

Town of Hamilton

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July 28th, 2011 Town Council Meeting

6:30pm

1. Council President Will Nuttle called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

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

2. Review 2012 Budget –

Council President Will Nuttle opened the meeting and began with the Police Department Donation fund. Clerk Treasurer Hester Stouder helped to explain the appropriations for each fund. The donation fund is appropriated this year to provide supplies for the reserve officers.

When reviewing the CEDIT fund (007) the clerk asked the council about keeping the storage unit rented for Christmas decorations. When the salt barn was approved the council wanted to eliminate the annual storage fees and put these items in the salt barn. Without knowing exactly what is kept in the storage unit Will agreed to talk with Paul Headley who owns the unit and Mark to see if the move is possible. For now the line item will stay in the budget. As the council went thru the remaining funds, Councilman Damron said the Build Indiana Funds might be needed in 2011 because despite setbacks the Improvement Team would like to complete the project this year. He will update the clerk as the HIT team continues to meet. No changes were made to this fund.

The Fire Department's budget has funding for a full time fireman. Council President Will Nuttle wanted to make sure this still allowed for the council and Fire Board to discuss the position without committing to it. The clerk said it still left room for that to happen, putting it in the budget allows for both taxing bodies to notify the taxpayers and be prepared should the council/fire board decide to fund the position.

In the General Fund, the PERF contribution increased from 6.5% to 7.5% as mandated by the state. Funding for a full time fireman was provided contractually for reasons stated above.

When reviewing the MVH fund, Will Nuttle asked what the other members thought about having the departments share tools? They each thought it was a good idea for large tools that weren't used often. But would prefer each department have their own set of tools that they use regularly. Not knowing what large or specialized tools could be shared Will is going to get with the departments to find out and communicate the cost saving idea.

The Park Non-Reverting fund was budgeted for various projects they may have planned for the upcoming year.

Without knowing if the Town was awarded the Safe Route to School Grant a fund was set up to track this expense and reimbursement.

The LOIT fund will provide the vet and food supplies for the K-9 and a savings for the PD vehicle replacement program.

The council discussed road projects and the priority list that was previously approved to be done by the council. Because the list has yet to be put together and Lane 280 was part of that the clerk asked what the council proposed as far as funding was concerned. The remaining balance of major moves (\$200,000.00) available was budgeted; however the project is estimated to be closer to \$400,000.00. The council said if the project were approved once the priority list is put together, it would have to be done in phases to make it affordable. The CCD fund will reflect the council's decision to appropriate \$15,000 for drainage and \$15,000 for road projects.

Board members present discussed the budget and ensured previous decisions made at earlier budget meetings were reflected in the proposed budget prior to approving the budget for advertising. With no changes made to the budget submitted, John Damron made a motion to approve the budget for advertising, Larry Grantham seconded the motion, motion carried.

With no other comments or items of business, the motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Larry Grantham and seconded by Jeff Bireley the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Hester Stouder - Clerk Treasurer

Will Nuttle - Council President