

Meeting of the Town Council of Hometown, Indiana
Monday, February 10, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Hometown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road

A public meeting of the Hometown Town Council was held on Monday, February 10, 2025, at Hometown Town Hall, 15617 Lima Road, Hometown, IN. Present were town council members Michael Aker, Brad Hite; and Brandon Seifert; Town Manager Hannah Walker; Clerk-Treasurer Ryan Schwab; one (1) member of the public and zero (0) members of the media. Council member Tina McDonald and one (1) member of the media attended via Microsoft Teams. Absent was council member Patricia Freck.

Brad Hite called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL ACTION

Michael Aker made a motion to promote employee Martha Sprague from Utility Clerk #1 to Utility Office Manager, effective March 2, 2025. Brandon Seifert seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve the job description and posting of the open Utility Clerk #3 position, noting that the job description needs to include the phrase "other duties as required" under the list of daily tasks. Michael Aker seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$3,350.00 to ES De-Icing for 25-tons of Magic Salt. Michael Aker seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Outside of items listed under Council Action, no other New Business was brought forth.

OLD BUSINESS

The following Old Business was brought forth:

- Ryan Schwab reported that E&B Paving is rescinding its offer to split a \$3,000 donation to the Carroll Oaks Community Association for a new sign as it wishes to remain anonymous and not set a precedent for future projects. The council voted on February 3, 2025, to participate in the cost share and pay the Association \$1,500.00. Schwab said the Indiana State Board of Accounts wants to see a true paper trail for all monies the town receipts in and all monies the town pays out and all approval of payments must be done in a public meeting. Since the parameters of the original agreement have changed, Schwab informed the council that it could rescind its vote and keep its monies if it chose to. Council members opted not to rescind its vote.

REPORTS

Brad Hite had the following report:

- He asked the council members to look over their calendars for the coming weeks to find a time for a public administrative meeting to discuss two topics with Engineering Resources Inc. Brandon Seifert asked why the town can't have a non-public work meeting, suggesting that the Allen County Commissioners and members of the Fort Wayne City Council have work meetings away from the public regularly. Schwab said he will look into what types of meetings are allowable.

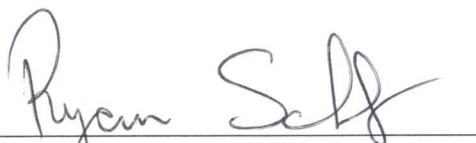
PUBLIC COMMENT

None were brought forth.

Brandon Seifert made a motion to adjourn. Michael Aker seconded. The motion passed with a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Attest: 

Brad Hite
President



Ryan Schwab
Clerk Treasurer