

**TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE**  
**JANUARY 11, 2024--5:30 P.M.**  
**TOWN HALL**

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

CALL TO ORDER  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
INTRODUCTION OF NEW OFFICIALS

**TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT:** Rob Rupe was voted in as the current Town Council President

**BANK:** First Farmers was approved to be the depository.

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:** Every second Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

**CLERK BOND:** Board signed Clerk-Treasurer bond to be filed with the Tipton County Recorder.

**JERRY FERNUNG:** Mr. Monroe sat in for Mr. Fernung to get a building permit for the house on East Walnut that burned down. The foundation will be the same except for wanting to square off the back. The building permit was granted.

**EMPLOYEE REPORT:** UTILITY MANAGER:

1. Did eight locates and sent in all reports.
2. Took down all the Christmas decorations
3. Gave 3 quotes for salt spreader. Board approved the salt spreader from Bobcat of Howard County for \$3,205.00.
4. Gave 2 quotes for a new stove for the Community Building. Board approved the Frigidaire stainless steel stove with an air fryer built in for \$927.99.
5. We replaced an outside plug on one of the light posts at the park.
6. The forks for the backhoe will be in within the next week.
7. Peerless Midwest coming out to fix Well 1 in the next few weeks. The well will be down 1 day.
8. Discussed selling forks for the old tractor. Will get a list of other items for sale and put an ad in the paper for an auction. Other items mentioned: snow plow, police car, etc.
9. Benji will be starting a webinar to begin training for the water testing certification. Waiting on the email to give him more information as well as a date for the class to start.
10. Terry Cooper will be retiring. Benji will ask Mr. Cooper for recommendations.

**EMPLOYEE REPORT: MARSHAL:**

1. There are reports of suspicious persons in a few areas of town. Deputies have been directed to increase welfare checks and security checks within those areas.
2. Wants to create town ordinances in regards to animals and pets within town. These ordinances can be similar to Tipton County and Windfall's ordinances on animals. There have been multiple complaints on trapping and relocating cats. The Town of Sharpsville currently does not have a detailed dog or animal ordinance. Waiting on the Board to hire a Town Attorney before pursuing ordinances.
3. Reserve officers were discussed and one reserve officer was to be sworn in after the meeting. The Board members asked to table to the reserve officer swear in and discuss during the executive session on January 25<sup>th</sup> after the discussion with the attorney.

**TOWN ATTORNEY:** Executive session to inquire and get information on hiring the new town attorney from Graham, Farrer, and Wilson, P.C.

**ABLES PROPERTY:** Mrs. Smeltzer gave the packet of information on the Ables property to the new Board. Justin Clouser had agreed in a previous meeting to complete the Ables property legal work. Mrs. Smeltzer asked the new Board to contact Justin Clouser directly.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:** Generators have red lights on and need maintenance. Benji will reach out to Whites Electric or Omni Electric. Benji will reach out to Duke to see about the surge protector for the generator. Town Board Member Steve McNally would like to set up the back room to be used for the Trustee meetings since there are no cameras. He also would like to discuss the officers of the Voluntary Fire Department to use the Town Hall for their meetings on the first Thursday of every month at 6pm. Tabled both the Trustee and Voluntary Fire Department discussions to next meeting in order to look into security and access.

**APPROVED AND SIGNED CLAIMS**

ADJOURNED: 6:30 P.M.

**CLAIMS:**

15988	BERNIECE J. FARRIS	2 WKS PAYROLL	\$ 1,066.00
15989	RAY SHEPPARD	2 WKS PAYROLL	\$ 668.45
15990	NOAH PYKE	2 WKS PAYROLL	\$ 508.60
15991	NATE SAYERS	2 WKS PAYROLL	\$ 488.60
15992	BENJI SPARLING	2 WKS PAYROLL	\$ 2,003.94
15998	CRAIG RUSSELL	2 WKS PAYROLL	\$ 1,232.34
15994	SHANE CONNER	2 WKS PAYROLL	\$ 1,177.05
AD	INPRS/PERF	RETIREMENT	\$ 438.43
15996	LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES	CONSULTING	\$ 125.00
15997	FIRST FARMERS BANK	LOAN PAYMENT	\$ 10,780.03
15998	BRIDGE LANDSCAPING	ALUMNI PATHWAY	\$ 1,000.00
15999	NIPSCO	UTILITIES	\$ 1,135.96

16000	COMCAST	TELEPHONE	\$ 265.95
16001	BOLINGER LAW FIRM	ABLES PROPERTY	\$ 750.00
	AD INPRS/PERF	RETIREMENT	\$ 379.85
16002	BERNIECE J. FARRIS	2 WKS PAYROLL	\$ 1,066.00
16003	RAY SHEPPARD	2 WKS PAYROLL	\$ 746.40
16004	NOAH PYKE	2 WKS PAYROLL	\$ 465.29
16005	NATE SAYERS	2 WKS PAYROLL	\$ 488.60
16006	BENI SPARLING	2 WKS PAYROLL	\$ 1,865.08
16007	CRAIG RUSSELL	2 WKS PAYROLL	\$ 1,074.14
16008	SHANE CONNER	2 WKS PAYROLL	\$ 1,178.10
16009	LIBERT TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE	FIRE CONTRACT	\$ 4,100.00
16010	HILB GROUP	CLK-TREAS BOND	\$ 145.00
	AD IRS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$ 6,554.91
16012	INDIANA PUBLIC EMPLOYERS	INSURANCE	\$ 1,854.68
16013	FIRST FARMERS BANK	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 199.16
16014	COLUMBIA TROPHY & ENGRAVING	PLAQUES	\$ 198.00
16015	BOYCE SYSTEMS	YEAR END PR FORMS	\$ 91.54
16016	WEX BANK	GAS	\$ 736.61
16017	R.D. FILIP INC	CLEANING SUPPLIES	\$ 579.47
16018	LOWE'S BUSINESS ACCOUNT	SUPPLIES	\$ 531.27
16019	FIRST FARMERS BANK	SUPPLIES	\$ 561.87
16020	NAPA	TAHOE BATTERY	\$ 527.94
16021	BRAD HOWELL FORD	POLICE CAR OIL CHANGE	\$ 202.58
16022	AIM	NEO TRAINING - LORI HOOD	\$ 418.00
16023	AIM	NEO TRAINING - KATIE MORGAN	\$ 418.00
	AD INPRS	RETIREMENT	\$ 385.18
16024	VERIZON	CELL PHONE	\$ 217.20
16025	SMITHVILLE	TELEPHONE/FAX	\$ 255.60
16026	SHARPSVILLE UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$ 219.70
16027	DUKE ENEGERY	ELECTRICITY	\$ 1,581.09
16028	ILMCT	DUES	\$ 82.00
16029	WASTEMANAGEMENT	TRASH PICKUP	\$ 4,074.90
	AD INDOR	STATE TAXES	\$ 1,599.43
	AD INDOR	SALES TAX - COMM BLDG	\$ 615.67
16030	AIM	NEO TRAINING - STEVE MCNALLY	\$ 458.00
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6084	UTILITY SERVICE CO	WATER TOWER MAINT	\$ 1,206.83
6085	LJZ EXCAVATING	HYDROVAC	\$ 1,200.00
6086	SHARPSVILLE WW	5 YR LOAN PAYMENT	\$ 15,000.00
6088	HILB GROUP	INSURANCE	\$ 10,980.00
6089	ALLIANCE OF IN RURAL WATER	DUES	\$ 220.08
6090	UTILITIY SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$ 1,112.22
6091	CULY CONTRACTING	WATER MAIN RPR	\$ 2,295.00
6092	BANK OF NEW YORK	LOAN PAYMENT	\$ 9,032.40
6093	KOKOMO GRAVEL	TOP DIRT	\$ 106.02

6094	UTILITY SERVICE CO	WATER TOWER MAINT	\$ 1,206.83
6095	DUKE ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	\$ 545.07
	AD INDOR	STATE TAXES (REQUESTED REFUND)	\$ 1,599.43
	AD INDOR	SALES TAX	\$ 1,026.06
6096	SHARPSVILLE SEWAGE	PORTION OF UTILITIES	\$ 16,269.39
6097	TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE	PORTION OF UTILITIES	\$ 4,356.33
6100	SHEPHERD BROTHERS	WATER VALVE LOCK BOXES	\$ 210.00
6101	TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE	PAYROLL TRANSFER	\$ 3,592.76
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5983	NIPSCO	UTILITIES	\$ 178.51
5984	POSTMASTER	BILLING	\$ 140.25
5985	TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE	UTILITIES	\$ 130.39
5896	CUMMINS SALES & SERVICE	EQUIP MAINT	\$ 1,139.37
5987	SMITHVILLE	TELEPHONE	\$ 159.77
5988	TIPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	SEPTIC TANK	\$ 3,924.51
5989	TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE	PAYROLL TRANSFER	\$ 5,138.72
5991	DUKE ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	\$ 816.60



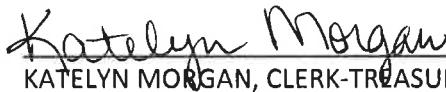
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STEVE MCNALLY, TOWN COUNCIL



LORI HOOD, TOWN COUNCIL



KATELYN MORGAN, CLERK-TREASURER

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TOWN HALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: ROBERT RUPE, TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
LORI HOOD, TOWN COUNCIL  
STEVE MCNALLY, TOWN COUNCIL (VIA PHONE)

CALL TO ORDER

INTERVIEWED AND OBTAINED INFORMATION FOR PERSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES. TABLED RESERVE OFFICER DISCUSSION INDEFINITELY.

  
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KATELYN MORGAN, CLERK TREASURER

*Rob Rupe*

ROB RUPE, TOWN COUNCIL

*Lester Rood*

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*Lucinda Smeltzer*

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*Berniece J. Farris*

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