

Town of Hamilton

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Hamilton, In 46742

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April 2nd, 2018- Town Council Meeting

7:00pm

1. Council President Tina Bosse called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Roll call: Councilors Mary Vail, Tina Bosse and Steve Blum were present.

Councilman Danny Lingo was absent during roll call but came into the meeting at 7:05 pm. Councilwoman Sandra Biegas was absent. The Clerk Treasurer, Hester Stouder was present to record the meeting. Town Assistant Attorney Darrick Brinkerhoff and Town Manager Brent Shull were both present. Attached is a list of audience members.

STEUBEN COUNTY EDC – ISAAC LEE – Mr. Lee presented a look back at 2017 and how the County did with unemployment rates, housing, job openings, abatements applied for and number of skilled laborers. He provided comparisons to previous years, dating back to 2009.

Overall, he said the improvements being made with community involvement, employers, schools and local government is far beyond what was originally anticipated. They have had great success with the Enterprise Center and training various industry employees. They have hosted several job fairs where they have shown what is manufactured in Steuben County and received excellent feedback. They have seen an increased involvement from school administrators who are willing to tour local industries. Following these tours some teachers have even made changes to their curriculum.

As an EDC they are continuing to work on getting youth involved in the workforce to help those aging out, especially in the field of welding where the average age is 63. In the County Mr. Lee said the average age in the workforce is 43.7. Knowing these statistics, he and others on the board are working to find solutions and is excited to have key people interested in helping.

Mr. Lee concluded his presentation by assuring the Council he will continue providing updates to the communities involved. He also noted they look forward to more growth and new ideas to help solve current workforce problems.

The Council Thanked Mr. Lee and commented on how encouraged they were with the improvements they have seen in the County.

Reading and approval of the February 5th, 2018 minutes – Councilwoman Mary Vail motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Danny Lingo seconded the motion, motion carried.

2. Clerks Report - *The clerk has submitted financial EOM statements and payroll to the Council.*

- A. Claims – Councilman Steve Blum made a motion to approve the claims. Councilwoman Mary Vail seconded the motion, motion carried.
- B. Delinquent Accounts – Mary Vail motioned to approve the delinquent accounts, Steve Blum seconded the motion, motion carried.
Prior to approval, Councilman Danny Lingo asked about the accounts with the higher amounts and if payment arrangements were being made. The Clerk said these were rental properties and the land owners had agreed to allow their tenants to carry higher balances and make payment arrangements. They are on the disconnect list should they default on those arrangements.

4. Reports

A. *Town Manager* – Town Manager Brent Shull opened bids for the 150-road project. They are as follows; Crosby Excavating \$116,270.00, API \$101,302.68, Brooks \$90773.00, E&B paving \$92,366.50. These bids will be taken under advisement and awarded at the May Council meeting.

Town Manager Brent Shull asked the Council if they would like him to pursue having something placed at the 4-way stop to alert drivers to stop. He suggested rumble strips that can be removed or flashing lights on the Stop signs.

After discussion the Council agreed they would like him to revisit the concern with Ben Smaltz, who recently began serving on the INDOT committee. Brent will make an appointment to meet with him and update the Council as soon as information is available.

Please see attached report

B. *Street Department* – Jim Underwood, is back and will be assisting the Street/Park department on a part time basis. The leaf vac is working and may need repairs before the season is over. A replacement is scheduled for the 2019 budget. *Please see attached report*

C. *Police Department* – The Council asked if the department carries Narcan, to which the Town Manager said they do not. Due to recent training the Fire Department had regarding Narcan the Council would like the Marshals reasoning, so they can better understand his position. Brent will talk with the Marshal to have him provide a response to the Council. *Please see attached report.*

D. *Water Department* – The utility asked for approval on the price provided by Peerless Midwest to rehab Well #3. The Total cost is \$16,400.00. They are a preferred vendor and their prices have already been established as the most responsive for the department and this type of work. No one on the Council objected. The Superintendent will contact the company to get the work scheduled. *Please see attached report.*

5. Old Business –

A. No old business was brought before the board at this time.

6. New Business –

A. No new business was brought before the board at this time.

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 Mary Vail and seconded by Steve Blum, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Hester Stouder - Clerk Treasurer

Tina Bosse –Council President