

**TOWN OF
DARMSTADT, INDIANA**

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**Minutes of
June 11th 2019**

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TOWN COUNCIL

Paul Freeman, President
Phil McElroy, Council Member
Aaron Kendall, Council Member
Ken Godeke, Council Member

CLERK-TREASURER

Mallory Lowe
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Board president, Paul Freeman, called the regular town meeting to order at 7:30pm. In attendance were President Paul Freeman, Clerk-Treasurer Mallory Lowe, council members Aaron Kendall, Ken Godeke and Phil McElroy. Also present was Superintendent Jeff Goerges, Assistant Aaron Enlow and Attorney Jason Spindler.

Kendall made a motion, seconded by McElroy to accept the minutes from last month. Motion passed 4-0 voice vote. McElroy made a motion, seconded by Godeke to approve last month's financial report. Motion passed 4-0 voice vote. McElroy made a motion, seconded by Kendall to approve the accounts payable claims. Motion passed 4-0 voice vote.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:

In the clerk's office: We received all of our grant money from INDOT for this year's grant projects. It put our town account at just over a million, which was very nice, but short lived, since just after that I had to write the \$350,000 check to Metzger for all the paving work. Budget season is starting, I'm currently writing up our budget which I plan to be very similar to this years. State has already started with new requirements again... this year all the towns, cities and schools had to fill out and submit a pre-budget worksheet in May. So we completed that and submitted it last month.

In the Utility Department: In the utility department we have received about 7 pool filling requests for averaging. We had 2 homes sell last month. Evansville water apparently changed their software program without notifying us. They had tons of glitches and could not seem to get their act together to get our water meter report to us in time. I finally contacted Allen Mounts and reminded him of our contracted agreement, amazingly within 2 hours the corrected report was finally sent to us. I had also spoken to Newburgh. Newburgh also relies on Evansville's water meter readings to send out their sewer bills just like us. That clerk was also upset and waiting their report, they finally got theirs but was also a little late.

In General Town Items: As you know, we had our Darmstadt Day last Saturday at Trinity Church hosted by Trinity along with a vendor fair in shopping center parking lot hosted by American Honey. Then our first annual Bierstube, which was a huge success, hosted by Kate Potter & her team at American Honey.

Old Business

1. New 2018-2019 Matching Road Grant projects update

McElroy noted that the main work is done. Lowe asked if there are more bills to be expected. Jeff stated yes that we should expect final bills from Metzger for some of their last work.

2. Update of Tree & ditch work along Wortman Road

Jeff noted that most all the work is done. There was a water meter that was broken by Allen Relleke but he has taken care of it.

3. Old National Bank Building

Aaron Kendall stated that Kyle Bernhardt from FC Tucker lives in the area and will be happy to be our new agent. Kendall made a motion, seconded by McElroy to have agent Kyle Bernhardt represent us on the Old National Bank building. Motion passed by 4-0 voice vote.

4. Apartment update

Freeman noted that the developer is retracting the lawsuit they had and starting a new one.

5. Intersection at BNH & St Joseph Ave

Freeman stated that we had another traffic study done on this intersection this time by Purdue Civil traffic Engineers. The Purdue engineers recommended that this intersection needs to be a 4 way stop with overhead flashing traffic lights and rumble strips. Kendall made a motion, seconded by Godeke to make the intersection a 4 way stop. Motion passed by 4-0 voice vote.

New Business

No new business

Superintendent Report

Jeff stated he will order the equipment for the 4way intersection and expects it all to be here mid July. Jeff noted we will have the Sheriff dept out there. Jeff stated they had 3 sewer calls this month and 17 sewer calls last month. Jeff reminded the council that the county is going to repave Boonville-New Harmony road from St Joseph Ave west.

Fire Chief Report

Fire department not present

Deputy Sheriff Report

Deputy not present

Board member comments

Aaron Kendall stated that at the last meeting we discussed how to enforce the weed ordinance. Lowe stated that we should probably copy the county's ordinance so to have consistency across the board. Spindler noted that we could vote on it tonight. Kendall made a motion, seconded by McElroy to duplicate Vanderburgh County's weed ordinance for the Town of Darmstadt. Motion passed by a 4-0 voice vote.

Attorney comments

No further comments

Resident comments

Eric Gries noted that if everyone kept their place mowed it wouldn't be a problem but wanted to clarify that it's not specific to small areas. Freeman noted that it would be for the entire property and when it shows negligence. Eric Gries suggested the entire length be an open road ditch along Boonville-New Harmony Road. Eric Gries thanked Jeff Goerges and Aaron Enlow for their help setting up for Darmstadt Day.

Resident of 1200 W. BNH stated that she has drainage problems in her front bank near the road. She stated the gravel keeps washing out every time it rains.

Mark Stocker noted that when we get this huge rain, there is always going to be something getting washed out. Mark Stocker stated that we need to thank Kate Potter and American Honey for putting on a great 1st annual Bierstube along with Trinity Church putting on another wonderful Darmstadt Day. Mark Stocker also wanted to thank Jeff & Aaron for all their help with the sewer.

Jeff Goerges suggested we could an estimate for putting in a curb or making it an open road ditch. Council asked that we go ahead and get estimates.

Ray Engler stated that there drainage issues in his area from neighbors stopped up culverts. Freeman noted that the stopped up culverts are the responsibility of the homeowner and they need to keep them cleaned out. Engler stated he would get with his neighbors to rectify the drainage issues of their clogged culverts.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Attest:

Mallory Lowe
Clerk-Treasurer

