

# Town of Hamilton

900 S Wayne St – PO Box 249

Hamilton, In 46742

July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020- Town Council Meeting

7:00pm

## **1. Council President Mary Vail called the meeting to order at 7:00 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.

**Reading and approval of the June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 minutes** – Councilman Gerry Martin motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Nancy Renner seconded the motion, motion carried.

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

- A. Claims – Gerry Martin motioned to approve the claims as presented by the Clerk’s Office. Nancy Renner seconded the motion, motion carried.
- B. Delinquent Accounts – Nancy Renner motioned to approve the delinquent accounts, Mary Vail seconded the motion, motion carried.

## **4. Reports**

A. *Town Manager* – Dekalb Central Schools would like to use space on the Town’s water tower for an internet connection, allowing for more virtual learning opportunities. The school system would work with Locl Net to get the connection. Mike Davis who handles the fiber connection in the County will also work with both entities to ensure the best connection allowable.

The agreement for service would be indefinitely at this point and would be revisited when the learning environment could change in response to COVID.

The Park Department did approve to remove the stage and seating at Fish Creek Trail. The Recreation Board voted on it in a public meeting earlier in July. The removal will take place in 2020, however a proposed dog park will not be funded until the 2021 budget.

The Plan Commission will be discussing sign regulations both on commercial and private property.

*Please see attached report*

B. *Street Department* – The department solicited 3 quotes for their new truck. Harold’s Chevrolet did not return a price, Max Platt Ford quoted \$45,094.25 and Yoder Ford came in at \$42,250.00. Gerry Martin motioned to approve the quote from Yoder Ford, Nancy Renner seconded the motion, motion carried. The truck will be equipped by a preferred vendor; WA Jones the cost for equipment will be an additional \$46,501.00.

*Please see attached report*

C. *Police Department* – Marine patrol is going well as more officers are getting familiar with the boat. The department is still pursuing a drone, the testing has been suspended due to the virus.

*Please see attached report.*

D. *Water Department* – A locator was purchased for the department.

*Please see attached report.*

## **5. Old Business –**

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## **6. New Business –**

A. Community Picnic – Deputy Clerk Jenna Steigerwald asked the Council to consider using a local restaurant and cater the annual Community Picnic instead of preparing everything in house. She contacted Lakeside Grille and Rogers Harvest House to provide 2 quotes, consisting of a meat, 2 sides, dessert, drinks, plates, napkins and silverware for 225 people. Getting these quotes would allow the Town to compare the \$800-\$1000 expense from previous years and give the Council something to vote on if they chose to allow catering.

The Council was not opposed to the extra cost and encouraged Jenna to reach out to Rose Bros as well.

Jenna said each year if outsourced, she would solicit different local restaurants to cater the event.

Deputy Clerk Jenna Steigerwald asked the Council if they were going to mandate face masks for the Town Hall or keep it optional?

The Council agreed to keep it optional.

## **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 Nancy Renner and seconded by Gerry Martin, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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Hester Stouder, IAMC - Clerk Treasurer

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Mary Vail –Council President