

**TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**

**IN PERSON AT NASHVILLE TOWN HALL  
200 COMMERCIAL STREET  
AND VIDEO CONFERENCE VIA ZOOM**

**ATTENDANCE** - Council members present in person - President Jane Gore, Vice-President Tyra Miller, Councilmember Anna Hofstetter, Councilmember David Rudd, and Councilmember Andi Wilson. Also, in attendance - Police Chief Heather Burris, Town Manager Sandie Jones, Chief Administrative Officer Phyllis Carr, Town Attorney Wanda Jones, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Debbie Ferry and Clerk-Treasurer Brenda Young.

**1. OPENING THE MEETING – By President Gore at 6:31pm.**

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

**B. Roll Call – By C/T Young**

**C. Approval of the Agenda –** Councilmember Hofstetter motioned to approve the agenda. Councilmember Rudd seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA -** Councilmember Hofstetter motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Vice-President Miller seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

**A. Consider Approval of Claims (Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Allowance Docket)**

**B. Consider Approval of DNR Water Project Claims**

**C. Consider Claim – Elan Financial Services – Credit Card Statement – \$2,837.23**

**D. Consider Approval of Meeting Minutes – 8-17-2023 Meeting and 9-06-2023, and 9-07-2023 Budget Work Sessions**

**E. Consider NAEC Funding Requests for Art Colony Weekend Sponsorship, Indiana Heritage Arts Film Sponsorship and Musicians for Christmas Tree Lighting Event**

**3. TREE BOARD REQUEST TO APPLY FOR LANDSCAPE SCALE RESTORATION GRANT**

Amy Spaulding of the Tree Board spoke about their \$10,000 budget and their desire to remove approximately 23 invasive trees in the town right of way. Michelle Cohen of the Lake Monroe Water Fund spoke about an opportunity to apply for a Landscape Scale Restoration Grant with a 1 to 1 grant match. The grant would be for 3 years, and the town would only be one portion of the grant that they are applying for. Councilmember Rudd motioned to move forward with the application. Councilmember Wilson seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

**4. CLERK-TREASURER REPORT**

**A. Fund Balance Report –** C/T Young asked if anyone had any questions regarding the monthly financials, there were none. She asked the Council to sign the internal control sheets acknowledging that they have received and reviewed the monthly financials to date. The Council signed the internal control sheets along with the claims.

**5. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**A. Police Department –** Chief Burris gave the Nashville Police Department August Update 2023.

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- The Narcan Box is out front, and Andi and Carl Wilson helped place that and donated the wood to place it on. There are 3 doses in the box and are refilled as they are taken out of the box.
- Working on an officer schedule model to make the most coverage on the weekends. We currently have an officer working every weekend right now, Officer Heath Young has volunteered to work the next several weekends through the main tourist time while we work on a model for the future.
- A huge thank you again for the National Night Out sponsors and the National Night Out volunteers. Thank you to John Elliot who made all the first responders' pictures and placed them in picture frames.
- Checks for the public safety participants. \$250.00
  - Police, Fire, and Dispatchers.
- The local girl scouts, leader Kelly, reached out and wanted to do something for the officers. The girl scout troop is going to make dog treats for officers to have in their cars for another way to connect with the community.
- The Nashville Police Department wrote a letter of support for the Hope For Hearts Farm in Brown County to help them get a grant to do activities with the public safety in Brown County.
- Chief Heather Burris was placed on the Brown County Ambassador Board for the Brown County Schools and attended a two-day leadership class put on by IUPD in Bloomington. The training was sponsored by the south region FBI office in Bloomington.
- The Nashville Police Department attended the Overdose awareness day at the Village Green.
- Thank you to everyone that donated and signed the poster for Deputy Tim True. We were able to give Deputy Tim True and his family a little bit to help with food and transportation for a few days.
- The Nashville Police Department endorsed a request through Indiana Law Enforcement Academy for Officer Jessica Bolin to take her physical agility test.
- Bob and Cody Hickle came to stay in Brown County for a weekend in August while they attended a show in Bloomington. Officers and Cody were able to catch up and have lunch.
- October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 5 p.m. at the Nashville Police Department for an executive meeting.

Chief Burris asked for approval to issue checks to each of the 6 departments that participated in the National Night Out. Councilmember Wilson made a motion to approve the 6 checks to the departments. Councilmember Rudd seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

**B. Fire Department** – A representative was not present.

**C. Town Administration** – Chief Administrative Officer Carr advised that Katie Starr, the District Manager of Brown County Soil and Water, would like to become a Tree Board Member. Councilmember Hofstetter motioned to approve the appointment of Katie Starr. Councilmember Rudd seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

**D. Town Attorney** – Attorney Jones advised that she has been working on several things including the easement for the new Indiana University Medical building.

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**E. Town Manager** – Town Manager Jones advised that the Redevelopment Commission met last night and gave a favorable recommendation for a Riverfront License renewal for Brozinni's Pizza and an initial application for Cooper's Alley. Councilmember Hofstetter motioned to approve the recommendations and allow President Gore to sign the letters. Vice-President Miller seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

The Town received more USDA Revolving Loan fund money earlier this year and was renewed this year in the amount of \$80,000. We have already loaned out \$20,000 of the \$80,000 received this year. She noted that if anyone knows any businesses in the Village District in town that need a loan the interest rate is at 3%. The application is on the Town's website and available at Town Hall.

Town Manager Jones advised that we have an opening on the Food & Beverage Commission and on the Arts & Entertainment Commission.

She noted that they have started a curb painting project with the community. She invited anyone interested to meet at the Village Green on Monday at 8:00AM.

### 6. OLD BUSINESS

**A. Discussion of USB's Recommendation on Rate Impact Study** – President Gore advised that last month we had a discussion on the Rate Impact Study. Discussion.

Councilmember Hofstetter noted that one of the Utility Service Board members had changed their mind and is not in favor of the recommendation. Councilmember Hofstetter motioned to adopt the recommendation from the Utility Service Board. The motion died for lack of a second. Councilmember Hofstetter wanted it on the record that it doesn't mean the study disappears as it is on record and can be addressed in the future.

### 7. PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were none.

**8. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND ACTION ITEMS** – Councilmember Hofstetter read aloud the motion received from Heather Nicholson of the Nashville Town Election Board as follows – September 19, 2023 – I move that this Nashville, Indiana Election Board strongly recommend that the Nashville, Indiana Town Council take necessary action to combine future Nashville Town election dates and times with the Brown County, Indiana election schedule. This move of authority over future elections would save the Town of Nashville tax dollars and volunteer power and voter confusion. Further, we, the Nashville Election Board, recommend that the Town Council direct their Nashville Town Attorney to research and draft a formal application to the Brown County Clerk or the State of Indiana asking to accept this move of election authority to Brown County and that the proposed application be passed/accepted by the Town Council at or before their December, 2023 meeting and that the application be submitted before the last week of December, 2023. Councilmember Hofstetter recognized their recommendation and then motioned that the Nashville Town Attorney researches and drafts a formal application to the necessary authorities to accept and move of election authority to Brown County per unanimous recommendation of the Nashville Election Board and to determine the procedure needed to change Town Council term cycles to coincide with State and Federal elections or even years which is what we discussed. She moved that the Nashville Town Attorney's findings be presented to the Town Council at the October 19, 2023, meeting. Town Attorney Jones advised that she would like to research this and if it's possible to present at the October meeting she will. C/T Young spoke about the information on the Indiana Election Division website for review and her recommendation to accept the proposal from the Town Election Board. Discussion. It was decided that a motion was not needed to have the Town Attorney

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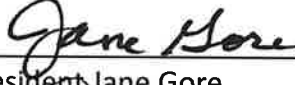
research this recommendation. Councilmember Hofstetter withdrew her motion.

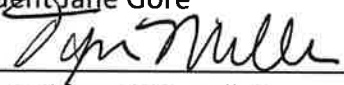
Town Manager Jones noted that the League of Women Voters will be holding the Candidate Forum at the Town Hall Monday night at 6:30pm. The forum will also be available by zoom.

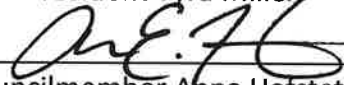
C/T Young advised that on October 3, 2023, at 10:00AM there will be a public test of the election equipment. All are welcome to attend.

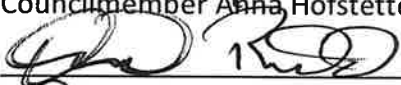
9. **ADJOURN** – Councilmember Rudd motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Hofstetter seconded. All were unanimously in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:11PM.


  
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President Jane Gore

  
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