

**TOWN OF
DARMSTADT, INDIANA**

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**Minutes of
June 13th 2017**

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TOWN COUNCIL

Bob Stobbs, President
Phil McElroy, Council Member
Paul Freeman, Council Member
Steve Kahre, Council Member

CLERK-TREASURER

Mallory Lowe
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Board president, Bob Stobbs, called the regular town meeting to order at 7:30pm. In attendance were President Bob Stobbs, Clerk-Treasurer Mallory Lowe, council members Paul Freeman, Steve Kahre and Phil McElroy. Also present were attorney Jason Spindler and town superintendent Jeff Goerges.

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

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:

In the clerk's office: We are currently working to close out all the paperwork for our current grant that we completed the work for this year on repaving Boonville-New Harmony Road and Darmstadt road.

Our budget season for 2018 has already started. First deadline was last week for a new form the state imposed this year. I have begun our draft budget and will continue to work on it for the next few weeks.

In the Utility Department: We've had 3 homeowners change. We had one house on corner of Old State Road and Wortman Road change their official address from Old State to 211 Wortman Road. (the Schellers)

In General Town Items: Trinity Church hosted their first annual Darmstadt Day. I believe it went pretty well.

Finally, I have sent out emails to town residents and media news and radio stations about attending the Zoning meeting Thursday for the apartments. I also have it posted on the town facebook page.

Old Business

1. Update on Apartment Complex

Kahre mentioned the council continues to work on the apartment complex appeal. The appeal will be this Thursday in the Civic Center at 3pm.

2. Update on closing of BNH & Darmstadt Road – Grant matching project

Stobbs noted that the work is complete. Lowe noted she will contact our INDOT contact Shawn Will to get with Jeff to arrange their final inspection.

3. Update on purchase of ONB Building

Stobbs noted that we plan to close on the bank building around September. Spindler noted that Lowe needs to send \$1,000 to Bosse Title for the earnest money down payment.

New Business

1. 2017-2018 Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund

McElroy noted he has been working on making a prioritized list of roads that need repaired for the upcoming grant.

2. Resolution 2017-4 Additional Appropriation for new Matching Grant Fund

Freeman made a motion, seconded by McElroy to pass resolution 2017-4. Motion passed by 4-0 voice vote.

3. Resolution 2017-5 Road Standards Adopting Access Management

Kahre stated it was recommended to Darmstadt to adopt a road standards resolution. Spindler read aloud the 1st and 2nd reading of Resolution 2017-5 Adopting the Access Manual and Development Guide.

Kahre made a motion, seconded by McElroy to approve the resolution, motion was approved by a 4-0 voice vote.

Superintendent Report

Jeff stated they had 25 sewer service calls last month and 4 calls this month. They completed the tap for the new Stone Ridge clinic on Boonville-New Harmony. Jeff noted that they had Vanderburgh county clean out ditches on Inglefield road and will also have them clean out ditch on St Joseph Avenue on west side of road near Hillside Gardens where water still runs out onto road. McElroy asked how the inspections for sump pumps were going. Jeff stated that they have checked 13 homes and did not find any illegal connections so far and will continue inspections.

Fire Chief Report

He noted they did 74 runs last month. They will be picking up two new fire trucks from New Orleans to put in the Darmstadt station and the Daylight station.

Board member comments

Paul Freeman stated he attended the Hazard Mitigation meeting. Freeman noted that we need to pass a resolution every 5 years. We can pass at our July meeting.

Phil McElroy noted he continues to work on the new grant project.

Attorney comments

No further comments

Resident comments

Jim Bauer of Bauer's Grove Bauerhaus stated that his great grandfather migrated from Germany and helped Darmstadt be founded. There were 8 residents that came together many years ago including Jim Bauer to help found the town. Jim gives a brief history of the town. Jim states that many years ago the town council and Roger Steinkuhl talked Jim Bauer into putting a drainage pipe along the front of his property to fill in the huge ditch in front of the Bauerhaus. Jim said when the pipes were installed, Roger Steinkuhl at the time said the drainage pipe belonged to the town since it was in the right of way and that the town would take care of maintenance on it in the future. Jim noted there is now a section of the pipe collapsing and is asking the town to supply the digging work and Jim Bauer will purchase the materials to make the repairs since he was told years ago that the town would maintain this drainage pipe. Jeff advised that it is just a small 2 foot section that needs to be hand dug, replaced and banded. Kahre noted Jeff could provide technical assistance to Jim Bauer and his Bauerhaus crew as they do the repair and Phil McElroy offered to help with the labor just as a neighborly gesture.

Tom Small stated that the council should look into staggered terms.

Carol Schlumpf asked about the property that Roger Bippus purchased from the town. Carol asked if the driveway Roger Bippus has installed is legal and was approved. Council replied it was not approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04pm

Attest:

Mallory Lowe

Clerk-Treasurer