

The Oldenburg Town Council met Monday, February 3, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. After being called to order by President Dennis Moeller, the minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Councilman Struewing made a motion to accept the minutes, Councilman Wahman seconded.

Jason Walke with Oldenburg Academy discussed the fundraising project "Beautifying the 'Burg" to resurface the pickleball court and add a firepit. The goal is to raise \$25,000 within 45 days beginning February 12th to be matched by the state. A grant was applied for through the Franklin county Community Foundation for \$10,000.00 but additional funding will still be needed. The group intends to open a website for the fundraising.

Town member Jeff Paul discussed his research regarding the iron pedestrian bridge (information attached). It was originally built between 1893-1908 and he would like to have the bridge added to the national register while working on the Walking Trail project. He and team members are looking at ways to maintain the historic integrity, while meeting the needs of increased footpath traffic.

Town member Kevin Doyle provided a Public Release of Water Street Survey/Petition (attached) regarding signatures obtained in support of the Water Street project. Discussion was had regarding houses that signatures were obtained, versus not obtained and perceived transparency. President Moeller discussed hosting a meeting with the engineering firm to discuss the Water Street Project in full. The date/time will be announced publicly.

Town member Seth Shields addressed the council regarding the sale of Theresa/Olivia Hall (letter attached). Discussion was had regarding the progress of the sale with four members of the Leadership Team from the Sister's of St. Francis. Shields requests include an impact study, questions regarding tax payments from renters, conversion to section 8, questions regarding zoning variances, bi-monthly updates, and the resignation of Councilman Wahman & Councilman Struewing. Seth Shields submitted his name as a candidate to serve on town council.

The 2025 Salary Ordinance was reviewed and approved. Councilman Struewing made a motion to accept and Councilman Wahman seconded, all in favor.

Old Business: Walking trail funding, still in progress. QR code project, still in works (lower priority). Ordinances have been posted on website. Town insurance, three companies no quoted so we will assume the higher cost with our current insurance provider. No update on Duke audit. The right of way on Hamburg road for the Municipal building retaining wall will not infringe on Kaisers property.

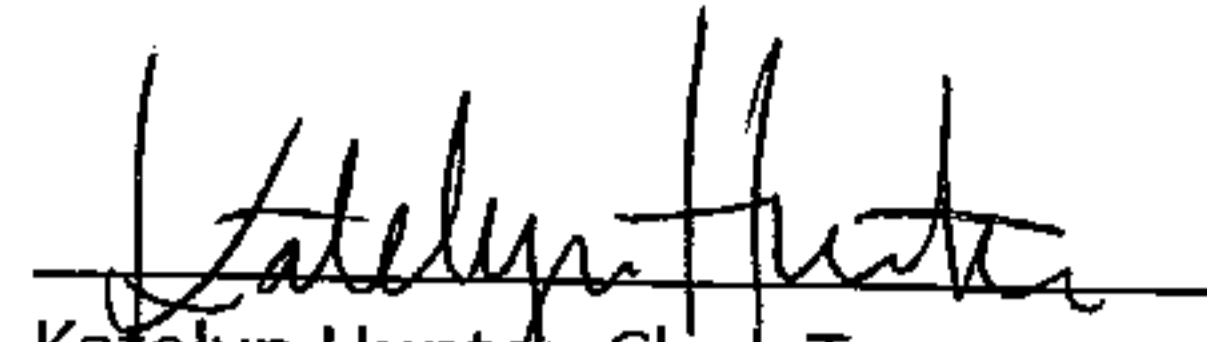
Rdoor meeting with the Sister's will be February 18th @ 7:00 PM.

Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission has an open seat. Community member Matt Eldridge volunteered. G Struewing made a Motion to accept, D Wahman seconded.

Town member Carrie Roessner requested a digital speedometer on State Road 229 by her house.

Councilman Struewing made a motion to adjourn, Councilman Wahman seconded.


Dennis Moeller, Council President


Katelyn Hunter, Clerk Treasurer