

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
August 24 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 Clerk-Treasurer C. Udvare; present were Council Member J. Ton, Council Member D. Lafata, Council Member S. Darnell, and Council Member J. Fisher. Council Member L. Kittredge was absent.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2020 meeting; motion seconded by Council Member J. Fisher, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

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

V. PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

NONE

VI. REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. Police—NO REPORT

B. Fire – NO REPORT

C. Clerk Treasurer—Early Voting- Clerk Treasurer C. Udvare said that early voting will take place at Town Hall from October 6 through November 2. Voting days and hours will be Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:30 AM-3:30 PM and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 AM-8:30 PM. Saturday hours will be held on Saturday October 24 and Saturday October 31 from 8:30 AM- 3:30 PM.

D. Streets, Sanitation, & Central Service—Street Commissioner J. Schnadenberg informed the Council that the following roads in Easton Park subdivision have been constructed to Town

specifications and are open to the public: Easton Park Drive, Redwood Lane, Sequoia Court, Sequoia Lane, Spruce Lane, Timberwood Lane, and Tanglewood Lane. Commissioner Schnadenberg said this road approval process from the Council will allow the roads to be added to the road inventory down state. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve the above mentioned roads, motion seconded by Council Member J. Fisher, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

E. Engineering—NO REPORT

F. Building-NO REPORT

G. Park- NO REPORT

H. Attorney—NO REPORT

I. Utilities—NO REPORT

J. Town Manager—NO REPORT

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS, BID OPENINGS, & REMONSTRANCES

NONE

VIII. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

NONE

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

X. OLD BUSINESS

Petition for Waiver of Standards (Sidewalk)- Steiner Homes-1840 S. 11th. Street- John Kremke from Steiner Homes of 314 Springview Dr in Porter, spoke on behalf of property owner John Deal, a client of Steiner Homes. Council President S. Darnell said that the standards have not been met for occupancy and that a precedent will not be set because of inconvenience of constructing the sidewalks. Council Member J. Ton said that standards need to be maintained; sidewalks are required but we will make accommodations if possible. However, they waited far too long to bring the issue to Town Council and that is not at the fault of the Council. Council Member D. Lafata mentioned that the Town's boundary could change in the future and that businesses in close proximity (Growing Kids childcare & Dental Offices) had to put in sidewalks. Council Member J. Fisher agreed with the above noted comments. Town Engineer Mark O'Dell said he was not sure about the wetland impact and that a survey would be needed. The first 300 ft. of the sidewalk will not be an issue. The sidewalk could be brought closer to help with this impact. Town Attorney Lukmann did not recommend a temporary occupancy.

Town Attorney Lukmann said that the Council could make a motion to authorize the Building Commissioner to issue an occupancy permit based on four criteria: 1) The first 300 ft. of sidewalk are constructed. 2) Proof would be provided to the Building Commissioner that all required permits for wetland mitigation have been filed. 3) A letter of credit (drafted by Attorney Lukmann) for 20% of the engineer's estimate to complete the sidewalk. 4) 40ft right of way dedication to the Town. Council Member J. Fisher made the motion to deny the petition for waiver of sidewalk standards, motion seconded by Council Member D. Lafata, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member D. Lafata made the motion to authorize the Building Commissioner to issue occupancy after the above four mentioned conditions are met, motion seconded by Council Member J. Fisher, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Quiet Zone- Town Manager Bernie Doyle said that CTC is finalizing the spreadsheet needed for diagnostics and will send this out for review by the Federal Railroad Administration.

XI. NEW BUSINESS AND/OR UPDATES

Council Member J. Ton inquired about Liberty West Trail design phases. Town Engineer Mark O'Dell said he is working on the preliminary design and that no route specifics are available yet. This will take six more months or so due to wetlands, right of ways, etc.

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

- Council Member S. Darnell: No Comment
- Council Member J. Fisher: No Comment
- Council Member L. Kittredge: Absent
- Council Member J. Ton: Council Member J. Ton said he is happy to see Dan Bortner has been appointed as the new director of the Indiana DNR. Also, he advised to watch out for school buses.
- Council Member D. Lafata: No Comment

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member J. Fisher made the motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Council Member D. Lafata; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

ATTEST:

Cathy Udvar
CLERK TREASURER C. UDVARE

[Signature]
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

