

TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE

APRIL 11, 2024--5:30 P.M.

TOWN HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: ROBERT RUPE, TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT
LORI HOOD, TOWN COUNCIL
STEVE MCNALLY, TOWN COUNCIL
FELIX RIPPY, ATTORNEY

CALL TO ORDER 5:30 PM
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

HUMANE SOCIETY LETTER: A letter was sent to the Town Council regarding getting a contract in place by May 1, 2024. Councilman McNally will get the Humane Society and get back with the Town Council during the May meeting.

GOOD FRIDAY AS A HOLIDAY: A motion was made by Councilman McNally to let the Town employees have Good Friday off as a holiday starting 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hood. Approved 3-0.

ONLINE PAYMENTS: Clerk-Treasurer Morgan let the Town Council know that she got with First Farmers Bank & Trust to set up ACH payments and deposits. This should allow for direct deposits to employees and customers to be able to pay their water bills online via their bank. She is hoping to have this ready for the May 15, 2024 water bill payment due date and will send a letter to the Town residents with instructions and any updates within the next week or two. The Town website will hopefully be in the process in the next week or so. Will have more updates hopefully at the next Town Council meeting.

FENCE PERMIT: Cody Sherrill presented a drawing for a fence for their home they just closed on and are moving into at 334 W Meridian. Councilman McNally made a motion to approve the fence permit. Councilwoman Hood seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

EMPLOYEE REPORT: UTILITY MANAGER: DID NOT ATTEND DUE TO PERSONAL MATTER.

EMPLOYEE REPORT: MARSHAL:

1. Provided CAD Reports for March.
2. Confirmed that the baseball and softball parade will be April 27. Parking at the park will be closed the night before and roads will be blocked off to allow the parade to go through town safely.
3. The 2013 Ford Taurus has a potential buyer for \$5,000. The potential buyer is the Madison County Sheriff's Department. The sale would be for the vehicle "as is," meaning no additional stripping would be needed to sell the vehicle. No bid is needed due to it being sold to another government agency. Town Attorney Rippy confirmed that no bid was needed but matching resolutions from the Town of Sharpsville and the Madison County Sheriff's Department. Councilman McNally made a motion to sell the 2013 Ford Taurus for \$5,000 to the Madison County Sheriff's Department. Councilwoman Hood seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

TOWN ATTORNEY:

1. Town Attorney Rippy wrote an animal ordinance for the Town of Sharpsville. After discussion, Councilman McNally made a motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Councilwoman Hood seconded the motion. Approved 3-0. Will do second reading during the May meeting.

2. IDEM sent an email stating that no Certified Operator in Responsible Charge (CORC) is on record. Town Attorney Rippy suggested that the Clerk-Treasurer respond asking how long before we are fined for not having a CORC and if IDEM has any suggestions for the Town of Sharpville.
3. Town Attorney Rippy looked into the Cheese Factory and Office of Community & Rural Affairs (OCRA) stated that the Cheese Factory property will be listed as a "green space" in 2028. Unsure what "green space" can mean for this property since no digging can take place ever. Will look into this issue and get back with the Town Council during the next meeting.
4. Davis Property – a Motion to Dismiss was filed March 18, 2024. It will go back into the Tipton County Auction lineup most likely.
5. A Redevelopment Commission will be meeting with Town Attorney Rippy and Town Council President Rupe during the next few weeks. Wants this put on the May Agenda.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. Council President Rupe read the email from the previous Town Attorney Justin Clouser that the last person was contacted and the next step was filing with the Court. Confirmed Mr. Rhoades is still wanting the property and it is now in the hands of the Courts.
2. Councilwoman Hood contacted and met in person with Mike Burnett and Desi & Kendra Dalton regarding the garage built at 307 W. Walnut. All three were okay with the garage not being built six feet from the Burnett property line. All three were fine with the location of the garage and the alley.
3. Councilman McNally discussed the personal property of Coleman Wagner at 111 S Brown St is getting into the alley and affecting the ability to drive through the alley. The fire department also cannot operate their large equipment and vehicles through the alley. Town Marshal Sheppard said there is not much he can do. The Town needs an enforcement officer that is able to get through to him.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

1. Mr. Foutch discussed the smell of the water and the sink hole on Washington St. Councilman McNally agreed to talk to Utility Manager Sparling about the water and see if more chlorine is needed. He also said he wants to get a vacuum truck to the sink hole area in order to see what the cause is. Does not want to place blame on anyone until this matter can be looked into.
2. Mr. Woodard discussed redoing the northeast corner of the park with flowers and retaining wall through his company Bridge Landscaping free of charge to the town. Asked if he could bring in a design soon and if rock instead of mulch for easier maintenance. Councilwoman Hood made a motion to allow Bridge Landscaping to redo the northeast corner of the park, put rock in place of mulch, and bring in a design for further approval. Councilman McNally seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.
3. Mr. Huff asked about updating the drainage and water lines. Councilwoman Hood stated that any major project like that for the Town would need to be funded by a large grant, and Councilman McNally agreed. Councilman McNally mentioned that the drains are county ditch lines and that he would need to go to the Tipton County Drainage Board.

APPROVED AND SIGNED CLAIMS

ADJOURNED: 7:00 P.M.

CLAIMS:

16128	SHARPSVILLE MUNICIPALE UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$ 219.70
16129	ELWOOD FIRE EQUIPMENT	FIRE ALARM MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,145.85
16130	HP AUTO	POLICE VEHICLE REPAIR	\$ 310.11
16131	NOAH PYKE	DEPUTY	\$ 519.60
16132	NATE SAYERS	DEPUTY	\$ 539.89
16133	BENJI SPARLING	UTILITY MANAGER	\$ 1,984.77
16134	CRAIG RUSSELL	ASSISTANT MANAGER	\$ 1,098.72
16135	SHANE CONNER	TOWN MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,046.20
16136	RAY SHEPARD	MARSHAL	\$ 889.28
16137	BERNIECE FARRIS	DEPUTY CLK-TREAS	\$ 211.45
16138	KATELYN MORGAN	CLERK-TREASURER	\$ 1,085.72
16139	SHANE CONNER	TOWN MAINTENANCE	\$ 110.70
AD	INPRS	RETIREMENT	\$ 381.21
AD	INDOR	TAXES	\$ 1,171.91
AD	EFTPS	TAXES	\$ 4,709.98
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16140	HP AUTO	POLICE VEHICLE REPAIR	\$ 277.95
16141	INPEP	INSURANCE	\$ 2,492.75
16142	NIPSCO	UTILITIES	\$ 907.01
16143	LOWE'S	SUPPLIES	\$ 1,705.03
16144	ECONO SIGNS	RECYCLE/NO VEH SIGNS	\$ 298.05
16145	KATELYN MORGAN	CLERK-TREASURER	\$ 1,085.72
16146	BERNIECE FARRIS	DEPUTY CLK-TREAS	\$ 58.88
16147	RAY SHEPARD	MARSHAL	\$ 751.41
16148	NOAH PYKE	DEPUTY	\$ 519.60
16149	NATE SAYERS	DEPUTY	\$ 499.60
16150	BENJI SPARLING	UTILITY MANAGER	\$ 2,054.30
16151	CRAIG RUSSELL	ASSISTANT MANAGER	\$ 1,306.54
16152	SHANE CONNER	TOWN MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,025.88
AD	INPRS	RETIREMENT	\$ 395.04
16153	VERIZON	TELEPHONE	\$ 217.20
16154	TIPTON AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY	AUTO SUPPLY	\$ 13.39
16155	GRAHAM FARRER & WILSON PC	ATTORNEY FEE	\$ 850.00
16156	DUKE ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	\$ 745.23
16157	SMITHVILLE	TELEPHONE	\$ 217.60
16158	WASTE MANAGEMENT	TRASH PICKUP	\$ 4,074.90
16159	COMCAST	INTERNET	\$ 127.95
16160	CHERRY ROAD MEDIA	BUDGET IN PAPER	\$ 300.00
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6134	PEERLESS MIDWEST	WELL REPAIRS	\$ 9,528.00
6135	TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE	PAYROLL	\$ 1,793.68
6136	FERGUSON WATERWORKS	MARKERS	\$ 106.06
6137	SMITHVILLE	TELEPHONE	\$ 86.17
6138	SHARPSVILLE WASTEWATER	LOAN	\$ 2,500.00
6139	SHARPSVILLE WASTEWATER	MAR '24 RECEIPTS	\$ 18,485.19
6140	TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE	MAR '24 RECEIPTS	\$ 3,915.51

AD	INDOR	SALES TAX	\$ 986.45
6141	BANK OF NEW YORK	LOAN	\$ 4,516.20
6142	TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE	PAYROLL	\$ 2,201.57
6143	UTILITY SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES	\$ 405.37
6144	DUKE ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$ 529.27
6145	TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE	REIMB FOR LOWE'S PYMT	\$ 312.19
6146	UTILITY SERVICE CO	WATER TOWER CONTRACT	\$ 1,206.83
6147	UTILITY SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES	\$ 148.20

6015	SHARPSVILLE MUNICIPALE UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$ 130.39
6016	NIPSCO	UTILITIES	\$ 166.07
6017	TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE	PAYROLL	\$ 1,698.94
6018	TIPTON MUNICIPALE UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$ 4,945.51
6019	TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE	PAYROLL	\$ 1,522.71
6020	DUKE ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$ 869.95
6021	TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE	REIMB FOR LOWE'S PYMT	\$ 22.68
6022	SMITHVILLE	TELEPHONE	\$ 170.02

Robert R. Rupe

ROBERT RUPE, TOWN COUNCIL

Steve McNally

STEVE MCNALLY, TOWN COUNCIL

Lori Hood

LORI HOOD, TOWN COUNCIL

Katelyn Morgan

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CALL TO ORDER

DISCUSSED JOB PERFORMANCE OF AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE AND GAVE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AND HAD HIM SIGN THAT HE RECEIVED IT.

Katelyn Morgan
KATELYN MORGAN, CLERK TREASURER