

**TOWN OF
DARMSTADT, INDIANA**

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**Minutes of
June 8th 2021**

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TOWN COUNCIL

Paul Freeman, President
Aaron Kendall, Council Member
Ken Godeke, Council Member
Ray Engler, Council Member

CLERK-TREASURER

Mallory Lowe
P. O. Box 20
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Board president, Paul Freeman, called the town meeting to order at 7:30pm. In attendance were President Paul Freeman, Clerk-Treasurer Mallory Lowe, Council members Aaron Kendall, Ken Godeke and Ray Engler. Also present was Attorney Jason Spindler. Maintenance personnel were asked by Council not to attend.

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

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:

On May 18th the SBOA announced we will be required to start submitting a new report on Gateway on the American Rescue Plan funds by October 31st. We will need to report our plans, all of our records, and how we are using it. Our pre-budget report in Gateway is due by June 30th so I will get that completed.
For the year so far, I've posted in \$127,980 for the town. We have a bill due by end of this month for \$75,000 for the Old State Road Land. It will be our first Municipal Bond Debt payment from our 5-year lawsuit and settlement over the proposed apartments. We have yet to receive any tax revenue for that approaching payment deadline.
After receiving more calls about the fallen tree left on the edge of Wortman Road and Old State intersection. Eric Gries took it upon himself to clean the tree up off the easement.

On May 18 I attended the Indiana Clerk-Treasurer's League Meeting and on May 20th attended our Budget Workshop Meeting with Indiana State Board of Accounts. I still need a member of council to review and sign off on bank reconciliations. We received our quarterly payment from spectrum for \$5,722 for their franchise fee.

In the Utility Department: The General Assembly allocated \$100 Million of federal Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to provide grants for Indiana utilities for wastewater, drinking water and stormwater projects. The Indiana Finance Authority has now posted the application for this Infrastructure ("SWIF") Grant online for local municipalities.

There will be 2 rounds of funding. **Applications for the first round of funding are due by July 15, 2021.** Applications for the second round of funding are due NEXT YEAR on July 15, 2022. I forwarded this to Jeff and council.

I mailed out 538 sewer bills at the end of May totaling about \$60,400⁰ along with the 4th message notifying customers to call first before watering or filling pools if they want to request a deduction on their sewer bill. I posted \$48,289 last month and \$293,238 for the year so far for the sewer department.

Old Business

1. Update on 2021 Community Crossings Grant

Freeman noted that the grant has been submitted and sent to State.

2. Update on Bank Building

Kate Potter advised that the appraisal was completed today. Kendall asked when Potter anticipated closing. Potter replied that the closing can be scheduled as soon as appraisal is finished.

3. Update on Sump Pump & Illegal Connection Inspections

Lowe advised that it looks like there are still more inspections to be done and illegal connections noted on the list.

New Business

1. Variance Request 149 W BNH (County VAR-2021-047)

Lowe stated there is a variance request for 149 W BNH to install 2 driveways for the parcel that has been divided. There was much council discussion about the sewer main that runs under those driveways and has been uncovered too close to the top of the soil by the excavating company and needs to be corrected. Lowe noted that she will contact owners to see if they are aware of the situation.

Superintendent Report

Not present

Fire Dept Report

Fire dept Zimmer response time is about 3.5 minutes. No fires or accidents lately. Fire Station is open to public again.

Deputy Sheriff Report

Deputy Noah Robinson explained that he was attending as a private citizen and if the council had any questions about the report for Darmstadt. Noah stated that there was an arrest at the rodeo at the 4h center and there were some catalytic converters sawed off of some cars lately.

Board member comments

Ray Engler advised that we have not received good communications from Evansville Now about the issue in Inglefield and Railroad Street with the TV repair company's truck traffic and damage it's causing on the roads. Engler will get with Spindler to proceed from our end. Spindler replied that he did receive an email from John Stoll concerning the dock on that property and read the email allowed. Engler stated we need to get moving on this as the road continues to deteriorate. Freeman added let's move forward with this and email everyone that was on the conference call with us 5 months ago.

Attorney comments

Jason Spindler stated he had no further comments.

Resident comments

Eric Gries wanted to clarify that he is against legalizing ATVs in town. Gries also asked if anything can be done to block the entrance at 149 W BNH while our main sewer line is exposed and vulnerable. Council replied that we cannot block a private property but that anyone damaging the line would be held liable.

Carol Schlumpf asked if the Old Bank Building is still for sale. Freeman said closing should be at the end of the month.

The meeting adjourned 8:01pm

Attest:

Mallory Lowe
Clerk-Treasurer


