

**TOWN OF  
DARMSTADT, INDIANA**

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**Minutes of  
May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

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**TOWN COUNCIL**

Bob Stobbs, President  
John Sanders, Council Member  
Paul Freeman, Council Member  
Steve Kahre, Council Member

**CLERK-TREASURER**

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Board president, Bob Stobbs, called the regular town meeting to order at 7:30pm. In attendance were president Bob Stobbs, council member John Sander, council member Paul Freeman and council member Steve Kahre.

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

**Clerk-Treasurer's Report:**

In the clerk-treasurer's office, Lowe stated we received our share of the State's error in distributed county option income tax which totaled \$4,406.

Lowe contacted Sheriff Eric Williams to get his thoughts about putting double lines down on Saint Joseph Avenue at the north end of town & asked him if there were any other areas in town that he thought may need additional signage, striping or reflectors. He researched it & notified us that "he had reviewed several years of crash reports from within Darmstadt and there is no specific area that stands out as problematic in a manner that altering markings, signage or striping would significantly impact. He said that should be good news."

Lowe took the IACT webinar for the redistricting ordinance we are required to complete before the end of the year. In the utility department Lowe reported that we are now receiving our monthly water reports from German Township water electronically via email instead of faxed and we had another resident on Wortman road go from well to Evansville water (1041 Wortman, Harlan Bruce)

Bob Stobbs had asked Lowe to look into a complaint we received from a resident who lives by the 4H center campground on Adryan Way about new campground lots being put in. Lowe called Rick Nunn, the Board President for the 4H Center to get the scoop. He is very nice and understands the resident's concerns about the RV park since it is so close to their yard. Rick told me that they will be adding 10 more spots and that they are not full-time spots. They are temporary spots mostly for larger events like frog follies & fair, etc. Rick stated that the RV park has been there for many years and that maybe the issue lately is just because a few of the trees between the park & the residents property have died and have been taken down which opened the area up and took away the privacy it had before. Rick told me they would be more than happy to talk with the residents about planting some pine trees or some other kind of barrier that they may be happy with. Rick Nunn asked that anyone concerned is more than welcome to join them at their next executive meeting in the main office which will be tomorrow night Wednesday, May 9th at 7pm.

Last item was Garry's shop laptop hard drive failed and we replaced it with a brand new Dell desktop. Lowe set it up a few days ago, downloaded Microsoft Office on it & set his email accounts for him. It is working very well.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**I. Boonville-New Harmony stripe correction update:**

Stobbs reported that JH Rudolph water blasted the old lines off of Boonville-New Harmony and Old State Road; put straight yellow & white lines and railroad markings on BNH & Old State. JH Rudolph also blacked out the old yellow lines with two coats of sealer on Wortman. Jim Cruse from Evansville City will reapply the lines for \$1,168.62 Kahre made a motion seconded by Freeman to accept bid from Evansville City traffic department to restripe Wortman road for \$1,168.62.

Council discussed that there still needed to be additional sealer applied before the new lines are put on. Kahre asked if Sierra could apply sealer to the problem areas along the road.

**2. Sewer rate fees from Evansville Water & Sewer:**

Kahre advised that Lockyear sent a letter to Evansville water & sewer explaining that we disagreed with the fees we are being charged. Kahre stated that council will need to discuss further.

**3. Southern Indiana Classic Marathon Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>:**

Lowe stated that she received no complaints from residents about this year's marathon, only a comment from the staff at Old National Bank that it took them longer to get to work. Sierra advised that he received no complaints, there were a couple toilets knocked over but they were corrected immediately.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Selling of Town property by shop:**

Lockyear advised that she needed the board president to sign a form giving Krista Lockyear power of attorney to file an appeal to the assessor for the property. Kahre stated that Riddle can do a licensed appraisal. Council agreed to have the board president sign over power of attorney to Krista Lockyear.

**2. Superintendent's Report:**

Sierra stated that his new computer is up and running and he is catching up on typing up all the work reports from the last couple weeks. Sierra advised that the hydrogen sulfide is deteriorating the wires in the sewer pumps on Jordan Lane he is working on correcting this situation with a new elbow installation that is working so far. Sierra will continue to implement this new technique.

Sierra stated that they have been shooting elevations, checking manhole covers and cleaning them out. Freeman advised if we should set a schedule for flange replacements to all properties. Sierra and Kahre advised that replacing flanges can be up to a 3 day job each and may tear up resident's yard, that it is better to only replace them when needed.

**3. Board member's comments:**

Kahre asked Sierra if he could please get some cold mix down on the Trinity pull off by the cemetery.

Freeman stated that there are a couple young boys shooting up and down Saint Joseph Avenue on dirt bikes that we need to do something about. Council advised that we just call the Sheriff's department next time it happens.

Stobbs advised about the call he received from Julie Frank on Adryan way that she was not happy about the extended campsites being put in at the 4H Center. Lowe called Rick Nunn the president of the 4H Center to find out more about this.

**5. Resident's comments:**

Don Krug from Adryan way stated that the residents on his street were worried about the devaluation of their properties.

Russ Bittner who owns the old Willner's garage asked about the separation of sewer pump electric between the house and the garage, when it will be complete and who will be responsible for the charges. Sierra noted that it was an old installation from when the sewer was first put in and the town will make the separation and absorb all costs incurred to do so. Bittner asked why it was taking so long for the inspection; Sierra replied it is Wortman electric doing the electric work. Bittner stated that he will be paving the front and side around the garage; he has been working hard making much improvements.

The meeting adjourned at 8:49pm

Attest:

Mallory Lowe

Clerk-Treasurer