# Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Edgewood Town Council Town of Edgewood, Madison County, Indiana 9-16-2019

The Meeting of the Edgewood Town Council was held September 16, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the Edgewood Town Hall, 3405 Nichol Avenue, Anderson, Indiana 46011. The following persons were present:

Patricia Farran, Member Jodi Norrick, Member Steve Servies, Town Marshal Ellingwood, EPD Mike Warner, Guest Thomas Brewer, Super. Arthur Leak, Member John Gunter, Member Steve Brown, Guest Mike Austin, Town Atty. Carlene Gunter, Guest Captain Briggs, EPD Julie Armington, Member Joe Cook, Member Karen Swanson, Guest Gary Smith, Guest Rick Robinson, EPD Chief Vanderbur, EFD

Captain Briggs, EPD

Katherine Tanner, Clerk-Treasurer

Ms. Farran called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll call was initiated after the pledge of allegiance. All members were present.

#### Public Hearing to Vacate a Public Way

Mr. Austin opened the Public Hearing. Mr. Austin gave the location of the street that would be vacated and the purpose. Discussion followed.

Ms. Farran presented Ordinance Number 9-16-19, "An Ordinance Vacating a Public Way Within the Town of Edgewood, Indiana." Mr. Leak made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance Number 9-16-19. Mrs. Norrick seconded the motion. All members voting aye, motion carried. Mrs. Norrick made a motion to have the second reading by title only. Mrs. Armington seconded the motion. All members voting aye, motion carried. Ms. Farran read the second reading of Ordinance Number 9-16-19 by title only. Mrs. Norrick made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 9-16-19. Mrs. Armington seconded the motion. All members voting aye, motion carried. Mrs. Norrick made a motion to suspend the rules and have the third reading of Ordinance Number 9-16-19 by title only. Mrs. Armington seconded the motion. All members voting aye, motion carried. Ms. Farran read the third reading of Ordinance Number 9-16-19 by title only. Mr. Leak made a motion to approve the third reading of Ordinance Number 9-16-19. Mrs. Norrick seconded the motion. All members voting aye, motion carried.

## Public Hearing for the 2020 Town of Edgewood Budget

Ms. Farran presented the 2020 Town of Edgewood Budget. Discussion followed. There were no objections from the public. The adoption of the 2020 Budget will be at the next regular council meeting which will be held on October 21, 2019 at the Edgewood Town Hall.

### Fire Department

Chief Vanderbur, Edgewood Fire Department reported on the activity for the month of August. There were 16 runs which 2 were fire runs and 14 medical runs. Chief Vanderbur reported on other various activities of the Fire Department. Discussion followed.

## Police Department Report

Marshal Ellingwood reported that there were 213 incident/case reports in the month of August. There were 40 arrests/citations broken down as follows: Captain Briggs 27; Officer Aukerman September 16, 2019

10; and Officer Taylor 3. The reserve officers, Officer Robertson worked 21 hours, Officer Lehman worked 25 hours and Part-time Officers worked 17 hours. Marshal Ellingwood requested that the part-time police officer's rate of pay increase from \$20.00 to \$22.00 retro from January 1, 2019. Discussion followed. Mrs. Norrick made a motion to grant the increase in the part-time officer's hourly rate from \$20.00 to \$22.00 retro to January 1, 2019. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. All members voting aye, motion carried. Marshal Ellingwood addressed the council regarding the number of defendants attending court the prior week. Discussion followed. Mrs. Norrick stated that she would look into the situation and see what could be done.

#### Water Operator's Report

Mr. Thomas Brewer, Edgewood Water reported on the various activity for the Water and Sewer Department. Discussion followed. Mr. Brewer informed the council and guests that the Water Department had fixed three water leaks recently.

#### **Member Reports**

Mr. Cook thanked the Edgewood Fire Department for the raising \$2,147.81 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Mrs. Armington did not have a report.

Mr. Gunter's report was presented by the Town Marshal.

Ms. Farran did not have a report.

Mr. Leak deferred to Mr. Brewer's report.

Mrs. Norrick did not have a report.

## **Town Attorney Report**

Mr. Austin presented Resolution Number 9-16-19, "A Resolution Designating a Representative to Attend Closing." Ms. Farran read Resolution Number 9-16-19. Mrs. Armington made a motion to approve Resolution 9-16-19. Mrs. Norrick seconded the motion. All members voting aye, motion carried.

## **Town Engineer's Report**

Mr. Servies reported on the Church on Park Road and possible annexation from the City of Anderson to the Town of Edgewood.

## Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Ms. Tanner asked for clarification of the raises for employees. The council agreed that the Police Department would receive 5% increase and the other employees would receive 3% increase. Mrs. Norrick made a motion to approve the raises for 2020. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. All members voting aye, motion carried.

Mrs. Tanner informed the council that the employees would have two health care plans to choose from. One would be a PPO and the second plan would be a High Deductible/Health Savings Account. Discussion followed. The council agreed that those employees choosing the High Deductible Plan would receive 50% of the savings between the two plans for their Health Savings Plan. Mrs. Norrick made a motion to approve the 50% savings for the Health Savings September 16, 2019

Plan and that the amount would be made in two separate payments. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. All members voting aye, motion carried.

#### **Old Business**

There was no old business to come before the council.

#### **New Business**

Mr. Steve Brown, 232 Edgewood Drive asked for a credit on his sewer portion on his water-sewer bill. Mr. Brown stated that he had landscaping done and had watered. Discussion followed. The council asked that Ms. Farran and Ms. Tanner decide on the credit amount.

#### **Comments & Questions**

There were no comments or questions from the guests.

## Approval of the Minutes from the August 19, 2019 Council Meeting

Mr. Leak made a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 19, 2019 Town Council Meeting. Mrs. Norrick seconded the motion. All members voting aye, motion carried.

# Register of Claims

Mr. Leak made a motion to approve the September Register of Claims. Mrs. Norrick seconded the motion. All members voting aye, motion carried.

With no further business, Mr. Gunter made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. All members voting aye, the Council was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Patricia A. Farran, President

Joseph A. Cook, Member

Arthur I Leak Member

ATTEST: Katherine Tanner, Clerk-Treasurer

Julie H. Armington, Member

John W. Gunter, Member