

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

June 24, 2019

7:00 p.m.

### I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President N. Cobbs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### II. ROLL CALL

Roll was called by Clerk-Treasurer S. Kuziela: present were Council Member J. Ton, Council Member L. Kittredge, Council Member D. Lafata, Council Member N. Cobbs, and Council Member E. DeLaney.

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member D. Lafata made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2019 Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

### IV. CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Council Member D. Lafata made the motion to approve the claims as presented, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

### V. PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Nick Scalise 1957 Texas St. - Mr. Scalise presented information regarding the platting of his lot and that right-of-way is included on his property. Engineer M. O'Dell requested authorization to work with Mr. Scalise and the Town Attorney regarding this situation. Town Attorney J. Paulson suggested that Mr. Scalise could contact the Assessor's office requesting a reduction of his assessment because of this platting issue. Mr. Scalise expressed a concern about potential liability of this right-of-way being on his property. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to authorize Engineer M. O'Dell to work with Mr. Scalise and the Town Attorney to resolve this issue, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Louie Spear of LaPorte and a member of the 359<sup>th</sup> Transport Company serving in Vietnam from 1967 to 1971 advised that his group would like to have a Memorial celebration in 2020 during the Memorial Day weekend which would honor Thomas J. Manning, a 1964 graduate of Chesterton High School, and the first member of the 359<sup>th</sup> to die in Vietnam. Mr. Spear advised a 5,000 gallon tanker, similar to the one the 359<sup>th</sup> moved, along with 2 gun trucks, including "Brutus", would be in a procession from Chesterton to Thomas Manning's gravesite at Graceland Cemetery in Valparaiso. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve the concept and authorize the Town Manager and Police Chief to work with Mr. Spear's organization to prepare this Memorial celebration, motion seconded by Council Member E. DeLaney. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

VI. REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. POLICE - Chief Cincoski advised he would have a Press Release for Chesterton Tribune the next day reminding residents of the Town's Ordinance regarding fireworks . He also advised preparations for the July 1<sup>st</sup> Fireworks display are progressing and reminded those attending to arrive early. There would be no busing to the State Park, and no parking would be permitted along SR 49. He thanked the Porter County EMA for the use of their Command Center and the installation of an antenna to address dead zones in communication.

B. FIRE - No Report

C. CLERK-TREASURER – S. Kuziela requested approval of the contract for support services with RICOH document services in the amount of \$8,937.72. Council Member E. DeLaney made the motion to approve the contract, motion seconded by Council Member J. Ton, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. She also reported the Town has received the first half of the 2019 taxes. Clerk-Treasurer Kuziela reported on this year's circuit breaker and the minimal impact on the Town's budget.

D. STREETS, SANITATION & CENTRAL SERVICES- Commissioner J. Schnadenberg reported this year's six Community Crossing Grant projects are nearly completed except for striping in various places. Schnadenberg also advised that he, Engineer M. O'Dell and J. Gadzala would be working on the next round of Community Crossing Grants beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. He also reported that beginning July 15<sup>th</sup> TIF and Bond paving projects would begin and dependent on the weather would continue until August. Following the paving projects, they would work on the sidewalk projects list.

E. ENGINEERING – Engineer M. O'Dell provided an update on the Springdale subdivision project on 1050 N adjacent to Abercrombie Subdivision.

F. BUILDING - M. O'Dell reported they have been working with developers and inquiries related to potential building projects in Coffee Creek Center.

G. PARK - Superintendent B. Mathias provided an update on the splash pad work and explained the work was progressing.

H. ATTORNEY - Attorney J. Paulson suggested the Council authorize a different appraiser for the East Porter Ave and Calumet property since one of the appraisers contacted was unresponsive. She reported that one of the original appraisers provided the appraisal but a 2<sup>nd</sup> is needed. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve obtaining the recommended appraiser, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

I. UTILITIES - No Report

J. TOWN MANAGER- No Report

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS, BID OPENINGS AND REMONSTRANCES

NONE

VIII. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

NONE

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

X. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

Quiet Zone – Council Member J. Ton reported it was moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Council Member E. DeLaney:	No Comment
Council Member L. Kittredge:	No Comment
Council Member J. Ton:	Council Member J. Ton wished everyone a safe and happy 4 <sup>th</sup> of July.
Council Member D. Lafata:	No Comment
Council Member N. Cobbs:	No Comment

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member J. Ton made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member E. DeLaney, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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Clerk-Treasurer S. Kuziela