

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

October 13, 2014

7:00 p.m.

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

Council President S. Darnell 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 J. Trout, Council Member N. Walding, Council Member S. Darnell, and Council Member E. Delaney.

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member E. Delaney made the motion approve the minutes of the September 22, 2014 Council Meeting, motion seconded by Council Member N. Walding, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

### IV. CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve claims as submitted, motion seconded by Council Member N. Walding, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

### V. PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Wolverine Pipe Line- will reschedule.

Brent Reynolds 909 S. 20<sup>th</sup> St. – Requested vacation of a portion of unimproved 20<sup>th</sup> St. and Portage Ave. but is going to amend the petition for only Portage Ave since the neighbor along 20<sup>th</sup> St. is not interested in vacation. Town Attorney suggested that this be set for Public Hearing two meetings from this date to allow time to amend petition and department heads to review. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to set this for Public Hearing two meetings from this date, motion seconded by Council Member E. Delaney, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

### VI. REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. POLICE - Chief Cincoski reported that at the Police Commission meeting Halloween was set for Friday October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5p.m to 7 p.m. He also announced that the department received \$1,905.11 from the Bulletproof Vest Grant program through the Dept. of Justice.

B. FIRE - Chief Jarka reported provided an update on the status of the tornado sirens and Engine 520. He also reported the Fire Department Open House was a success.

- C. TOWN HALL - Clerk-Treasurer S. Kuziela reported that there are approximately 100 Businesses who have not returned their business registrations and they would call with reminders, prior to sending out violation notifications.
- D. STREETS, SANITATION & CENTRAL SERVICES- Street Superintendent J. Schnadenberg reported that the 2014 leaf program would begin October 27<sup>th</sup> and last approximately 5 weeks weather permitting. He also reported that the parking lot across the street is completed.
- E. ENGINEERING - Engineer M. O'Dell provided an update and report on various projects including changes to the Olson Farm L.L.C. subdivision, and a change from Sand Creek Farms to Easton Park. He advised that phase I would begin in the spring. He also reported on the progress along Gateway Blvd., and the paving being done in that area.
- F. BUILDING - Engineer M. O'Dell reported on the progress of A.J. Pizza and Culver Restaurant in the area of the Gateway Blvd roadway improvements.
- G. PARK - No Report.
- H. ATTORNEY - No Report
- I. UTILITIES - No Report.
- J. TOWN MANAGER- Town Manager B. Doyle reported on working with Anton Insurance on Insurance plans. He also advised that I.A.W.C. had an issue with a boil order but because the person responsible for notification to the Town had retired and was not replaced there was a communication error, but this has been addressed.
- K. NIRPC REPORT - Council Member J. Ton provided an update regarding the Dickenson Rd Extension project and based on the data presented the project does not yet meet the benchmark for federal grant approval. He stated that this does not mean the project is finished just that additional work needs to be done and information provided in response to the certain issues that were addressed in the report. He stated that this is an important project and it was a decision of the Council whether it remained on the agenda or not. Council Member J. Ton also commented on the work by Engineer M. O'Dell and C. Nesper concerning the Livable Centers grant. M. O'Dell advised it was an 80/20 grant for \$30,000 and RFPs for study of the Calumet Connection have been submitted. RFP were received from; DLZ of Hammond, Primera of Munster, Weaver Boos Consultants of Chicago, and Butler Fairman & Seufert of Merrillville. The proposals were taken under advisement.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS, BID OPENINGS AND REMONSTRANCES

NONE

VIII. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE 2014-13 APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES – Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve, seconded by Council Member E. Delaney, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION 2014-12 CARBON MONOXIDE AWARENESS DAY – Council Member E. Delaney made the motion to approved, seconded by Council Member J. Trout, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

Chesterton Pop Warner Mighty Mites Tag Day - 8th & Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> & 1100 N on October 25<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2 pm. Council Member J. Ton made motion to approve, seconded by Council Member J. Trout, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

X. OLD BUSINESS

Town Construction Projects –  
Trail Reports - No report

XI. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Council Member N. Walding: No Comment  
Council Member J. Trout: No Comment  
Council Member J. Ton: Council Member J. Ton commended the police officers recently recognized for their work and congratulated them on their achievements.  
Council Member E. Delaney: Council Member E. Delaney questioned Chief Jarka regarding installation of Carbon Monoxide and Smoke Detectors and Chief Jarka stated to follow manufacturer's recommendations.  
Council Member S. Darnell: No Comment

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member E. Delaney made motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member J. Trout, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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Clerk-Treasurer S. Kuziela