

Town of Darmstadt, Indiana

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Minutes of May 21st 2024

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TOWN COUNCIL

Cecil Poag, Council President
Ray Engler, Council Member
Eric J. Gries, Council Member
Crystal Kahre, Council Member

CLERK-TREASURER

Mallory Lowe
P.O. Box 20
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Cecil Poag called the town meeting to order at 6:30pm. In attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Mallory Lowe, council members Ray Engler, Eric Gries, Crystal Kahre and Attorney Joshua Claybourn.

Engler made a motion, seconded by Kahre to accept the minutes from last month's meeting. Motion passed 4-0 voice vote. Engler made a motion, seconded by Gries to accept financial report for last month. Motion passed by 4-0 voice vote. Engler made a motion, seconded by Gries to approve the accounts payable claims. Motion passed by 4-0 voice vote.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Mallory Lowe stated Katelyn from Reedy Financial Group let us know that she is working on the required monthly bank reconciliations and Gateway uploads for the RDA now, since no financial records have been completed since the board's creation a few years ago. Reedy completed the annual reports to meet the Gateway deadline and are now working on the monthly reports for the last few years that apparently were never began or submitted by the RDA. Reedy has contacted the RDA's account manager, at their bank in Indianapolis, Mark Hudson, to get their bank statements and account information needed to complete the bank recs and Gateway uploads for that entity.

Katelyn at Reedy notified the town today, that BOK financial Bank sent all the bank statements to Reedy this afternoon. Reedy will try to continue to gather any RDA records they need, from their bank, since they have access to the bank and to the RDA gateway account. Reedy will be responsible for regularly completing the RDA monthly bank recs and gateway uploads to get them caught up and in compliance.

Lowe stated that we received another small Opioid distribution from the state. Lowe advised we currently have about \$8,000 total in restricted and unrestricted opioid revenues. I would like to suggest we forward these revenues to the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's department for their opioid programs. Council agreed. Josh Claybourn will write up any necessary documentation that will be needed.

The RDC board had a joint meeting with RDA board on May 6th at 6:30pm. The groups properly did their public notice and met in the town hall. The RDA voted on their officers.

Lowe advised that the town received an invoice from BOK financial for the June Lease payment, which will be for \$75,500. Lowe noted that we will receive the revenue from the county next month and will pay the lease invoice once the spring tax revenues are received.

Lowe noted that she has began working on the draft budget for 2025 and she completed the Project and Expenditure report for the town's ARPA Grant that was required to be submitted to the United States Treasury by the April 30th deadline. Lowe advised that it was quite a task, as there were glitches on the US Treasury site that prevented upload for several days. Lowe mentioned she copied Debbie Bennett on it all and Debbie was also aware. The Treasury finally corrected their glitches after many emails to them and our report was submitted on time.

Fire Dept Report

Brandon Zimmer stated there were 33 runs, 11 medical runs, 6 paramedic runs, 1 natural gas leak, 6 storm assessments, 4 brush fires and 2 motorcycle crashes with a response time under 4 minutes.

Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Noah Robinson reported there were 7 traffic stops, 1 citation, 6 warnings, 8 incident reports and a deer crash. Sheriff Robinson stated that the flock cameras are up and installed.

Maintenance Dept Report

Cecil Poag reported that the Superintendents had 67 locates and 23 Service calls since the last meeting, they moved 4 trees that fell across the roads during the storms, patched several pot holes and mowed the town until the tractor broke down. Poag advised that the tractor is in the shop and they have not received a date of return yet. Superintendents Aaron and Mick cleared

some debris from a culvert on BNVL New Harmony, fixed some road edges where rock was washed away and sprayed weed killer around town where needed.
Poag stated that the new house at 12100 Hoing Court, 101 and 105 BNVL New Harmony Rd are now hooked up to the sewer. Aaron and Mick had to spend a whole day to completely rebuild the duplex at 12812 Darmstadt rd.

Old Business

1. EWSU Mandate Charges

Attorney Josh Claybourn stated he will speak the attorney for the city now that new officials are in place.

2. Correction request county records

Attorney Josh Claybourn advised that he sent out the letters to utilities and the county to correct our city name on property records inside our limits.

3. Residents not on the town sewer system

Cecil Poag stated that ever since the federal clean water act was put in place, that it requires most home to be on a sewer system. Cecil Poag will send the list of residents to the attorney so the attorney can draft a letter and send it to the officials for review.

New Business

1. Enforcement of Ordinances

Cecil Poag stated we need a better way to enforce some of our ordinances in town. Claybourn stated that he can review these and give us his recommendations.

2. Summer Sewer Averaging

Cecil Poag stated that he still thinks we should give summer averaging to the residents instead of the portable meter program. Poag advised that he would like to allow on summer averaging.

Ray Engler stated he would not be for doing the summer averaging because it would not

3. Maintenance Employees Yearly Bonus

Cecil Poag stated the employee reviews have been completed and ready for council to sign.

Attorney Comments

No further comments

Board Members Comments

Eric Gries asked Sheriff Noah Robinson is there was anything that can be done about the semi traffic, speeders and extremely loud vehicles going through town.

Eric Gries stated we have successfully cancelled our trash service with Waste Management and hired Aces Disposal at half the price for the same service without any required service agreement.

Ray Engler stated he appreciates all the hard work council is putting in to their positions in office.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm

Attest:

Mallory Lowe

Clerk-Treasurer