

TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE
SEPTEMBER 19, 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

BUDGET HEARING: Councilman McNally made a motion to approve the first reading of the 2025 Budget. Councilwoman Hood seconded the motion. Approved 3-0. The final adoption hearing will be October 10, 2024 at 5:30pm.

STEVEN RAY WITH NCIRPC ON THE WATER PROJECT GRANT: The income surveys were sent out the week prior. They need to show at least 51% of the income surveys to be in the low to moderate income level for the county. After they get in about half of the income surveys if the surveys show that there is a higher amount above the low to moderate income, then they will terminate the surveys. If a door-to-door canvassing is necessary, NCIRPC will provide the training needed for that. November 15, 2024 is the last round of grant funding for 2024. If the Board would like to have the grant process started this year, then NCIRPC would need the documentation needed before that date. If the Board would like to wait, then they can have additional time to do the application and gather documentation. Council President Rupe stated he thought that the first round of 2025 would be a better timeframe to do the application. The Clerk-Treasurer stated that she has a lot to do over the next few months with Lead Pipe Surveys, which is due October 31, training, plus gathering documentation for the grant. It would be nearly impossible to get everything done. Councilman McNally made a motion to finish the survey process in 2024 but push back the grant application to 2025. Councilwoman Hood seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

BILL WHITE – STOP SIGN AT TRENTON & NORTH STREET: The intersection at Trenton and North Street is dangerous. There is no way to see if southbound traffic is coming without pulling forward due to the trees that block the view. Mr. White stated that there have been several incidents of near accidents or small accidents in that area. Marshal Sheppard stated that recently a child was almost hit at this intersection, at no fault to anyone, due to the lack of a stop sign. Councilman McNally made a motion to add a stop sign for southbound traffic at the intersection at Trenton and North Street. Councilwoman Hood seconded the motion. Approved 3-0. Town Attorney Rippy will update the stop sign ordinance to include the addition of a stop sign at North and Trenton southbound traffic.

MIKE BURNETT – 307 W WALNUT BUILDING PERMIT COMPLAINT: Mr. Burnett asked if there were still setback ordinances in Sharpsville. Council President Rupe stated yes, that there are still setback ordinances in the Town of Sharpsville. Mr. and Mrs. Burnett stated that they are not happy with the building that is being built at 307 W Walnut, which is next to their house. They stated that the house is being built close to their house, less than six (6) feet away. They also stated that the landscaping had changed and that it affected the draining of rainwater. Councilwoman Hood stated that Mr. Woodard was told how far to setback the house. She also stated that she went and spoke to both Mr. and Mrs.

Burnett in person and both were okay with the building at that time (this was documented in the April 2024 minutes). Mr. Burnett stated that at the time Councilwoman Hood discussed this issue with them, it was in regards to the garage, and that everything was fine then, but now it is a lot worse and is no longer okay. He stated that they have no privacy. Mrs. Burnett stated that they do not blame Mr. Woodard because this Board left the building permit wide open. She stated that she sees Councilwoman Hood on their street, driving or walking slowly by. Councilwoman Hood stated that the street was public and she is allowed to be on the street. It was discovered upon looking through the building permit folder that Mr. Woodard obtained a permit at the February 8, 2024 under M. Higgins. Town Attorney Rippy stated that a red tag can be issued to stop all work from being done at the property until this matter is resolved. Marshal Sheppard stated that he could deliver a red tag but he can't help if it is violated. Town Attorney Rippy stated that if he violates the red tag it could be up to \$2,500 a day fine. Town Attorney Rippy asked that Mr. Woodard come to the next meeting so this issue can be resolved. Councilman McNally stated that the property may need to be surveyed. Councilman McNally will call the surveyor and measure the properties. Council President Rupe made a motion to issue a stop work red tag to Mr. Woodard with no fines attached, and allow for measurements to be made. Councilman McNally seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

MARLA STROOP – BUSINESS VARIANCE FOR DAYCARE: Mrs. Stoop has a daycare already outside of Town. She wants to add a second location on Church Street at the property owned by Mr. Rhoades. Councilman McNally asked if there were "special use" business variances that they could approve of, instead of making it a permit business location. Town Attorney Rippy stated that there are special use business variances and that they could narrow it down further to just be used as a daycare, and if the daycare went away or if Mr. Rhoades sells the property, the special use business variance would go away as well, and the new owner would need to apply for another business variance or it would be considered a single home dwelling again. Councilwoman Hood stated that the Town needs affordable daycare in Sharpsville. Councilman McNally stated that when people in Sharpsville talk about the new daycare or are asked about it, everyone seems to be happy to have it. Mrs. Stoop stated that she would have most likely 12 children, but possibly up to 16, in the daycare on Church St. Councilman McNally made a motion to issue a special use business variance for Mrs. Stoop's daycare on Church St. Councilwoman Hood seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

CLERK-TREASURER – PICKLEBALL, WEBSITE, AND RESIGNATION UPDATES: The Clerk-Treasurer has the pickleball court ordered. Only \$1,600 is needed to fund the court, and the Community Building can fund that itself due to how well it is doing. Any additional funding that comes in for the pickleball court will essentially reimburse the Community Building. The website is up and running, which now allows for online bill pay. The Clerk-Treasurer has resigned. Her last day will be October 18, 2024.

DATE/TIME FOR HALLOWEEN: Councilwoman Hood made a motion to do Halloween on October 31, 2024 from 5:30-8:00pm. Councilman McNally seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

EMPLOYEE REPORT: UTILITY MANAGER: Utility Manager Sparling is out on vacation. He wrote his report and had it delivered to the Board Members to look through.

EMPLOYEE REPORT: MARSHAL:

1. Provided August CAD report

2. The Charger needs to have the head gaskets replaced, as well as the struts. This repair will be within the Police Budget, so no additional money will be needed to get it repaired and back on the road.
3. Will need a new ballistic vest. The vest will be ordered this year, but probably will not arrive until 2025.
4. Have received complaints that the light at the Fire Department is out in the alley. Marshal Sheppard will notify Utility Manager Sparling upon his return from vacation.
5. Last year the Town gave the Police Department \$250 to buy candy for the Halloween event at the Fire Department. He asked for the same amount to be given this year. Councilman McNally made a motion to give \$250 for candy. Councilwoman Hood seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.
6. The stop sign at Church and Meridian is covered up by a tree. He is scared that someone from out of Town will go through the intersection without stopping and cause an accident. There have already been reports of near accidents due to the tree covering the stop sign. Marshal Sheppard will discuss this with Utility Manager Sparling upon his return from vacation.
7. Marshal Sheppard asked that a stop sign be put in at Washington and Elm, making it a 4-way stop. Councilman McNally made a motion to add 2 additional stop signs to the Washington and Elm St intersection and update the stop sign ordinance. Council President Rupe seconded the motion. Approved 3-0. The Board asked Town Attorney Rippey to include this to the updated stop sign ordinance.
8. Marshal Sheppard mentioned that many non-street legal vehicles were being driven on the road in Town. Technically e-bikes are not street legal. So far, there hasn't been a need to enforce this, but it may need to come to that if someone is riding irresponsibly or dangerously. They may need to enforce not riding on the main roads in Sharpville.
9. Ordinance violation citations updates: 111 S. Brown St/221 W. High Street (Wagner Property), 126 S. Brown St (Horn Property), 211 W. Walnut (FC Kokomo Property), and 223 N. Church St (Byers Property).
 - a. Wagner property: Referred to Town Attorney Rippey. It was noted that this house is under tax sale. As of now, wait to see if it does go into the sale.
 - b. Horn property: Marshal Sheppard has been unable to make contact with Mr. Horn. He sent a certified letter to Mr. Horn, as well as his ex-wife who no longer lives at the home. He was unable to find an address for Mrs. Dillman, who is Mr. Horn's mother and the owner of the home. It was noted that this home was placed on tax sale. No action taken due to waiting to see if this home goes into the sale.
 - c. FC Kokomo Properties: No contact with the registered owner of the vehicle that was removed from the property. There have been noticeable improvements to the property itself.
 - d. Byers Property: Property has been cleaned up. They have continued to make changes. Both understand on why they were given another ordinance violation.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

1. Chad Byers/Air BnB Camper Issue: Town Attorney Rippey stated that you cannot lease anything that is not a dwelling or a home, so this is in violation of this ordinance. He did note that there is no ordinance about storage of a motor home or trailer. Mrs. Parsons, who lives next door to Mr. Byers, stated that the people who are renting the camper are shutting off access to the alley. She noted that the camper was also in the alley. She does not like knowing strangers are sleeping behind her, and her neighbor Mrs. Sheets doesn't like this either. Mrs. Sheets lives on the other side of Mrs. Parsons with the alley dividing her yard from Mr. Byers' yard. Council President Rupe

drove by the property and noted that the cars do block access to the alley. Town Attorney Rippy stated that this is not a violation of storage, but is a violation of leasing and mentioned fining the property. Councilwoman Hood asked if they could simply ask him to shut down instead of issuing a fine. Town Attorney Rippy stated that they should cite Mr. Byers and ask him to come to the next meeting. Marshal Sheppard stated he would cite Mr. Byers. Marshal Sheppard also asked if Town Attorney Rippy would issue a cease and desist letter. He stated yes he would.

2. He has been looking into getting Rails to Trails in Sharpville.
3. He is also looking into finding a company to clean up the Cheese Factory property so it can be developed. He is trying to find someone that will be able to look into this issue for free or very little money.

LINDA SMELTZER: Mrs. Smeltzer stood up and had a prepared statement. Her name was brought up during an encounter Councilwoman Hood had with another resident, Mr. Ramsey, in Town. She said that during the last meeting when the Air BnB camper was brought up that Mr. Ramsey's camper was mentioned as being in the way of a neighbor leaving their driveway. Mrs. Smeltzer mentioned that Mr. Ramsey was so upset that he called in and discussed this with the Clerk-Treasurer, including cussing at her. When Mrs. Smeltzer went to Mr. Ramsey's house to find out what had happened, he slammed the door in her face. She wanted to know what Councilwoman Hood said to Mr. Ramsey that would make him so upset.

Councilwoman Hood stood up and had her own prepared statement. She said that she went to give a fence permit to a resident that had left the August Board Meeting before getting the permit from the Board. When she was at that residence Mr. Ramsey's camper was discussed again. Councilwoman Hood went to Mr. Ramsey's house to ask when he was moving the camper back into his driveway. Mr. Ramsey said he was moving the camper back after his garage sale. Councilwoman Hood mentioned that Mrs. Smeltzer was upset about a different travel trailer in Town. Councilwoman Hood had asked the Clerk-Treasurer how Mrs. Smeltzer and Mr. Ramsey would know each other and the Clerk-Treasurer stated that they may know each other from the Democrat Party. She stated that this information about Mr. Ramsey's camper was mentioned at a public meeting, so it was not incorrect of her to discuss. Councilwoman Hood stated she would not apologize, and she would not apologize for mentioning something that was brought up at a Board Meeting. She also stated that she was told after the last Board Meeting that Mrs. Smeltzer had called her a vulgar word.

No prepared statement was given for the official record.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

1. Mr. Roger Fouch stood up and discussed the history of the Water Department. He asked if rates would need to be increased or if water meters needed to be installed. He then stated that he believed the Town of Sharpville should sell the water to Indiana American Water. Town Attorney Rippy stated that Lapel had spent nearly \$10,000 on a study and then decided to not sell their water.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. None.

APPROVED AND SIGNED CLAIMS

ADJOURNED: 7:28 P.M.

CLAIMS:

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| 16226 | NIPSCO | UTILITIES | \$ 143.56 |
| AD | ELAN FINANCIAL | OFFICE SUPPLIES | \$ 175.02 |
| DD | KATELYN MORGAN | CLERK-TREASURER | \$ 1,085.73 |
| DD | RAY SHEPPARD | MARSHAL | \$ 912.25 |
| DD | NOAH PYKE | DEPUTY | \$ 519.60 |
| DD | NATE SAYERS | DEPUTY | \$ 499.60 |
| DD | MICHELLE KERR | JANITORIAL | \$ 100.00 |
| DD | BENJI SPARLING | UTILITY MANAGER | \$ 2,364.94 |
| DD | CRAIG RUSSELL | ASSISTANT MANAGER | \$ 1,322.98 |
| 16239 | TOM COTHAM | SEASONAL MOWING | \$ 1,067.62 |
| AD | INPRS | RETIREMENT | \$ 455.96 |
| 16240 | UTILITY SUPPLY CO | TOOL | \$ 52.32 |
| 16241 | DUKE ENERGY | ELECTRICITY | \$ 723.31 |
| AD | BANK OF NEW YORK | LOAN | \$ 4,516.20 |
| 16242 | MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS | POLICE VEH RADIO EQUIP | \$ 3,752.81 |
| 16243 | COMCAST | INTERNET | \$ 127.95 |
| 16244 | DUKE ENERGY | ELECTRICITY | \$ 523.95 |
| OT | SHARPSVILLE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES | UTILITIES | \$ 219.70 |
| 16245 | NIPSCO | UTILITIES | \$ 143.06 |
| 16246 | IPEP | INSURANCE | \$ 1,854.68 |
| AD | LOWE'S | SUPPLIES/LOCKS FOR FIRE BARN | \$ 1,027.32 |
| AD | INPRS | RETIREMENT | \$ 389.51 |
| DD | KATELYN MORGAN | CLERK-TREASURER | \$ 1,085.73 |
| 16247 | BERNIECE FARRIS | DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER | \$ 66.25 |
| DD | RAY SHEPPARD | MARSHAL | \$ 798.36 |
| DD | NOAH PYKE | DEPUTY | \$ 519.60 |
| DD | NATE SAYERS | DEPUTY | \$ 499.60 |
| DD | MICHELLE KERR | JANITORIAL | \$ 100.00 |
| DD | BENJI SPARLING | UTILITY MANAGER | \$ 2,027.69 |
| DD | CRAIG RUSSELL | ASSISTANT MANAGER | \$ 1,109.17 |
| 16252 | TOM COTHAM | SEASONAL MOWING | \$ 844.32 |
| 16248 | ROB RUPE | COUNCIL MEMBER | \$ 415.57 |
| 16249 | LORI HOOD | COUNCIL MEMBER | \$ 415.57 |
| 16250 | STEVE MCNALLY | COUNCIL MEMBER | \$ 415.57 |
| 16251 | KELLY ARNOLD | GYM SCHEDULER | \$ 433.00 |
| AD | INTIME | STATE TAXES | \$ 1,132.60 |
| AD | EFTPS | FEDERAL TAXES | \$ 4,565.14 |
| AD | ELAN FINANCIAL | OFFICE SUPPLIES | \$ 78.15 |
| AD | SMITHVILLE | TELEPHONE | \$ 170.33 |
| AD | FERGUSON WATERWORKS | SUPPLIES | \$ 220.00 |
| AD | VERIZON | TELEPHONE | \$ 227.20 |

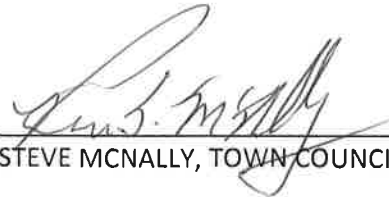
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| AD | BANK OF NEW YORK | LOAN | \$ 4,516.20 |
| 16253 | PLEVNA IMPLEMENT | MOWER BLADES | \$ 145.71 |
| 16254 | GRAHAM, FARRER & WILSON | ATTORNEY FEE | \$ 850.00 |
| 16255 | GRAHAM, FARRER & WILSON | TITLE 6 PLAN REVIEW | \$ 250.00 |
| 16256 | BRAD HOWELL FORD | VEHICLE REPAIR | \$ 23.70 |
| 16257 | BLUE 360 MEDIA | LAW MANUAL FOR POLICE DEPT | \$ 95.75 |
| 16258 | MURRAY'S BODY SHOP | TOW TO DEALERSHIP | \$ 118.00 |
| AD | WEX | GASOLINE/FUEL | \$ 1,142.62 |
| AD | USPS | POSTAGE | \$ 400.00 |
| AD | FLEX COURT | PICKLEBALL COURT PYMT | \$ 11,400.00 |
| DD | KATELYN MORGAN | CLERK-TREASURER | \$ 1,085.73 |
| DD | RAY SHEPPARD | MARSHAL | \$ 843.32 |
| DD | NOAH PYKE | DEPUTY | \$ 519.60 |
| DD | NATE SAYERS | DEPUTY | \$ 499.60 |
| DD | MICHELLE KERR | JANITORIAL | \$ 100.00 |
| DD | BENJI SPARLING | UTILITY MANAGER | \$ 1,941.87 |
| DD | CRAIG RUSSELL | ASSISTANT MANAGER | \$ 1,109.17 |
| 16260 | TOM COTHAM | SEASONAL MOWING | \$ 613.52 |
| AD | INPRS | RETIREMENT | \$ 372.89 |
| AD | KATELYN MORGAN | REIMBURSE FOR LABELS | \$ 14.91 |
| AD | WASTE MANAGEMENT | TRASH PICKUP | \$ 4,299.30 |
| AD | COMCAST | INTERNET | \$ 127.95 |

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| OT | SHARPSVILLE WASTEWATER | MAY/JUNE LOAN | \$ 5,000.00 |
| OT | TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE | PAYROLL TRANSFER | \$ 1,961.55 |
| AD | ELAN FINANCIAL | SUPPLIES | \$ 381.00 |
| 6170 | UTILITY SUPPLY CO | SUPPLIES | \$ 142.31 |
| 6171 | DUKE ENERGY | ELECTRICITY | \$ 493.65 |
| 6172 | UTILITY SERVICE CO | CONTRACT LABOR | \$ 1,206.83 |
| 6173 | LIVING WATERS CO | CONTRACT LABOR | \$ 696.10 |
| 6174 | SHEPHERD BROTHERS | LOCK FOR WATER PLANT | \$ 151.00 |
| 6176 | NIPSCO | UTILITIES | \$ 142.47 |
| 6177 | UTILITY SUPPLY CO | SUPPLIES | \$ 208.90 |
| OT | TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE | PAYROLL TRANSFER | \$ 484.42 |
| OT | TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE | PAYROLL TRANSFER | \$ 1,685.45 |
| OT | SHARPSVILLE WASTEWATER | LOAN | \$ 2,500.00 |
| AD | SMITHVILLE | TELEPHONE | \$ 86.33 |
| AD | INDOR | SALES TAX | \$ 1,039.15 |
| AD | CRAIG THOMPSON | CORC CONTRACT LABOR | \$ 400.00 |
| AD | FERGUSON WATERWORKS | SUPPLIES | \$ 269.67 |
| 6178 | CULY CONTRACTING | CONTRACT LABOR | \$ 30,000.00 |
| 6179 | DUKE ENERGY | ELECTRICITY | \$ 476.50 |
| OT | TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE | PAYROLL TRANSFER | \$ 1,559.51 |
| 6180 | UTILITY SERVICE CO | WATER TOWER CONTRACT | \$ 1,206.83 |
| 6181 | WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED | SUPPLIES | \$ 1,265.00 |
| 6182 | UTILITY SUPPLY CO | SUPPLIES | \$ 807.12 |
| 6183 | CULY CONTRACTING | CONTRACT LABOR | \$ 27,616.57 |

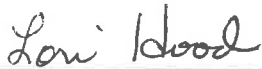
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| 6046 | TIPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES | UTILITIES | \$ 6,930.80 |
| AD | ELAN FINANCIAL | SUPPLIES | \$ 143.38 |
| AD | MIKE'S SEWER | CONTRACT LABOR | \$ 1,500.00 |
| OT | TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE | PAYROLL TRANSFER | \$ 1,756.47 |
| 6050 | DUKE ENERGY | ELECTRICITY | \$ 775.65 |
| 6051 | UTILITY SUPPLY CO | SUPPLIES | \$ 52.31 |
| AD | MIKE'S SEWER | CONTRACT LABOR | \$ 2,500.00 |
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| OT | SMU | UTILITIES | \$ 131.39 |
| 6052 | TIPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES | UTILITIES | \$ 4,224.92 |
| OT | TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE | PAYROLL TRANSFER | \$ 1,599.85 |
| OT | TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE | PAYROLL TRANSFER | \$ 484.42 |
| AD | LOWE'S | SUPPLIES | \$ 86.41 |
| AD | MIKE'S SEWER | CONTRACT LABOR | \$ 500.00 |
| AD | SMITHVILLE | TELEPHONE | \$ 53.33 |
| AD | FERGUSON WATER WORKS | SUPPLIES | \$ 220.00 |
| 6053 | DUKE ENERGY | ELECTRICITY | \$ 737.42 |
| AD | SMITHVILLE | TELEPHONE | \$ 111.54 |
| OT | TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE | PAYROLL TRANSFER | \$ 1,599.84 |



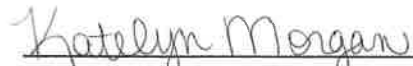
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