

Town of Hamilton

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Hamilton, In 46742

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June 5th, 2017 Town Council Meeting

5:30 pm

1. Council President Tina Bosse called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Roll call: Councilors Sandra Biegas, Danny Lingo, Tina Bosse and Steve Blum were present. The Clerk Treasurer, Hester Stouder was present to record the meeting. Town Manager Brent Shull was in attendance. Town Attorney Dan Brinkerhoff and Councilwoman Mary Vail were both absent. Attached is a list of audience members.

2. Street Department –

Town Manager Brent Shull opened the discussion for the Street Department highlighting the opportunity to get matching funding thru the community crossings grant. He and the Clerk recently attended a meeting with more information on how communities can apply. After meeting with the Street Department to discuss priorities they chose the following roads to submit for the grant; Lane 150J, the proposed new roadway 150, Center Street, Lane 221C and Lake Street. The funding will come from CCD and the Special distribution received in 2016.

The downtown parking lot will be paid from the \$120,00 that was set aside for road projects. The remaining balance will be added to the special distribution fund to total what will be submitted for the grant.

The remaining budget items for the Street Department included the following;

Using CEDIT money to replace the Ford F550 in 2020

Replacing the 22 year old leaf vac in 2019 instead of continuing to repair it.

Keeping tree removal at \$5,000 and revisiting it annually for possible increase

Keeping an annual drainage budget of \$5,000 in case something comes up during a project

Sidewalk money will be transferred in CEDIT to fund the purchase of a new truck

The Council will revisit the Street Departments budget for road projects once they know if the Town received a grant or not. Grants should be awarded in Fall of 2017.

3. Water Department-

Water Superintendent Justin Stouder provided the Council with a layout of his 5-year plan. He proposed changing out meters at a more aggressive rate of \$40,000 a year instead of \$10,000.00. Someone from his department would dedicate time every day to work on changing them. He thinks it will make a noticeable difference when a large amount is changed annually instead of only a handful. He will talk with the vendor to see if they would give a better rate when purchasing a bulk amount. He did note that the cost per meter has not been increased in more than 5 years so they may not offer additional discounts.

He would like to see the trucks traded in after 10 years. They were purchased in 2010 and they have been setting aside money annually to fund new trucks in 2022. The roof at the Water Plant will need to be upgraded. He is currently looking at a bed liner material and will provide more information on cost when he has it. They are setting money aside to purchase a Utility line locator in 2018 for \$7,000. It will come with a 25-year warranty.

With no additional budget items being reviewed the Council asked how the utility would handle supplying water to the Calendar property on the north end of the Lake if it sold. Superintendent Stouder said he already provided general guidelines to Brent for estimating cost. However, with the extent of a project like that there would be meetings to discuss infrastructure and how the Town and developer would partner together so the utility wouldn't assume the entire economic responsibility.

The Council didn't object to anything from either department and will wait to see how these items along with previously discussed expenditures will impact the total budget. The Clerk will present a draft budget at a later meeting and after details on the purchase of a fire truck are 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 Sandra Biegas and seconded by Steve Blum, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Hester Stouder - Clerk Treasurer

Tina Bosse –Council President