

Town of Hamilton

900 S Wayne St – PO Box 249

Hamilton, In 46742

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April 1st, 2019- Town Council Meeting
7:00pm

1. Clerk Treasurer Hester Stouder called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

Reading and approval of the March 4th & March 11th, 2019 minutes – Councilman Steve Blum motioned to approve the March 4th minutes as presented. Danny Lingo seconded the motion, motion carried.

Nancy Renner then motioned to approve the March 11th 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 Danny Lingo made a motion to approve the claims. Councilman Steve Blum seconded the motion, motion carried.
- B. Delinquent Accounts – Steve Blum motioned to approve the delinquent accounts, Nancy Renner seconded the motion, motion carried.
- C. The Clerk approached the board regarding the Hamilton News and how it was no longer going to be published. She asked for the boards support in contacting the Owner/Editor Mr. Don Hurd regarding any old bound copies the Town could take ownership of. She thought the historical value would be important to the Town. The board members agreed and would encourage her to reach out to Mr. Hurd. The Clerk will provide an update at the May meeting
Due to a questionable article in the final publication of the Hamilton News, the Council would like the record to show they have absolutely nothing to do with the article or anything that is published in the Hamilton News.

3. Reports

A. *Town Manager* – The sidewalk on Church street is nearly complete. The project did go over about \$300 for the special nubs that are needed for ADA compliance, on corner was missed because it had been covered by blacktop when someone resurfaced their driveway.

Power outages are still on schedule for the 6th & 13th of April from 6-11am.

Brent will be attending a County Trail meeting at Trine University.

API plans on starting Hamilton's roadwork in the middle of May. Brent will keep the Council updated on the timing.

A couple of ordinances regulating reflective address signs were brought before the board. Brent said the Plan Commission had discussed this topic and the County has an ordinance in place for any home outside of a city/town.

Brent asked the Council what type, if any, regulations they would like for Hamilton. When issuing permits, Brent said he is seeing more of them on new homes but knows there are still a lot without them.

Councilman Danny Lingo, who also serves on the volunteer fire department, said they do make a difference when a rescue team is looking for a home, especially at night.

Upon further discussion the Council agreed they would like to educate residents on the importance of the signs before creating an ordinance, stating some people may not know they can purchase them at the Town Hall. They will also look into different color options for homeowners.

To raise awareness the Council would like to see information put on Facebook, the website and in the water bills.

Please see attached report

B. Street Department – The County will be dredging out Terry lake within the next 30-45 days, after they obtain a permit.

The department attended a truck show to get ideas on replacing the 550 in 2020.

The department is getting a list of trees around that will need taken down when the weather permits. Several of those are at Gnagy park.

A beaver has built a damn at the end of Church Street, the County will be taking care of it by cleaning out the ditch.

The catch basin at the corner of Wayne & Railroad Street is not working properly.

Please see attached report

C. Police Department – Applications are being taken for the open position. Jermey hopes they will get a good response considering the hiring by other nearby departments, including the County.

Councilman Steve Blum may be able to help with getting a pontoon for the department. He will check his resources and email the board with any information.

Officer Baldwin hit a deer; the vehicle is currently being repaired.

Please see attached report.

D. Water Department – The building addition is underway and should be completed the first part of April.

Summer residents are returning, and the department is busy with seasonal turn ons.

At the Council President's request, more training details will be provided for both Brand and Nikki.

Please see attached report.

4. Old Business –

A. No old business was brought before the board

5. New Business –

A. Guardrail change on Lane 150 – Town Manager Brent Shull asked the board to approve renaming the guardrail on lane 150 to a safety rail. It will be placed towards the spillway, like what is on the South side near the existing parking lot.

Councilman Steve Blum motioned to approve the change; Council President Mary Vail seconded the motion.

Brent said the sidewalk, when installed will go between Lane 150 and the safety rail. The sidewalk will be installed during the beach improvement project, likely during 2020.

The Council asked about the yellow posts on the curve by the lake. Brent said that property is owned by Hamilton Shores. He is reaching out to them to see if they would be willing to work with the Town on making the area safer.

Brent also discussed curbing and said the 6" curb will be sufficient for the speed limit that is in place.

B. Councilman Danny Lingo asked for an update on the Aquifer and meeting that was attended in Bryan Ohio. Brent said the meeting was good, but more questions were asked related to things only the DNR could answer. Unfortunately, the DNR was not there to answer them.

Brent did reassure the Council that permits have been applied for, but the 1st step has not been approved and the process is long with the EPA and many other agencies being involved. The Council showed concern regardless of how slow the process may be and asked him to stay involved.

C. Council President Mary Vail asked about scheduling executive sessions before the regular monthly meetings. She said Brent remembered doing them in years past and she thought it would be a good idea to start them again.

Both the Town Attorney and Clerk has no recollection of this (from 1995-present).

Town Attorney Dan Brinkerhoff said the statute is very specific on why a Council could meet in executive session. He would not advise the Council to do so unless they had a very specific reason that was outlined in the statute.

The Clerk said the Council used to meet quarterly with departments, however those were still open to the public. She said they could be scheduled again at the Council's request. No additional meetings were scheduled 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 Danny Lingo and seconded by Nancy Renner, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Hester Stouder, IAMC - Clerk Treasurer

Mary Vail –Council President