

**TOWN OF
DAYTON, INDIANA**

Special Meeting

**SETTLED:
1827**

**INCORPORATED:
1970**

**Minutes of
December 4, 2024
6:00 p.m.**

These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript.
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TOWN COUNCIL:

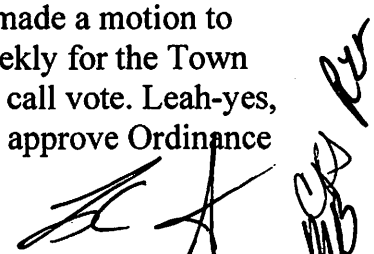
Marc Buhrmester, Town Board President
Rocky Richards, Town Board Vice President
Carla Snodgrass, Utility President
Leah Copas, Utility Vice President
Steve Schuhle, Council Member

**CLERK-TREASURER:
Bridget Cadwallader**

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

2025 Elected and Non-Elected Salary Ordinance:

Marc stated that Rocky had comments and papers for the board to review regarding the elected and non-elected salary ordinances. Rocky stated that he contacted the clerk in Mulberry regarding her salary and her assistant's salary. Rocky further discussed salaries and stipends. Rocky thought that a \$35,100.00 annual salary, \$14,000.00 annual health care stipend, and a \$1500.00 yearly bonus would be a fair amount for the Dayton clerk. Rocky also discussed a discrepancy with the longevity pay on the non-elected salary ordinance. He stated it reads bi-weekly, and it should state annually. It also reads "not to exceed." Rocky gave further explanation of the non-elected salary ordinance. He suggested a pay plan for the Marshal of \$60,500.00 annual salary, \$14,000.00 annual health care stipend, cell phone annual stipend of \$300.00, annual uniform allowance of \$600.00, and a \$1500.00 annual bonus. He suggested a pay plan for the Deputy Marshal of a \$48,500.00 annual salary, an annual healthcare stipend of \$14,000.00, annual cell phone stipend of \$300.00, and a \$800.00 annual uniform allowance. Steve asked what the current healthcare stipend is. His question was answered by both Rocky and Marc, currently it is \$6000.00 annually. Marc explained his research into insurance plans to see if the town paid for them. The cost for the town would be approximately \$14,000.00 annually per employee or elected official. Marc asked the attorney about the language in the non-elected salary ordinance for the longevity pay reading bi-weekly when it should state annually. The attorney stated it will need to be noted in the motion to adopt the ordinance on second reading. He did state it also has the "not to exceed" in the ordinance. He elaborated on the details to make this ordinance pass on second reading. Marc made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-25 on second reading. Steve seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Marc-yes, Rocky-no, Leah-yes, and Steve-yes. Motion carries 3-1. Marc made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-26 on second reading. Steve seconded the motion. Marc made a motion to amend Ordinance 2024-26 longevity bonus to read once a year, instead of bi-weekly for the Town Marshal, Deputy Marshal, and Town Manager. Steve seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Leah-yes, Rocky-no, Marc-yes, and Steve-yes. Motion carries 3-1. Marc made a motion to approve Ordinance



2024-26 as amended. Leah seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Steve-yes, Leah-yes, Rocky-no, and Marc-yes. Motion carries 3-1.

ARP Funds:

Marc discussed the estimates that we do currently have for ARP Funds. Steve discussed a versatile truck that would be more useful for the town. Steve thinks that a dump truck or a flat bed truck would have more usability for the town. Marc asked Mike and Kurt to attend the meeting. Mike gave details for another town truck much like the new one we currently have. The board, Mike, and Kurt discussed all the options for the use of a new town truck. Marc discussed quotes from M.E. Simpson for the hydrant Maintenance and testing in the amount of \$10,000.00 and GPS Mapping for \$1,825.00, the valve assessment program for \$18,725.00 and GPS coordinates for \$3,300.00, and the valve release program for \$25,150.00. Marc made a motion to accept the quotes from M.E. Simpson for the hydrant maintenance and testing, GPS mapping, the valve assessment program, GPS coordinates, and the valve release program. Leah seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Steve-yes, Leah-yes, Rocky-yes, and Marc-yes. Motion carries 4-0. Marc reached out to FJF for a quote on maintenance for our lift stations for 2025 and 2026. Marc discussed the sensor on the sewage monitor system. He asked for a quote on that. He is still waiting for the quote. Marc discussed street cleaning six times a year for 2025 and 2026. The quote needs to be revised due to not having a local place to dump debris. Marc stated that the debris had to be dumped in a dumpster to be in stormwater compliance. Marc discussed the list of services that need completed with our water, wastewater, and stormwater lines. Marc received from ACCU-DIG, INC. an itemized list of services and the fees that they charge. Patrick stated that we will need an actual dollar amount. Marc discussed insulating the meter house. Marc discussed new water meters and antennas. Bridget gave the cost per meter of \$360.00, the antennas are approximately \$36.00. Marc and Steve discussed purchasing 130 meters and 150 antennas for the expansion of new homes being built on Dayton Road South. Marc discussed hiring Mark Harlow as a contractor to help coordinate the water, wastewater, and stormwater projects that are going to be done. Marc asked Patrick if this is something we can do with ARP funds. Patrick will investigate it and clarified that it would be a professional service that Mark Harlow is providing. Marc discussed hydrant repairs that need completed. Marc gave a total of what can be spent out of ARP funds next year based on everything that he has quotes for and the grant writer, and engineer for the utility study. The total is \$210,000.00. Steve asked Mike to investigate any major components that we may need.

Town Marshall:

Scott discussed the police department's portable radios. He does not believe the town has ever purchased new radios. Scott was able to obtain used radios from the county. He purchased a refurbished radio back in 2018. He researched the cost of new portable radios. The Motorola radios have a Wi-Fi smart zone and can connect with schools and dispatch. Marc made a motion to approve Marshall Taylor purchasing the portable radios from Motorola and the accessories for \$20,600.00. Steve seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Leah-yes, Rocky-yes, Marc-yes, and Steve-yes. Motion carries 4-0.

722 Walnut St. (Millikan Property):

Steve discussed the quotes for the demolition of 722 Walnut St. He would like to move forward with this and make it a more usable property. There were two quotes, one from James Lyman for \$70,000.00 and MC Excavating for \$63,396.50. Marc made a motion to hire MC Excavating to do the work at 722 Walnut St. as stated on the estimate for \$63,396.50. Leah seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Steve-yes, Leah-yes, Rocky-yes, and Marc-yes. Motion carries 4-0.

Bridget asked for approval for check number 1326 in the amount of \$150.00 payable to William Kelley. Marc made a motion to approve the payment of check number 1326 payable to William Kelley in the amount of \$150.00. Steve seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Leah-yes, Rocky-yes, Marc-yes, and Steve-yes. Motion carries 4-0.

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Public Comment:

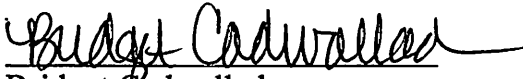
None

Council Comment:

None

Marc adjourned the meeting.

Attest:



Bridget Cadwallader

Clerk-Treasurer

Minutes prepared by Bridget Cadwallader

