

**TOWN OF
DARMSTADT, INDIANA**

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**Minutes of
March 12th 2019**

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TOWN COUNCIL

Paul Freeman, President
Phil McElroy, Council Member
Aaron Kendall, Council Member

CLERK-TREASURER

Mallory Lowe
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Board president, Paul Freeman, called the regular town meeting to order at 7:30pm. In attendance were President Paul Freeman, Clerk-Treasurer Mallory Lowe, council members Phil McElroy and Aaron Kendall. Also present was Superintendent Jeff Goerges and Attorney Jason Spindler.

McElroy made a motion, seconded by Kendall to accept the minutes from last month. Motion passed 3-0 voice vote.
McElroy made a motion, seconded by Kendall to approve last month's financial report. Motion passed 3-0 voice vote.
McElroy made a motion, seconded by Kendall to approve the accounts payable claims. Motion passed 3-0 voice vote.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:

In the clerk's office: Our Annual Report for 2018 required by the State has been completed. I submitted it to the State and provided copies for all council members. We received notice on Feb 26th of another new requirement to submit a form to state annually of any video franchise fees we receive. This would be our franchise revenue we receive from Spectrum. I completed that form and sent it in by the March 1st deadline. We may want to review our ordinance.

In the Utility Department: We are now sending overdue letters every month instead of quarterly to residents, renters and property owners.

General Town Items: Our next town roundtable will be Thursday, April 11th at the Golf Club in Boonville.

Old Business

1. New 2018-2019 Matching Road Grant projects update

McElroy noted that he has been working on completing the paperwork for the bid submissions. The contract was awarded to Metzger for the road work and Relleke for the culvert pipe work.

2. Update of Erosion along Wortman Road

Jeff stated that he is working with Relleke to soft cut the location. The rip rap came in. They need to review the area again to see about the stumps and utilities.

3. Update of Trees along Boonville-New Harmony Road

Jeff stated that all the trees were removed today by Randy's tree service. Jeff noted that the next step is for him to get with Relleke to get the ditch moved over and pull the stumps out.

4. Center Creek Playground – Civitan Club

Lowe noted that she attended a meeting concerning the playground at the 4H Center. The Civitan Club and 4H Center are working together and have formed a playground committee.

New Business

1. Updated Credit Card Ordinance 2019-1

McElroy made a motion, seconded by Kendall to suspend the rules for a second reading, motion passed 3-0 voice vote. McElroy made a motion, seconded by Kendall to approve Ordinance 2019-1 updating the credit card ordinance. Motion passed by a 3-0 voice vote.

Superintendent Report

Jeff stated they've have 19 service calls last month, have 3 so far this month. Jeff noted that he and Aaron attended the 811 safety training last week. Jeff advised that OneSpot is the new locate company for EWSU.

Fire Chief Report

Fire department not present

Board member comments

Freeman proposed we review and update our labor rate for work that is not the responsibility of the town.

Freeman stated that we need to pass a clarification of our Ordinance 1996-3. We are clarifying that the replatted property on Watershore Drive in Kahre Subdivision will not have sewer.

Aaron Kendall asked if we had received a proposal from Jackson Kelly. Spindler replied we have not. Kendall noted that agent Lisa had no showings this last month of the Old National Bank building.

Attorney comments

Spindler had no comments.

Resident comments

Kate Potter asked if there could be a community clean-up day. Jeff mentioned he will be having inmates out soon from the safe house to pick up litter for community serve. Jeff will contact Dave Wedding about getting it scheduled.

Tom Small asked about the town signs that need replaced. Jeff noted that they pulled the sign at Inglefield. The council agreed to have all new signs ordered for the entire town and have them replaced. Small asked if the council has considered staggered terms. Lowe replied, yes, council has considered it for several years, the cost for any possible additional elections was the main concern and council members have stepped up and stepped down from office on a staggered basis for over a decade now, so hasn't been a problem. Lowe replied that we have also been working with county voters registration for quite sometime getting records straight in their office for Darmstadt.

Eric Gries asked what the discussion was about Darmstadt taking on Hillsdale Road. Freeman replied that it had been brought up but the work that needed to be done would be more than Darmstadt could afford.

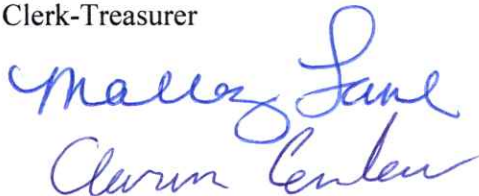
Mrs. Croce asked if anyone knew what was going into the IGA Building. Council had not heard anything.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48pm

Attest:

Mallory Lowe

Clerk-Treasurer



Mallory Lowe
Aaron Center