

**Town of Worthington**  
**January 9, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

The Worthington Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at the Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. Members in attendance were Gerren Cullison, Jason Robertson, Brian Stoner, Kim Archer, and Barry Hoover.

The Meeting was called to order by Gerren Cullison, who led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Kim Archer led in prayer.

Kim Archer made a motion to approve the December 12 and December 27, 2023, Minutes. Barry Hoover seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Barry Hoover made a motion to approve the accounts payable and payroll claims as presented. Jason Robertson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Re: Street Department Report

Street Department Superintendent Tim Edelman told the Council that two lift pumps needed to be ordered for the treatment plant for just under \$25,000.00. Council President Gerren Cullison directed Mr. Edelman to order the lift pumps so they could be installed right away.

Re: Utilities Department Report

Utilities Clerk Renie Powell told the Council that certain property owners' delinquent sewer/storm water bills were forwarded to the Tax Refund Exchange and Compliance System (TRECS) to seek collection through a lien placed on the property owners' State of Indiana income tax refund form. The initial amount sent to TRECS was \$24,874.90.

Re: Police Department Report

Town Marshall Jacob Gambill introduced the Council to three new part-time police officers, Logan Milligan, Marvin Holt, and Kyle Jackson. Barry Hoover made a motion to approve the new officers. Kim Archer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Re: Ordinance 2024-02, re Jake Braking

Brian Stoner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-02, an ordinance to help eliminate or mitigate Unnecessary Vehicle Entertainment Equipment Noises and Unnecessary Semi-Truck Engine Brake Noises as requested by Town Marshall Jacob Gambill. Kim Archer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Terms of this ordinance are incorporated by reference.

Re: Ordinance 2024-01, re 2024 Salary Ordinance

Kim Archer made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-01, Town of Worthington, Indiana Salary Ordinance for Calendar Year 2024, which sets those rates for 2024. Jason Robertson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Terms of this ordinance are incorporated by reference.

Re: Resolution 2024-01, re Transfer of Appropriations

Barry Hoover made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-01, a Transfer of Appropriations Resolution to make certain negative appropriation lines whole again. Kim Archer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Terms of this resolution are incorporated by reference.

Re: Resolution 2024-02, re Authorize Presidential Signature

Kim Archer made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-02, To Authorize the Worthington Town Council President to Sign INDOT Local Public Agency Contracts and Local Roads and Bridges Matching Grant Agreements, specifically by Docusign, which is the method mandated by INDOT. Barry Hoover seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Terms of this resolution are incorporated by reference.

Discussion Items

Re: Property Clean-up

The Council discussed the need to reach out to owners of certain blighted property that needed cleaned up for both the property owner's well-being and safety as well as their neighbors.

Re: Street Department Building

Jason Robertson explained to the other Council Members that there appear to be problems with the existing street department building, including possible structural instability, electrical issues, and termite damage that may need to be addressed. One Council Member mentioned that a local contractor such as Jason Byers or Kevin Provo should be contacted to get a report on the extent of the damages and a price quote on the repairs needed.

Re: New Truck for Street Department

The Council also discussed the need to check on prices of a newer truck for the street department since only one is truly reliable. A few members are going to work on this and report back to the full Council.

## Citizen Concerns

There were several citizen concerns brought before the Council, such as, issues with tree roots pushing up sidewalks, concerns over traffic on Smith Ferry Road, and storm sewer drainage problems. The Council told the local citizens that they would have Street Department Superintendent Tim Edelman look into the storm sewer issue to see what could be done. The tree root issue would have to be paid for by the citizen with the problem and making Smith Ferry Road a one-way was not feasible at this time.

### Re: Tri-Kappa Week, February 18-24, 2024

Council President Gerren Cullison proclaimed February 18 to 24, 2024 to be Tri-Kappa Week as requested by Kim Archer. Mr. Cullison thanked Ms. Archer and all the Tri-Kappa members for all the help and support they give to the Town of Worthington.

### Re: Attorney Darla Brown Contract

Barry Hoover made a motion to have Council President Gerren Cullison sign on the Council's behalf for Attorney Darla Brown's services for the year 2024. Kim Archer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.


### Re: Police Officers' Oath

Council President Gerren Cullison gave the Police Officer's oath to the three new part-time police officers, Logan Milligan, Marvin Holt, and Kyle Jackson.

As there was no more business to come before the Worthington Town Council, Kim Archer made a motion to adjourn. Barry Hoover seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.



Gerren Cullison, President



Matthew W. Baker, Clerk-Treasurer

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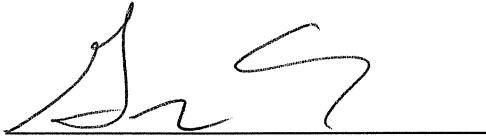
The Worthington Town Council met in special session on Thursday, January 18, 2024, at the Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. Members in attendance were Gerren Cullison, Jason Robertson, and Brian Stoner. Kim Archer and Barry Hoover were absent.

The Meeting was called to order by Gerren Cullison.

Re: Town Marshall – Resolution 2024-03, re Approval of Purchase of Emergency Vehicle

Brian Stoner made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-03, To Approve a Purchase for a 2016 Dodge Charger from the Clay City Police Department and Loan Agreement with First Financial Bank of Worthington to Finance the Purchase as requested by Town Marshall Jacob Gambill. The purchase price for the vehicle was \$13,500.00. Jason Robertson seconded the motion. Motion passed. Terms of this resolution are incorporated by reference.

As there was no more business to come before the Worthington Town Council, Brian Stoner made a motion to adjourn. Jason Robertson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.



Gerren Cullison, President



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