

**Town of Paoli**  
*Minutes of the Regular Session*  
*Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

The Paoli Town Council met in Regular Session at 6:00 o'clock P.M. on the above date. President Bobbie Bostock led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Donna Dillard, Arla Jean Frazier, Mylea Pluris, Theron Owen and Bobbie Bostock. Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Beth Jones and Town Attorney Hunt Reynolds.

Motion to approve the April 16th, 2024 Regular Session minutes was made by Mylea Pluris and seconded by Theron Owen. In a 5-0 vote, motion passed.

Under Old Business, Eric Parsley with Commonwealth Engineers, presented a request from Rural Development for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Project. There are still two ongoing items, Post Construction Monitoring with IDEM and GIS System Assistance, and Rural Development is asking to amend the payment process from an hourly rate to a lump sum payment, with no changes in the dollar amounts. This will allow them to close out their books. Motion was made to accept this amendment to the payment process by Mylea Pluris and seconded by Theron Owen. In a 5-0 vote, motion passed.

Under New Business, Dylan Coleman was not able to make it to the meeting to discuss the Adult Softball League. He did send information to Council President Bobbie Bostock who shared the information concerning costs and fees with the council. Motion was made by Theron Owen to table this until Mr. Coleman can come to a meeting to clarify the information. Motion was seconded by Arla Frazier. In 5-0 vote, motion passed.

Under other New Business, Shannon Cangey with Possibilities in Paoli, made a request to have an Art's Festival on the square on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Motion was made to accept the request for the art festival by Mylea Pluris and seconded by Donna Dillard. In a 5-0 vote, motion passed.

At 6:10 pm, Attorney Hunt Reynolds opened up the public hearing concerning the Statement of Benefits for Personal Property filed by Anopro, LLC for Tax Abatement with the Town of Paoli, Indiana for personal property tax deductions pursuant to Indiana Code 6-1.1-12.1 for the purposes of improving real estate. Public Notice was provided in the Progress Examiner. Location of the property is 1646 W. Willowcreek Road, Paoli, In 47454. The name of the business is Anopro, LLC, Matthew Knight. A total project amount of \$697,320.00. Attorney Reynolds asked if there were any questions. There being no questions, the public hearing was closed at 6:11 pm.

Attorney Reynolds then presented Resolution No. 2024-07 A Resolution Granting Tax Abatement For Personal Property For Anopro LLC. for a period of 10 years. Discussion followed among the council about the ten year period. Attorney Reynolds explained that the 10 year period is what the town has done in the past and each year the business has to be in compliance and it has to be approved by the council. A Motion was made to accept the Tax Abatement for Anopro LLC for the 10 year period by Donna Dillard and seconded by Theron Owen. In a 5-0 vote, motion passed.

Attorney Reynolds then presented Ordinance 2024-6 that repeals Resolution 1994-04 and Ordinance 2012-02 in regard to the Town's Bereavement Policy. Resolution 1994-04 and Ordinance No. 2012-02 are in conflict with the Employee Handbook. The Employee Handbook is the up to date version so to resolve this, the council will need to repeal the old resolution and ordinance. Discussion followed concerning possibly updating this policy. A motion was made to table this by Theron Owen and seconded by Donna Dillard. In a 5-0 vote, motion passed. Attorney Reynolds advised the council to go through the handbook and if changes need to be made, do them all at the same time due to the costs of codifying.

Next Attorney Reynolds presented was information concerning the Planning Commission which held a public hearing on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 5:05 pm in regard to the Eleventh Amendment to the Town of Paoli's Unified Development Ordinance. This amendment is for Chapter 2.G. Mixed-Use Residential, which would remove tobacco stores as a permitted use. This will be brought before the council at the next meeting.

The last item from Attorney Reynolds was an update from American Legal Publishing with quotes for updating the book inserts from 2022 and 2023 in the range amount of \$1,700 to \$2,400. On line updates in the range amount of \$120 to \$180. A motion was made to approve the quotes by Mylea Pluris and seconded by Arla Frazier. In a 5-0 vote, motion passed.

Ordinance Officer, Benji Farris presented his report. He issued building permit for 514 W. Water Street and one for 211 S. Elm Street. He issued Ordinance Citation for 313 NE 1<sup>st</sup> Street for a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> offense of dog running at large. Also issued an Ordinance Citation 1<sup>st</sup> offense for a dog running at large at 972 S. Paoli Unionville Rd. Council President, Bobbie Bostock asked how much they are cited for ordinance violation. The 1<sup>st</sup> offense is \$50, the 2<sup>nd</sup> offense is \$100, the 3<sup>rd</sup> offense is \$150 and then the 4<sup>th</sup> offense can be up to \$2500. He also presented the new Unsafe Premises sign.

Police Chief, Randy Sanders, made a recommendation to hire Joseph Hoffman for the open position of Patrol Officer. Motion to hire Joseph Hoffman was made by Theron Owen and seconded by Donna Dillard. In a 5-0 vote, motion passed. Mr. Hoffman then introduced himself to the council. Police Chief Sanders also thanked the Orange County Convention & Visitors Bureau for awarding the Town of Paoli \$1,200 for the Paoli Fireworks Show and \$300 for the Halloween Jaycee Event. He also shared that they had received 2 new in-car Radar Units which were part of the OPO Grant. The state will be reimbursing the town 80% of the costs.

General Utility Foreman, Scott Rutherford shared that there would be a teams meeting tomorrow morning, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm with INDOT concerning the culvert on 150.

Next, Mr. Rutherford stated that we needed to purchase dumpsters. We are down to 3 of the 2 cubic and 1 used of the 3 cubic. He has a quote from Muller Welding Co. for 6 of the 2 cubic at \$927 each for a total of \$5562 and 6 of the 3 cubic at \$1,065 each for a total of \$12,552. President Bostock suggested we purchase 3 each of the 2 cubic and 3 cubic at this time. A motion was made to accept the purchase of 3 each by Mylea Pluris and seconded by Donna Dillard. In a 5-0 vote, motion passed.

Next Mr. Rutherford, presented an invoice in the amount of \$4,280 with Blue River Technologies for Polymer and Sludge bags for the sewer dept. Since this amount was over the limit, council needs to approve. Motion was made to approve and pay the invoice by Mylea Pluris and seconded by Arla Frazier. In a 5-0 vote, motion passed.

Next Mr. Rutherford shared that he would be sending Taylor Baker and Remington Allen to IMPA Training tomorrow, May 9 2024. Also, on May 16<sup>th</sup> REMC has invited our Electric Crew to a Safety Training/ Luncheon at their facility. A motion was made to send the Electric Crew to the safety training by Arla Frazier and seconded by Donna Dillard. In a 5-0 vote, motion passed.

Mr. Rutherford shared information on the Hospital meter. Also, a brief discussion was held with Matthew from Anopro LLC concerning water usage.

Next Mr. Rutherford asked for approval to purchase the 2- 2014 Ford Explorers from the Police Dept. at \$1500 each. One will be used by the meter reader and the other will be used as a back up vehicles for Buildings and Grounds. Motion to approve purchase of the vehicles was made by Donna Dillard and seconded by Arla Frazier. In a 5-0 vote, motion passed.

Council President, Bobbie Bostock asked Mr. Rutherford for an update on the animal guards at the substation and he provided information concerning this project. Bostock also asked how we were on transformers and Mr. Rutherford provided information.

Council proceeded to ask questions concerning the transformers. Council President Bobbie Bostock then asked how we were on personnel. Mr. Rutherford stated that we needed a part-time person in Buildings and Grounds, and that individual would be a back up for the trash truck. Mr. Rutherford stated he had interviewed an individual last Friday that would be a strong candidate. Council President Bostock also asked Mr. Rutherford if he was going to discuss our current part-time person, Johnny Fancher who currently drives the trash truck. Mr. Rutherford stated he thought his part-time pay should be raised since he is driving the trash truck. Mr. Rutherford suggested his pay be raised from \$12.00 an hour to \$18.00 an hour with a job code of Part-time Trash Truck Driver with CDL. Discussion was held concerning this. Motion was made by Bobbie Bostock to increase the pay to \$16.00 per hour effective May 6, 2024.. Motion was seconded by Donna Dillard. In a 5-0 vote, motion passed.

Clerk Treasurer Beth Jones presented a quote for the Mosquito Spraying from Ron Taylor in the amount of \$39.00 per mile. Motion to approve was made by Mylea Pluris and seconded by Arla Frazier. In a 5-0 vote, motion passed.

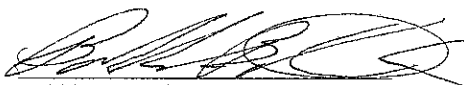
Next, Clerk Treasurer Jones read a letter from Chelsey Thomas with Possibilities in Paoli, requesting the council designate a date within the next two months to do a lunch and tour day in Jasper, Indiana to see how their Main Street Program is going.

Next Clerk Treasurer Jones presented the billing adjustments for the month of April as follows: electric penalty 400.39, EAP 5,148.88, water 141.05, water tax 12.89, water penalty 146.72, sewer 895.00, sewer penalty 309.61. Motion to approve the adjustments was made by Mylea Pluris and seconded by Arla Frazier. In a 5-0 vote, motion passed.

Clerk Treasurer Jones then presented the claims from April 18, 2024 through May 8, 2024 in the amount of \$1,080,498.20. Motion to approve claims was made by Mylea Pluris and seconded by Arla Frazier. In a 5-0 vote, motion passed.

Council President, Bobbie Bostock presented a letter from Chris Terrell requesting the support of the town for a READI 2.0 grant that he is trying to get for the revitalization of the Mineral Springs. This letter will be presented to the Orange County Community Foundation. Motion was made to have President Bostock sign the letter in support by Theron Owen and seconded by Arla Frazier. In a 4-0 vote with Donna Dillard abstaining, motion passed.

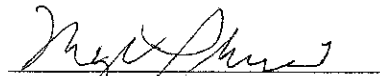
There being no further business, Motion was made by Mylea Pluris to adjourn and seconded by Donna Dillard. In a 5-0 vote, motion passed and meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm..



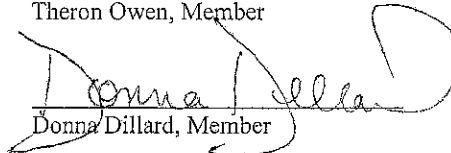
Bobbie Bostock, President



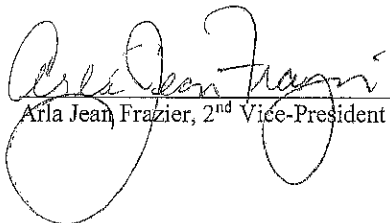
Theron Owen, Member



Mylea Pluris, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President



Donna Dillard, Member



Arla Jean Frazier, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President

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ATTEST:

Beth A. Jones