

# **Town of Hamilton**

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Hamilton, In 46742

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April 19th, 2010 Town Council Meeting

6:15pm

## **1. Council President Brent Shull called the meeting to order at 6:15pm.**

Roll call: Councilors John Damron, Will Nuttle, Jeff Bireley, Dick Bacon and Brent Shull were present. The Clerk Treasurer, Hester Stouder was present to record the meeting. Also present was Town Manager Milton Otero and Town Attorney, Dan Brinkerhoff. Attached is a list of audience members.

## **2. Reading & Approval of April 5th, 2010 Minutes –** Councilman Jeff Bireley made a motion to approve all minutes as read, Will Nuttle seconded the motion, motion carried.

**3. Triton Tax Abatement -** Steuben County EDC member Gary Nielander was present with the Manager, John Freudenberger of Triton Metal Products. They presented a request to the council for multiple abatements. One of the requests included an extension from 5-10 years on the equipment abatement that was approved at the April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting. Mr. Freudenberger shared part of the companies 30 year history and how they have expanded to serve not only the auto & RV industry but also the Military, food equipment and boom truck industry . They recently purchased a building in Hamilton’s Industry Park and have plans to employ 111 people and invest around 4-6 million dollars. The plant will have a grand opening sometime this summer, the council was encourgaed to come and see what improvements they’ve made. Mr. Freudenberger closed by asking if the council had any questions. At this time, no one had questions. Will Nuttle made a motion to approve extending the previous equipment abatement from 5 to 10 years. John Damron seconded the motion, motion carried. John Damron then made a motion to approve the Statement of Benefits and CF-1 that accompanied their vacant property deduction. This abatement will only be good for 2 years, 100% the first year and 50% the second year and is based off of the current assessed value. Will Nuttle seconded the motion, motion carried.

**4. Ordinance 2010– 1 – Participation by the Town of Hamilton in the steuben County Port Authority -** This ordinance will work hand in hand with the one adopted by Steuben County. With this being confirmed, Councilman John Damron made a motion to suspend all rules and adopt ordinance 2010-1 on first reading. Dick Bacon seconded the motion, motion carried with unanimous voice aye votes.

**5. Ordinance 2010-2 – Hamilton Redevelopment Commission –** John Damron made a motion to suspend all rules and adopt ordinance 2010-2 on first reading, Will Nuttle seconded the motion , motion carried.

## 6. New Business –

- A. Town Manager Milton Otero asked the council if they would approve an encroachment across Lane 207 for the property owned by the Beckmans. They would like to install sewer services in their garage across the Lane from their house but will need the councils approval to do so. Council President Brent Shull said he was concerned about the property changing hands and the garage being used as an apartment. He felt like it would open the door for perception where potential buyers or realators could see it differently than what the Beckmans intended use is. Councilman John Damron asked if this has ever been approved before? Town Manager Milton Otero said not to his knowledge. Jeff Bireley said he would like to get more information before making a decision. Will Nuttle asked about the financial responsibility for the cutting and repaving of the road? Mrs. Beckman did say it would be her cost. The council chose not to take action on this item and would like Milton to research if it has ever been approved in the past, why or why not? It will be tabled until the next scheduled meeting May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010.
- B. Gary Nielander updated the council on economic news in the area. He said they are working diligently to find occupants for the Essman building and are pleased that this is the only vacant industrial style building in the Town. He also noted the unemployment rate in the county has reduced from 16.5 % last year to 13.1%. He thanked the council for their time and said he would be back on a quarterly basis to update them.

With no other comments or items of business, the motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Bireley and seconded by John Damron . The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

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Hester Stouder - Clerk Treasurer

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Brent Shull – Council President