

**TOWN OF
DARMSTADT, INDIANA**

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**Minutes of
August 13th 2019**

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TOWN COUNCIL

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

CLERK-TREASURER

Mallory Lowe
P. O. Box 20
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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 Aaron Kendall, Ken Godeke and Phil McElroy. 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 4-0 voice vote. McElroy made a motion, seconded by Godeke to approve last month's financial report. Motion passed 4-0 voice vote. McElroy made a motion, seconded by Kendall to approve the accounts payable claims. Motion passed 4-0 voice vote.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:

In the clerk's office: I participated in the webinar on July 30th hosted by AIM to go over the new updated Internal Controls requirements for all cities, schools and towns. I think we are doing ok but I'm sure the auditors will come up with a list of new things for us to start doing. State has our regular 4 year audit scheduled for sometime in September they said. I have completed and submitted to them the first two requests for records.

I've been working on our 2020 Budget state forms and have a workshop with Robert Norris from the DLGF this Thursday on August 15th in Evansville, downtown at the Civic Center to plan, organize and go over our budget and proposed revenues for next year.

In the Utility Department: We have a few accounts that are terribly overdue and I will be filing sewer liens on these properties with the fall taxes.

In General Town Items: Lastly, the largest event that comes to Darmstadt each year is the Frog Follies which will be August 23-25th.

Old Business

1. New 2018-2019 Matching Road Grant projects update

McElroy stated that all the work is completed and Lowe will start the paperwork for closing soon.

2. Old National Bank Building

Kendall noted that our current agent, Kyle Bernhardt, is a local resident who had two showings last month.

3. Apartment update

Spindler noted that we have a ruling for summary judgment this Friday on the FHA claim. We have a trial coming up Sept 9th.

5. Intersection at BNH & St Joseph Ave

Jeff stated that the 4 way stop is installed, the traffic is spaced out great and has slowed down. There have been no accidents since installed.

6. Building Codes

Paul Freeman noted he is on the building codes committee for Vanderburgh County. Freeman noted that many of the inconsistencies are being hashed out with the municipalities and county. Freeman stated that it has taken quite a bit of time but will be well worth it for Darmstadt.

New Business

Superintendent Report

Jeff stated he had 19 sewer calls, this month they've had 7 so far. Jeff noted he's down to 2 pumps. Jeff mentioned that he has been pricing guard rails for the southeast corner of BNH and St Joseph Ave since vehicles keep driving through his property. Jeff stated that Vectren hit one of our sewer lines in Dress subdivision. Jeff advised that we pump septic tanks as needed in town, they pumped about 4 last month. Jeff mentioned that they are still in need of a mini excavator, especially for ditches. Jeff has priced the trailer at \$5500 and the excavator at about \$50,000.

Fire Chief Report

Fire department not present

Deputy Sheriff Report

Deputy not present

Board member comments

Ken Godeke asked about the locates and if we are a part of 811. Jeff noted that we are.

Phil McElroy advised that he compiled a spreadsheet off an inventory of all our roads along with a 5 year plan. McElroy is also working on updating our Employee Handbook.

Aaron Kendall asked if neighbors were complaining about high grass. Jeff stated that at the overgrown property on Boonville-New Harmony road, the front yard had been cut and we had not received further complaints.

Attorney comments

No further comments

Resident comments

Robert Hayden on BNH road is upset about the rumble strips in front of his house are a noise nuisance. Hayden noted that he had a concrete line put in front of his house years ago by the county, the line has since separated and is washing out. Freeman noted that he would need to contact the county department.

Carol Schlumpf asked if the town takes care of the alley in the Inglefield area. Freeman noted that the alley is private property. Carol also asked if we knew where the property lines were before putting in the guard rail at BNH & St Joseph Ave. Freeman noted yes.

Kate Potter, who owns American Honey, is having a Darmstadt Market Day on October 19th. Darmstadt Days for 2020 will be June 6th.

Ms. Croce asked if the library was still interested in the bank building. Freeman noted they are not.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19pm

Attest:

Mallory Lowe

Clerk-Treasurer


