

# Town of Hamilton

900 S Wayne St – PO Box 249

Hamilton, In 46742

June 1st, 2020- Town Council Meeting - BUDGET  
6:00pm

## **1. Council President Mary Vail called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.**

Roll call: Councilors Gerry Martin, Nancy Renner and Mary Vail were present. The Clerk Treasurer, Hester Stouder was present to record the meeting. Town Manager Brent Shull was also present. Councilman Steve Blum and Danny Lingo were absent. Attached is a list of audience members.

\*\*\* All members present were wearing a mask and practicing social distancing.

**Insurance** – The Council members reviewed the topic of adding dependents to the Town’s coverage. After gathering age and number of those that would be added, the Clerk estimated the additional cost would be \$4,500 per month or \$54,000 annually. After reviewing the cost and knowing it wouldn’t be a benefit to everyone, the Clerk and Town Manager recommended not covering dependents and consider a pay increase that would speak to everyone. The Council agreed and will not pursue dependent coverage at this time.

**HSA** – The Council would like to budget contribution amounts from \$1,000-\$1500. They will decide on an amount after insurance rates are released in October.

**Town Hall Carpet** – Brent will get a general idea on price and dimensions. He will bring the information to the August meeting. This project will be done in the 2020 budget year; however, he would like to see the toilets replaced at the Town Hall after the water softener is replaced, most likely in the 2021 budget.

**Fire Department Heating/Air** – The air conditioning unit will not need replaced, it was new about 10 years ago and is still in good shape.

Brent had a quote from December of 2019 to remove the force heater and replace it with 2 hot dog style heaters in the bay. The office area’s heat source would also be replaced or repaired. The quote from 2019 was \$9,250.00. Due to the lapse in time, Brent would suggest a budget not to exceed \$12,000. Based on Brent’s recommendation, Nancy Renner motioned to approve up to \$12,000 for the heating to be replaced or repaired at the Fire Department. Brent will reach out to Armstrong’s Heating and Cooling for the work as they have already installed and provided service at our other municipal buildings.

**Tennis Courts** – Brent projects the cost for adding a base and pouring new concrete will be \$60,000-\$65,000.00. Because the concrete will be raised, he would then recommend drainage work to be done, at an additional cost of \$10-15,000. The Town will carry over the \$30,000 they have from the current budget and add another \$30,000. The Council would like to reach out to the Park Board as a way to fund the additional \$20 - 25,000 in order to complete the project.

**Softener at the Town Hall** – Town Manager Brent Shull recommended a softener be added to the Town Hall. Culligan can install a new softener for around \$2,200.00. Council member Nancy Renner motioned to install a new water softener at the Town Hall, not to exceed \$2,300.00. Gerry Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous approval.

**Downtown Beach Project** – Brent, Mary and Dan have been working closely with DNR regarding the beach project. The DNR is requesting the bathroom building be raised 2” in the case a flood came. Currently Engineering Resources is working on redesigning something that would appeal to the DNR’s request.

Brent said he still sees the budget for the Beach area to be around \$400,000.00 and would anticipate engineering fees to increase from what was originally proposed.

He will keep the Council updated as new information or drawings become available.

**Public Comments/Questions concerning ADA or other items of Business –**

With no other comments or items of business, the motion to adjourn was made by Gerry Martin and seconded by Nancy Renner, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

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Hester Stouder, IAMC - Clerk Treasurer

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Mary Vail –Council President