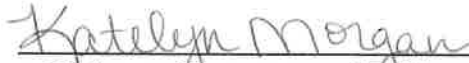


**TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE**  
**JUNE 13, 2024 --5:30 P.M.**  
**TOWN HALL**

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

CALL TO ORDER

INTERVIEWED AND OBTAINED INFORMATION FOR PERSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES.

  
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KATELYN MORGAN, CLERK TREASURER

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CALL TO ORDER 6:30 PM  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**STEVEN HUFF – BUILDING PERMIT:** Steven Huff presented a drawing of the building design. Confirmed it was not near the property line. Councilman McNally made a motion to approve the building permit. Councilwoman Hood seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

**NCIRPC – INCOME SURVEY & GRANT INFORMATION:** Mr. Ray from NCIRPC discussed the income survey procedure that is required to qualify for a block grant. Sharpsville residents' income will need to be lower than 51% of the low to moderate income compared to the county. NCIRPC will send out the survey cards for roughly \$200, the price of the postage and envelopes. If Sharpsville qualifies, it can help get a grant from \$50,000-\$700,000.

**ZACK WOODARD:** Mr. Woodard came to discuss where he was at with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festival. There will be a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, cornhole tournament, a live band, cruise-in car show, blow-up obstacle courses, food vendors, and retail vendors. He has a decent amount coming in to help cover the cost of the festival, but will need more businesses to donate. He has had a large amount of his donations come in through the "tip jar" at local businesses that show support from the community and residents of Sharpsville. He would like it to become similar to the Helping Hands Festival. Mr. Woodard asked if Marshal Sheppard would block off roads from near the post office through to the gym from morning until after the fireworks. Marshal Sheppard said he didn't see an issue with that except to allow those that live in that area a way through to their houses. Mr. Woodard anticipates having the landscaping done for the northeast corner of the park completed by July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**HIRE PART-TIME SEASON STREET EMPLOYEE:** Councilwoman Hood made a motion to hire Tom Cotham as the part-time seasonal mowing employee for the Utilities. Councilman McNally seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

**HIRE CORC (CERTIFIED OPERATOR IN RESPONSIBLE CHARGE):** This was tabled to the next meeting. As of now, everyone that has been contacted that is certified wants more than what the Town can provide.

**EMPLOYEE REPORT:** UTILITY MANAGER:

1. The park lift station has been down for a few weeks. Had to put a bypass pump in that was rented by Indiana Pump to help with the 2 pumps that were down. The rented pump broke, so an additional pump was purchased by the Town. This new pump has helped keep the levels lower. Still had to check on the pump every few hours to be sure it had enough diesel to continue running and that it hadn't failed or broke. 2 of the 3 new pumps arrived damaged, so only 1 new pump is in. Councilman McNally has been helping check the lift station and purchased diesel a few times to help it continue running.
2. Scraped along Meridian Street and patched potholes around town.
3. He sent his application to the State to get the acceptance letter in order to take the certification test at Ivy Tech. Will give an update once he gets the certification letter from the State.

4. Getting a quote from Indiana Pump for the lift station panel that went out.

**EMPLOYEE REPORT: MARSHAL:**

1. Will provide the June CAD report in July.
2. Wanted to remind residents to lock their vehicles at night due to attempted theft in town.
3. There have been parking complaints around town. The general rule is that as long as the vehicle doesn't prohibit the flow of traffic or if the vehicle is not parked in a marked area then parking would be permitted.
4. Several solicitor licenses, no issues there.
5. Marshal Sheppard believes he and Town Attorney Rippy have a good system down now for the ordinance violations. He will write an affidavit and ask them to appear at the next board meeting. He will take a picture at the time the ordinance violation is given to the owner and again before the board meeting to show any changes.
6. Ordinance violation citations and notice to appear were provided to 2 residents: 111 S Brown Street (Wagner property) and 223 N Church St (Gupta/Byers property).
  - a. Wagner property: no significant changes made. Mr. Wagner came before the board meeting and spoke with Marshal Sheppard and Town Attorney Rippy. He believes he has a buyer and the property will not be in his name by the time the July board meeting happens.
  - b. Gupta/Byers property: has made significant efforts to improve the property.
  - c. Marshal Sheppard will monitor the Gupta/Byers property and if he doesn't see additional improvement or if it gets worse, he will issue another citation and ask them to attend the next board meeting.
  - d. Mr. Wagner was asked to attend the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to give an update on the sale of the property.

**MOVE JULY BOARD MEETING TO JULY 18<sup>TH</sup>:** Council President Rupe will be working at the Howard County 4-H Fair the week of the normal board meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> of July. Councilwoman Hood made a motion to move the meeting to July 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Councilman McNally seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

**CLERK TREASURER – WEBSITE UPDATE & PICKLEBALL FUNDING:** The Clerk-Treasurer stated that no major update can be given on the website. Everything was sent to the Indiana Office of Technology (IOT) to get the website started. Once the IOT either reaches out again or begins the process, she will resume giving updates to the Town Council. The Clerk-Treasurer sent out fundraising letters to 120 businesses. So far, she has raised \$11,000. \$7,000 in the bank as of June 13, 2024, with an additional \$4,000 pledged or in the mail. She is hoping by the next board meeting to have raised the full amount needed to get the pickleball courts ordered.

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS NO. 2024-002:** The Clerk-Treasurer brought a resolution to transfer \$9,000 from the Edit fund to the Water fund that will be reimbursed after the interest is returned to the Water fund in early 2025. Councilman McNally approved Resolution No. 2024-002. Councilwoman Hood seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

**SIGNING OF ANIMAL ORDINANCE:** The councilmembers signed the animal ordinance as it was given to the Clerk-Treasurer.

**HUMAN SOCIETY CONTRACT:** Tabled to the July meeting so Town Attorney Rippy can review it.

**TOWN ATTORNEY:**

1. Town Attorney Rippy stated that prior Town Attorney Clouser completed the process to deed the Ables property to the Town of Sharpville. The next step is deeding the property from the Town of Sharpville

to Mr. Rhoades. Attorney Rippy will have this done by the next board meeting for everyone to sign. Mr. Rhoades has already purchased the property, but during the title process the issue with the incorrect deed was found and had to be fixed prior to Mr. Rhoades getting the deed in his name. Mr. Rhoades asked if it was okay for him to start working on the property, such as adding roofs to the two structures. Councilman McNally said that it would be okay, and it was seconded by Council President Rupe. No disagreements on having Mr. Rhoades start fixing the property up.

2. Attorney Rippy stated that Mrs. Davis paid the back taxes on the property. She is splitting the lots and selling them to someone who is putting 2 new modular homes. It was confirmed that the modular homes need to be put on a foundation, per the Sharpsville Ordinances.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. Councilman McNally wanted to give Utility Manager Sparling praise for all his time and efforts in keeping the lift station going the past several weeks. He was in several times a day, including late at night, during the week, on weekends, and the Memorial Day holiday, which shows his dedication. Councilman McNally helped check the lift station when he could.
2. Councilwoman Hood saw in the folder given during the meeting from the Clerk-Treasurer that there was a letter regarding the quarry. The letter was addressed to the Town Council. It was asked if the quarry would impact the Sharpsville water table. It was stated that this would have probably been part of a study that was done before the quarry was allowed to come to Tipton County. As of now, it is unsure if this will impact the water table for Sharpsville.
3. Councilman McNally mentioned an Air-bnb camper that is located on a property in town. The utilities needed to run the camper were discussed, and Utility Manager Sparling mentioned that the residents have not messed with the septic lid on the property because they would have had to dig around the lid to lift it, so he knows it has not been touched. Councilman McNally asked Town Attorney Rippy if this was a legal business? This has been tabled for the next meeting for further investigation and discussion.

#### OPEN DISCUSSION:

1. Mr. J. Foutch noticed that the chlorine level was high at his house. Mr. R. Foutch stated that he liked the level of chlorine in the water. Councilman McNally stated that it takes a few weeks for the change in chlorine to affect the water in town as the water that is already in the tank needs to be used before the change is noticed. It can take several weeks for the Utility Department to find the right balance on the chlorine due to how long it takes for a small change to impact the water that comes out of faucets.

#### APPROVED AND SIGNED CLAIMS

ADJOURNED: 7:48 P.M.

#### CLAIMS:

16178	KOKOMO GRAVEL	OLD CONCRETE REMOVED	\$ 148.28
16179	WURTH	SUPPLIES	\$ 68.06
16180	GALL'S	POLICE SUPPLIES	\$ 96.80
16181	COMCAST	INTERNET	\$ 127.95
DD	KATELYN MORGAN	CLERK-TREASURER	\$ 1,085.73
DD	RAY SHEPPARD	MARSHAL	\$ 556.44

DD	NOAH PYKE	DEPUTY	\$ 519.60
DD	NATE SAYERS	DEPUTY	\$ 499.60
DD	BENJI SPARLING	UTILITY MANAGER	\$ 2,364.93
DD	CRAIG RUSSELL	ASSISTANT MANAGER	\$ 1,322.98
16183	BERNIECE FARRIS	DEPUTY CLK-TREAS	\$ 95.69
AD	INPRS	RETIREMENT	\$ 455.96
OT	SHARPSVILLE WASTEWATER	DEPT TO WRONG ACCT	\$ 15,729.90
16184	IPEP	INSURANCE	\$ 1,854.68
16185	MCGAVIC	MOWER SUPPLIES	\$ 103.92
AD	ELAN FINANCIAL	OCT '23 T-SHIRTS	\$ 176.25
AD	ELAN FINANCIAL	SUPPLIES	\$ 473.79
16186	ELAN FINANCIAL	CLK-TREAS SUPPLIES	\$ 83.45
OT	SHARPSVILLE UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$ 219.70
AD	HUSTON ELECTRIC	CONTRACT & REPAIR	\$ 1,564.88
16187	USPS	POSTAGE	\$ 136.00
16188	NIPSCO	GAS	\$ 234.31
16189	FLAGS & MORE	FLAGS FOR TOWN	\$ 450.14
AD	LOWE'S	SUPPLIES	\$ 1,052.70
AD	ELAN FINANCIAL	WEED KILLER	\$ 59.99
DD	KATELYN MORGAN	CLERK-TREASURER	\$ 1,085.73
DD	RAY SHEPPARD	MARSHAL	\$ 751.40
DD	NOAH PYKE	DEPUTY	\$ 519.60
DD	NATE SAYERS	DEPUTY	\$ 499.60
DD	MICHELLE KERR	JANITORIAL	\$ 100.00
DD	BENJI SPARLING	UTILITY MANAGER	\$ 2,364.93
DD	CRAIG RUSSELL	ASSISTANT MANAGER	\$ 1,302.30
16190	BERNIECE FARRIS	DEPUTY CLK-TREAS	\$ 95.69
16191	ROB RUPE	TOWN COUNCIL	\$ 415.57
16192	LORI HOOD	TOWN COUNCIL	\$ 415.57
16193	STEVE MCNALLY	TOWN COUNCIL	\$ 415.57
16194	KELLY ARNOLD	GYM SCHEDULER	\$ 433.00
AD	INDOR	STATE TAXES	\$ 1,512.09
AD	EFTPS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$ 5,358.00
AD	INPRS	RETIREMENT	\$ 455.96
AD	VERIZON	CELLPHONES/MIFIS	\$ 1,560.86
AD	SMITHVILLE	TELEPHONE	\$ 220.49
AD	BANK OF NEW YORK	WATER LOAN	\$ 4,516.20
AD	WEX	FUEL/GASOLINE	\$ 1,568.26
16195	NAPA	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	\$ 224.13
16196	WASTE MANAGEMENT	TRASH PICKUP	\$ 4,299.30
16197	DUKE ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	\$ 933.19
16198	KEYSTONE COOPERATIVE	FUEL/DEISEL	\$ 693.44
16199	COMCAST	INTERNET	\$ 127.95
DD	KATELYN MORGAN	CLERK-TREASURER	\$ 1,085.73
DD	RAY SHEPPARD	MARSHAL	\$ 519.60
DD	NOAH PYKE	DEPUTY	\$ 519.60
DD	NATE SAYERS	DEPUTY	\$ 499.60
DD	MICHELLE KERR	JANITORIAL	\$ 100.00
DD	BENJI SPARLING	UTILITY MANAGER	\$ 2,444.74
DD	CRAIG RUSSELL	ASSISTANT MANAGER	\$ 1,301.31

OT	SHARPSVILLE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	POOL FILLUP FEE	\$ 150.00
AD	INPRS	RETIREMENT	\$ 472.58

OT	TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE	APR '24 RECEIPTS	\$ 15,729.90
OT	TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE	APR '24 RECEIPTS	\$ 3,887.70
OT	TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE	PAYROLL	\$ 1,377.55
6155	UTILITY SERVICE CO	WATER TOWER CONTRACT	\$ 1,206.83
AD	ELAN FINANCIAL	WATER CERT CLASS	\$ 185.40
AD	LOWE'S	SUPPLIES	\$ 247.88
AD	SMITHVILLE	TELEPHONE	\$ 86.17
OT	TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE	PAYROLL	\$ 1,548.70
AD	INDOR	SALES TAX	\$ 1,039.85
OT	TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE	MAY '24 RECEIPTS	\$ 4,030.95
6156	DUKE ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	\$ 480.47
6157	UTILITY SERVICE CO	WATER TOWER CONTRACT	\$ 1,206.83
OT	SHARPSVILLE WASTEWATER	MAY '24 RECEIPTS	\$ 16,705.32
6158	IN DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MAN.	WATER CERT APP FEE	\$ 30.00
OT	TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE	PAYROLL	\$ 1,024.47

AD	MIKE'S SEWER	CONTRACT LABOR	\$ 500.00
6032	ILMCT	CLK-TREA CONFERENCE	\$ 500.00
6033	TIPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$ 6,653.91
AD	MIKE'S SEWER	CONTRACT LABOR	\$ 3,000.00
OT	TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE	PAYROLL	\$ 1,251.61
AD	ELAN FINANCIAL	TOOLS	\$ 499.99
AD	MIKE'S SEWER	CONTRACT LABOR	\$ 1,500.00
6034	NIPSCO	UTILITIES	\$ 146.70
OT	SHARPSVILLE UTILITIES	UTILITIES	\$ 130.39
AD	MIKE'S SEWER	CONTRACT LABOR	\$ 1,000.00
AD	MIKE'S SEWER	CONTRACT LABOR	\$ 500.00
AD	LOWE'S	SUPPLIES	\$ 460.24
AD	ELAN FINANCIAL	TRASH PUMP & SUPPLIES	\$ 1,022.96
OT	TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE	PAYROLL	\$ 2,797.97
AD	SMITHVILLE	TELEPHONE	\$ 164.60
6035	FERGUSON WATERWORKS	RAIN GEAR	\$ 376.79
6036	DUKE ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	\$ 889.61
6037	UTILITY SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES	\$ 198.76
AD	MIKE'S SEWER	CONTRACT LABOR	\$ 2,000.00
OT	TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE	PAYROLL	\$ 2,141.86

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