

**HAMLET TOWN COUNCIL**

Wednesday May 7, 2025

(Reflection April 16, 2025)

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Town of Hamlet Board of Town Council and meet in regular session directly following the Park Meeting in the Hamlet Town Hall meeting rooms, Hamlet, Indiana, with all members present and the following proceeding were held to wit;

**MINUTES**

Shirley made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Brian seconded the motion.

**IN RE: CLAIMS**

Dave read the total to both the regular and the Fire Territory claims. Brian made a motion to approve all claims. Shirley seconded the motion.

**IN RE: DEVELOPING & MARKETING COMMITTEE**

Dave mentioned that he had met with Bernie and Eric regarding the new houses. They will take the park off and will put in a drainage pond. Brian also mentioned that he did not want the park to be part of it. The Board discussed it. Shirley asked if they would be putting a fence around the pond. Dave said yes, they have to.

**IN RE: ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

The Board had a contract to go over from Justin Schramm for the Attorney position. The Board had looked it over and discussed it. He will be at the second meeting in May. Brain made a motion to accept Justin Schramm's contract and for him to be the Town Attorney. Shirley seconded the motion.

The Clerk had the resolution for fees the Board asked for, to read. Dave read resolution # 20250416. Brian made a motion to approve resolution # 20250416. Shirley seconded the motion.

Chris came before the Board to talk about economic development. He is with a group that gets funding and they like to help out communities. He talked about how and why he does this, and talked to the Board about if they would like to talk more. Whether it's a big or little project or even matching funds. Dave informed him the Town is no longer a part of the Starke County Economic Development. Chris mentioned that the Town will never pay him anything. He used to work in a factory here in Town so he has history here. They talked about 30 and how that

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has hindered businesses in Town. He talked about maybe helping 1 or 2 businesses downtown and come back next year and helping more. Dave talked about the fire department and all they have done on their own. Chris mentioned he is a private market and it is a tax write off for him. He mentioned that he would be willing to start in the summer. Frank Lonigro III was present and he talked about the baseball fields. They are wanting to improve the fields. Brian mentioned that the Board would need to do some brainstorming.

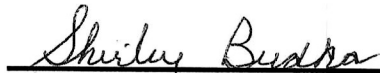
There being no further business to come before the Board, Shirley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brian seconded the motion, all in favor.



Dave Kesvornas, President



Brian Earnest, Member



Shirley Budka, Member

Attested:



Kristina Pitts, Secretary to the Board

**SPECIAL SESSION  
HAMLET TOWN ZONING BOARD  
WEDNESDAY MAY 7, 2024**

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Town of Hamlet Zoning Board and meet in SPECIAL SESSION at 7:00 p.m. in the Hamlet Town Hall, Hamlet, Indiana, with all members present and the following proceedings were held to wit:

**IN RE: Fair Board's Permit**

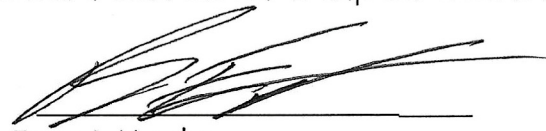
Dave opened the special meeting.

Scott was present representing the Fair Board. He had the paperwork the Board had asked for regarding the use of the trusses. Dave read through what Mr. Wallin had suggested for the trusses. Brian asked about the permit. Scott said it was miscommunication. Frank Lonigro III asked about why the permit was held up. Dave went through the process. Brian talked about why the Board took so long to approve it. Frank asked about a building commissioner. The Town does not have one. The Board informed Scott that after the building is finished and inspected, a copy should be brought to the Clerks office. Brian mentioned the Town hiring Allin Wallin and increasing the permit fees. Frank suggested getting a general cost of inspectors. They talked about writing an ordinance regarding the price of inspections. Scott asked the Board where the permit card should go. He asked if the window in the Fair office would be okay. The Board said yes, that will be fine. Shirley asked if the Town hires an inspector how do they get paid. Brian explained that's what the Board needs to figure out. Frank said the Town needs a building commissioner. Brian mentioned how stuff gets built before a permit comes before the Board. The Board discussed it. Scott told the Board after the building is complete, he will get the inspection form done and to the Clerk's office.

A resident asked if the new homes will be on the Town's water and sewer. The Board informed her yes, they will be. She asked how many houses. The Board said they are talking 18 but the plans have not been approved.

There being no further business to come before the Board Brian moved to adjourn seconded by Shirley, All in favor.

  
Dave Kesvornas, President

  
Brian Earnest, Member

  
Shirley Budka, Member

ATTESTED:   
Kristina Pitts, Clerk-Treasurer  
Secretary to the Board

**HAMLET TOWN COUNCIL**

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

(Minutes from meeting on May 7, 2025)

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Town of Hamlet Board of Town Council and meet in regular session directly following the Zoning Board Meeting in the Hamlet Town Hall meeting room, Hamlet, Indiana, with all members present, and the following proceedings were held.

**IN RE: MINUTES**

Shirley made a motion to approve the minutes from May 7<sup>th</sup>. Brian seconded the motion, all in favor.

**IN RE: CLAIMS**

Dave read the total of all the claims. Brian made a motion to approve the claims, Shirley seconded the motion, all in favor.

**IN RE: MARSHAL MONTHLY REPORT**

Clint turned in his report for April. He brought up the cameras in the car and how they do not work. He had a quote from Knox. They are getting new cameras and offered Hamlet 2 used ones at \$1800 each. Clint said they would also need new body cameras. Knox has not approved selling them to Hamlet yet though. He talked about the cameras and how they work. He mentioned that he is waiting on tires to come in for the newer SUV. He said it took so long to get them because he had been waiting on getting the size he needed to order. The Board talked about tires and other places to look into. Clint explained why he goes to Ben tire. They give the Town the State price. Dave asked Clint if he has had any conversation with the fair board. Clint said he has talked to one member. The board talked about the fair and police coverage. Clint said that if they want coverage, they should be the ones to call. He said all units in the county should take turns covering the County Fair. Dave asked to send them an email. The Clerk does not have any information on the fair board. Dave then brought up a USDA grant. He believes it's a 35% match for police equipment and cars. Clint said he has looked into grants, but they ask for a duns number and he doesn't know where to find that.

**IN RE: STREET SUPERINTENDENT MONTHLY REPORT**

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Kevin turned in his report for April. Kevin was not present. The Clerk had a quote for 20 new flags in the amount of \$378.40. Brian made a motion for the Clerk to go ahead and purchase the flags. Shirley seconded the motion.

**IN RE: DEVELOPING & MARKETING COMMITTEE**

Nothing new to discuss.

**IN RE: ADDITIONAL BUISNESS**

The Clerk had the 2025-2026 insurance quote. Christin was not able to be at the meeting, but she had gotten a quote from HCC due to Astra coming in so high. She recommends the Town going with HCC. The Board talked about it. Brian made a motion for the Town to accept the quote from HCC. Shirley seconded the motion.

The Clerk had received two dumpster prices. The Board discussed them. Brian is going to call Republic and see what they charge.

There being no further business to come before the Board Brian made a motion to adjourn, Shirley seconded the motion, all in favor.

Dave opened up the Public Hearing for the annexation of the corner of 550 E and 550 N.

There were no public comments with this annexation.

Brenie handed out the plans for the new subdivision. He talked about the 2 new streets and the retention pond. He mentioned the alleyway and that's where they would like the water and sewer lines to go. He said they plan on starting numbers 1-9, then do the streets then move on to houses 10-18. They proposed variances but not for all lots but just a couple. The Board discussed there not being a park. Mr. Keen said they are thinking of other ideas for that section. Brian asked about sidewalks. Bernies said they are in

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the plans. Bernie then talked about how they would like a 10ft easement in the front of each property for all other utilities to go in. Brian asked if these houses are about the same size as the previous houses they built in Town. Mr. Keen explained that they are looking at a little smaller 2-bedroom houses also. Mr. Keen then formally asked the Town to annex their property into Town limits. Brian made a motion to accept 550 E. and 550 N into Hamlet, Indiana. Shirley seconded the motion.

Dave brought up the variances. Brian mentioned that his only concern is there will be too many 1-bedroom house that will alter on turn into rentals. Keens mentioned that that is not their plan. They did, however, bring up tiny homes. They are hoping though to let the market decide what they build. Brian made a motion to approve the variances as presented. Shirley seconded the motion. They also had a permit for their last house that will face Railroad St. The Board talked about it. They cannot give an address just yet. Shirley approved their permit for S. Railroad St. Brian seconded the motion.

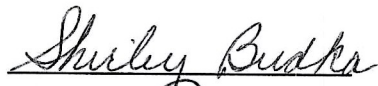
Bernie also had the plats for the Town, Lee, and Kevin to all look over. He is asking for the plat to be approved at the meeting on the 21st of May.

There being no further business to come before the Board Shirley made a motion to adjourn the public hearing, Brian seconded the motion, all in favor.



Dave Kesvornas, President

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Brian Earnest, Member

Shirley Budka, Member

ATTESTED: 

Kristina Pitts, Secretary to the Board

EXECUTIVE MEETING  
HAMLET TOWN BOARD  
Wednesday, May 21, 2025  
(Minutes from meeting on May 7, 2025)

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Town of Hamlet Board of Town Council and met in EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, 2025, in the Hamlet Town Hall meeting room, Hamlet, Indiana, and the following proceedings were held to wit:


Those present were: Dave Kesvornas, Brian Earnest, Shirley Budka, Kristina Pitts-Clerk-Treasurer, and Clint Norem.

Dave Kesvornas called the meeting to order pursuant to I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1

- To discuss personnel matters

I, Kristina Pitts, affirm that no other issues were discussed other than for the meeting and no decisions were made.

Dated this 21st day of May 2025.

ATTESTED:   
Kristina Pitts,  
Secretary to the Board  
Town of Hamlet, Clerk-Treasurer