yes. Motion carries.

Area Plan Representative Report:

Tabled until next month.

Town Manager:

Steve gave an update on the town hall lot, police station, and repainting of the speed bumps on Dayton Road north and south. He stated everything has been completed.

Marc stated that the meter pit on Delaware St. has been located. Marc discussed the Baker Farms stormwater casting curb damage. He talked to Greg Milakis last week and Greg asked if we would split the cost of the repair. Our half would be \$2521.76. Greg has also began fixing the emergency access road in Baker Farms. Marc made a motion to split the stormwater casting curb damage repair not to exceed \$2521.76. Rocky seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Steve-yes, Leah-yes, Rocky-yes, Marc-yes, and Carla-yes. Motion carries.

Marc discussed the road lines and the time frame being next year to have this completed.

Police:

Nothing for this meeting.

New Business:

2025 Salary Ordinances. Marc stated the RDC will be contributing \$25,000.00 towards police salaries and healthcare stipends for 2025. Marc discussed the Elected Officials Salary Ordinance, ordinance number 2024-25. He noted that weekend water samples have been added in the amount of \$20.00 a day. The healthcare stipend has been increased. Marc discovered that an average employer pays approximately \$14,000.00 yearly for an employee for healthcare insurance. Marc feels the increase in the healthcare stipend is a fair amount. Marc stated the clerk treasurer will receive the healthcare stipend, and both full time police officers will receive the healthcare stipend. The board had further discussion regarding the clerk-treasurer's salary. Marc made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance 2024-25. Leah seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Steve-yes, Leah-yes, Rocky-

Handwritten signatures and initials: "Ayer", "RC", "MB", and "MB".

no, Marc-yes, and Carla-no. Motion carries 3-2. Bridget read Ordinance 2024-25 by title, "Ordinance 2024-25 Salary and Compensation For Elected Officials For 2025." Marc made a motion to suspend the rules and adopt Ordinance 2024-25 on first and second reading. Leah seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Steve-yes, Leah-yes, Rocky-no, Marc-yes, and Carla-no. Motion does not pass unanimously, therefore it can only be passed on first reading tonight. Marc made a motion to pass Ordinance 2024-25 on first reading only. Leah seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Steve-yes, Leah-yes, Rocky-no, Marc-yes, and Carla-no. Motion carries 3-2.

Marc discussed the Ordinance 2024-26, Salary And Compensation For Non-Elected Employees For 2025. Marc asked Alicia to explain the exempt status of overtime and flex time to the police. Alicia gave details of this subject. Marc discussed the increase in the IDEX Coordinator, part time deputies, and the school crossing guard. Marc also discussed the uniform allowances for full and part-time officers, and the full-time town manager. Marc discussed the longevity bonus for full-time employees. The board had further discussion regarding uniform allowance. Marc made a motion to suspend the rules and read Ordinance 2024-26 by title only. Leah seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Carla-no, Marc-yes, Rocky-no, Leah-yes, and Steve-yes. Motion carries 3-2. Bridget read Ordinance 2024-26 by title. "Ordinance 2024-26 Salary And Compensation For Non-Elected Employees For 2025." Marc made a motion to suspend the rules and adopt Ordinance 2024-26 on first and second reading. Leah seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Carla-no, Marc-yes, Rocky-no, Leah-yes, and Steve-yes. Motion does not pass unanimously; therefore, it can only be passed on first reading tonight. Marc made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-26 on first reading only. Leah seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Steve-yes, Leah-yes, Rocky-no, Marc-yes, and Carla-no. Motion carries 3-2.

Old Business:

Marc gave an update on the handrails at town hall. They are complete and look nice. Steve discussed the community center, the possible uses, and costs. He discussed an empty lot that could be used for public events. Further discussion amongst board members regarding the community center. Steve has two quotes to have the buildings taken down, cleaned up, all debris removed, and seeded. Steve would like this to be discussed at the meeting on December 4, 2024.

Public Comment:

Vickie Beavers asked if the part time officers had to purchase their uniforms. Scott answered this question. Vickie also asked where the \$.29 an hour came in to factor for uniform allowances for part time officers. Marc explained that it was part of the current ordinance. Vickie discussed the community center and what she had learned from research she had done.

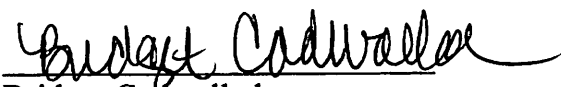
Council Comment:

Marc thanked Alicia for her service to Dayton. Marc also asked about the holiday banners. Marc also discussed a second CCMG Grant for Dayton Road south. The board members had further discussion about Dayton road south.

Adjourn:

Marc adjourned the meeting.

Attest:



Bridget Cadwallader
Clerk-Treasurer

Minutes prepared by Bridget Cadwallader

