

Town of Eaton
October 10, 2023
Regular Meeting

The Eaton Town Council met in a regular meeting. In attendance are Daniel Blankenship, Dustin Reese, Meghan Deckman and Roger Wells. Teresa Welsh was absent.

President Daniel Blankenship called the meeting to order.

Meghan Deckman made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 12,2023 Budget Hearing, the September 12,2023 Regular Meeting and the September 28,2023 Executive Session for Employee Evaluations. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Town Marshal Storie would like to sell the brown explorer. Discussion followed. Dustin Reese made the motion to accept sealed bids for the 2013 Ford Explorer. Roger Wells would like to set a minimum bid. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Town Marshal Storie would like to hire more reserves. He asked how they want to handle this. Roger Wells stated there needs to be at least one or two board members sitting in on the interviews. Discussion followed.

Town Marshal Storie asked about hiring the fourth officer. Discussion followed. The Council approved Jonathan Guffy. Dustin Reese made a motion to hire at \$38,000.00 with \$2,000.00 increase after attending the academy. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

The Council asked Town Marshal Storie about tagging properties, vehicles and stopping kids from driving golf carts and side by sides. Discussion followed.

Travis Hunt stated that some of the parts for the clarifier are here. Also, that the second blower is here and being fabricated.

Travis Hunt stated he has the truck back and it is running good. Mr. Hunt asked about taking the truck to Midwest Auto to install the switch panel for \$2,930.00. Discussion followed. The Council passed at this time.

The Council was presented with a quote from United Blower Inc. for \$5,200.00 for a PD Blower. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the quote. Meghan Deckman seconded the motion vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Newby talked to the Council about a quote from Hoosier Flag for \$3,449.95 to replace the broken flagpole at Norseman Park. Discussion followed. The Council would like Chief Newby to get more quotes.

Zack Neukam with Commonwealth Engineers Inc. went over Division B of the Water Project. It is at substantial completion.

Division C has started laying pipes, all insertion valves are in, and tree removal has started. At the October 21, 2023 Construction Meeting the possible contaminated soil at the corner of Meridian Street and Washington Street was discussed. The soil is being tested. The project will not be allowed to remove anymore of that soil. The work in front of the school will be done by Friday morning. Barricades will be removed by Monday morning.

The Council was presented with Division B amendment #6 for \$3,630.00 to add additional inspection. Change Order B-3 \$78,820.00 for time extension. Two Division C pay applications in the amount of \$1,221,708.32. Roger Wells made a motion to approve Amendment #6. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the two pay applications totaling \$1,221,708.32. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried. Dustin Reese made a motion to approve Amendment #6 for Division B. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried. Dustin Reese made a motion to sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Division B. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried. USDA made a change to Guide 5 Form and will need to be signed later.

No one was present for the Union Township 2024 Fire and Equipment Contract. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to table the Union Township 2024 Fire and Equipment Contracts. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Colonial Life Insurance no one present for the meeting.

Roger Wells made a motion to approve the following building permits:

Jerry Mitchell, 401 E Babb Rd-Pole Barn

Richard Zeeb, 11700 N SR 3N- Steel Carport

Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote 4/0. Motion carried.

Daniel Blankenship read Ordinance 2023-10-9 out loud. Salary Ordinance Amendment for Town Marshal. Dustin Reese made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-10-9. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

2024 Salary Ordinance

Discussed checking on the cost of switching Fire and Police to PERF 77 from regular. The clerk is to gather more information. Discussed doing a Salary Ordinance amendment to add Assistant Town Marshal for \$40,000.00, 1st Deputy to \$44,000.00 and 2nd Deputy to \$38,000.00 with a \$2,000.00 raise after completing the academy. The Clerk-Treasurer a \$2,000.00 raise. Wastewater Operator \$1,000.00 raise. The Utility-Clerk a \$1,500.00 raise. The Street Superintendent/Water and Sewage Helper a \$2,000.00 raise. The Water Trainee a \$2,000.00 raise. Fire Chief/general Labor a \$5,000.00 raise. The Street and Utility Helper a \$3,000.00 raise. The Wastewater Operations Helper will be set at \$38,000.00.

Meghan Deckman made a motion to approve the raises for 2024. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Dustin Reese made a motion to sign all the claim dockets. Roger Wells Seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Dustin Reese brought up the property at 650 North Hartford Street. The current owners contacted him about combining the parcels. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a to allow them to start the vacating process. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

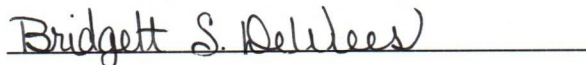
There being no further business to be brought before the Council at this time Roger Wells made a motion to adjourn. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.



Daniel Blankenship, Council President

11/14/2023

Attest:



Bridgett S. DeWees, Clerk-Treasurer

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