

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

March 9, 2020

7:00 p.m.

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

President S. Darnell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### II. ROLL CALL

Roll was called by Deputy Clerk-Treasurer K. Hrapek; present were Council Member J. Ton, Council Member L. Kittredge, Council Member R. Allison, Council Member S. Darnell, and Council Member J. Fisher.

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2020 meeting, the minutes of the February 27, 2020 Executive Session, and the minutes of the February 27, 2020 Special Meeting; motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

### IV. CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

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

### V. PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

American Legion—Poppy Days—Cheryl Bonin of 111 S. 10<sup>th</sup>. St. asked the council for permission to collect donations on May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> from local businesses and or at intersections down town. Police Chief David Cincoski said he did not have any issues with donations being collected at the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> St. and Broadway. Council also approved donations being collected along the sidewalks off Calumet, as long as they weren't being collected in the roadway.

Rudy Jimenez of the Chesterton Firefighters Local 4600 invited the Town Council, Clerk Treasurer's Office, Legal, Town Department Heads, & Chesterton Tribune to Fire Ops 101 Class on May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Mack Emergency Services Center. Council Member J. Ton commented that this was a great opportunity and encouraged those who can to participate.

### VI. REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. POLICE - 2020 Fleet Order Request & Salary Ordinance Request—Police Chief David Cincoski provided documentation for a request for \$110,000 in CCD funds for the purchase of three vehicles for the 2020 year and approximately \$50,000 towards the purchase of and install of equipment. Council Member R. Allison made the motion to approve the purchase of the vehicles and equipment, motion seconded by Council Member J. Ton, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Chief Cincoski also requested a consideration to work with legal to amend the salary ordinance to create an additional position within the police department. This would be a temporary line item in the salary ordinance of \$52.50 per hour (no town \$ used) to compensate Dave Lohse for the purpose of coordinating the Porter County Operation Pull-Over & Aggressive Driving Task Forces. Council Member R. Allison made the motion to amend the salary ordinance pending legal review, motion seconded by Council Member S. Darnell, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

B. FIRE - Fire Chief John Jarka told about the engine ceremony at the fire Station on March 14 and mentioned that it is open to the public.

C. CLERK-TREASURER - NO REPORT

D. STREETS, SANITATION & CENTRAL SERVICES - Street Commissioner J. Schnadenberg discussed the bid recommendation for the Indiana sidewalk project. It was recommended that they go with the lowest quote, which was from Walsh & Kelly for \$113,000. Council Member R. Allison made the motion to approve the decision to use Walsh & Kelly for the Indiana sidewalk project, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Commissioner Schnadenberg also discussed a CEDIT request for consideration of replacement of battery back-up equipment for traffic signals around town. The total cost from the estimate provided was \$6,336, including maintenance costs. Council Member R. Allison made the motion to approve the CEDIT traffic signal battery back-up request, motion seconded by Council Member J. Fisher, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Lastly, Schnadenberg discussed a banner request from the Duneland Exchange Club. The Duneland Exchange Club wishes to display a banner from April 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to request that Duneland Exchange Club select a two week period that they wish their banner to be displayed, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

E. ENGINEERING - Town Engineer Mark O’Dell said calls have been received regarding locate markings in South Park Acres—this is due to upcoming water main replacement. Engineer O’Dell, Fire Chief Jarka, and Street Commissioner Schnadenberg had a meeting with H&G regarding this project and are waiting on a state permit. Equipment is being delivered for the project as well. Engineer O’Dell also explained he is working with a consultant for CSX regarding widening the 15<sup>th</sup> St. intersection as well work on gates—a separate project to help facilitate the quiet zone.

F. BUILDING- Town Engineer Mark O’Dell explained that a walk through has been completed at Urschel’s expansion on their northwest addition. Occupancy was granted. Engineer O’Dell also discussed a meeting with the Main

Street Tap House and renovations that would be going on there. Lastly, Engineer O’Dell said the waiver of fees was approved for the Duneland School Corporation’s upcoming permits.

G. PARK-

NO REPORT.

H. ATTORNEY -

Town Attorney Paulson discussed the annual statement of compliance with benefits from Addison Pointe for their tax abatement. According to the attorney’s review, Addison Pointe is in substantial compliance. Attorney Paulson also stated this will be the last statement of compliance because this is the last year of their tax abatement. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to find the property owner to be in substantial compliance, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Town Attorney Paulson also discussed the annual re-establishment of the cumulative capital development fund, which is done every year to prevent the levy being reduced. Attorney Paulson asked to set a resolution for the cumulative capital development fund (2020-02) for public hearing at the March 23<sup>rd</sup> Town Council meeting. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve setting resolution 2020-02 for public hearing at the March 23<sup>rd</sup> Town Council meeting, motion seconded by Council Member J. Fisher, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Town Attorney Paulson discussed

I. UTILITIES -

Superintendent Dave Ryan reported

that everything was flowing well.

J. TOWN MANAGER-

NO REPORT

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS, BID OPENINGS AND REMONSTRANCES

**Bid Opening- Sale of Fire Dept. Utility Truck-** Town Attorney Paulson, Fire Chief Jarka, and Deputy Clerk Treasurer K. Hrapek reported that they have not received any bids for the truck.

VIII. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

NONE

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

X. OLD BUSINESS

Quiet Zone- NO REPORT.

XI. NEW BUSINESS AND/OR UPDATES

NONE

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Council Member S. Darnell:	No Comment
Council Member J. Fisher:	No Comment
Council Member L. Kittredge:	No Comment
Council Member R. Allison:	Council Member R. Allison thanked the senior members of the council, Town Department Heads, & Legal for welcoming him to the Town Council. Allison also commented that there are a lot of bicycles and skateboards out and to be vigilant of this.
Council Member J. Ton:	No Comment

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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DEPUTY CLERK TREASURER K. HRAPEK