

**INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
August 17, 2021**

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, August 17, 2021. Mayor Brenda Bell-Guercio called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. All councilmembers were present.

The minutes of August 3, 2021 were reviewed. Councilmember Elliott made a motion to accept minutes as presented. Councilmember Harley seconded and the vote was unanimous. The minutes of June 15, 2021 were reviewed. Approval was tabled due to a needed correction.

Wayne Jones, Planning and Zoning Chairman, addressed that the city engineer has requested feedback from the Council with regard to the application and site plan for the convenience store and gas pump canopy on highway 119. The issue being that when the fuel tanks were removed without any notice or permits, the grandfathered sign, gas pumps and canopy were also removed. The canopy and Pumps were previously located within the required setbacks and they are proposing to install, without setbacks, a larger canopy with more pumps than previously located on the property. Jones proposed that the Town work with the property owner and the tenant in order to have for an architecturally aesthetic canopy design that will make the area look nicer.

Elliott reported that he and Councilmember McClurkin attended the Alabama League of Municipalities luncheon. Congressman Gary Palmer was the guest speaker and he updated the attendees on federal government activities.

Harley presented the July 2021 Financials and after a brief discussion, he made a motion to accept the financials as presented. Elliott seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Whatley asked that the Council approve the NSFD request to purchase a new transport unit. Harley made a motion to make a monetary contribution of \$196,773.75 from the funds the Town received from the American Rescue Plan Act for Covid-19 response and prevention, for the purchase of a new transport vehicle, as long as all bid requirements were met. Elliott seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Bell-Guercio introduced Ordinance No. 2021-007 which adopts a Comprehensive Flood Damage and Control Ordinance to allow the Town to apply for and participate in the National Flood Insurance program. This was the first reading, a vote will be held at the next Council Meeting, September 7, 2021.

Bell-Guercio also introduced a Proclamation designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week, which marks the 234<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention.

The clerk's contract is due to expire and the mayor asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a contract. Robins made a motion to go into Executive session and Harley seconded. The vote was unanimous. Prior to calling the executive session to order, the mayor stated that the Council would reconvene after the executive session and expected the session to last 15 minutes. The Council convened into executive session at 7:40 pm and reconvened in open session at 7:45 pm. Harley made a motion to renew the Clerk's contract for another year and to continue the assistant clerk's employment, both with an increase in remuneration. Elliott seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Bell-Guercio adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Downs, Town Clerk