

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

May 22, 2017

7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President J. Ton 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 D. Lafata, Council Member N. Cobbs, and Council Member E. Delaney. Absent was Council Member L. Kittredge.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member N. Cobbs made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2017 Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member D. Lafata, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Council Member E. Delaney made the motion to approve the claims as submitted, seconded by Council Member N. Cobbs, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

V. PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Stuart Franzen 501 W. Porter Ave – Mr. Franzen spoke in favor of his support for the quiet zone.
Janet Stewart 978 N 350 E – Ms. Stewart had questions regarding the quiet zone, and spoke in favor.

Paul Lucaleh 702 Wabash - Mr. Lucaleh spoke in favor of the quiet zone.

VI. REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. POLICE - Chief Cincoski advised Cheer Association requested June 17, 2017 for Can Day at 8th & Broadway. Council Member E. Delaney made the motion to approve request, seconded by Council Member D. Lafata, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Chief Cincoski requested permission to go for the COPS Program. The Council authorized this request by consensus.

B. FIRE - Chief Jarka reported that the terms of the EMS Contract with Superior were not ready. Chief Jarka requested to extend the Superior contract with the same terms as last year. The Council authorized this request by consensus pending legal review of contract.

C. TOWN HALL - No Report

D. STREETS, SANITATION & CENTRAL SERVICES- Street Commissioner J. Schnadenberg reported they are updating the road inventory and stated the list that was received is missing certain roads and mileage, the state roads are open to the public. He requested permission to send the list of roads not shown in the inventory down state. Council Member N.

Cobbs made the motion to approve request, seconded by Council Member D. Lafata, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

E. ENGINEERING - Engineer M. O'Dell reported an update on the Porter Avenue Bridge.

F. BUILDING - Building Commissioner M. O'Dell requested permission to work with legal on an Ordinance for grass liens. Council Member E. Delaney made the motion to approve, seconded by Council Member N. Cobbs, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

G. PARK - Park Superintendent B. Mathias reported on progress of the splash pad.

H. ATTORNEY - No Report

I. UTILITIES - No Report

J. TOWN MANAGER- Town Manager B. Doyle reported on the quiet zone crossing

K. NIRPC REPORT - Council Member J. Ton reported on NIRPC's largest planning action ever at \$1.5 billion, which includes a double track for South Shore.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS, BID OPENINGS AND REMONSTRANCES

Public Hearing – Ordinance 2017-06 – Deer Run Apartments Street Vacation.

President J. Ton opened the Public Hearing, Attorney William A. Bergner spoke in favor and no one spoke against the Resolution, the Public Hearing was closed.

VIII. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE 2017-06 – A Ordinance of the Town of Chesterton, Porter County, Indiana, Vacating a Portion of a Public Way (Deer Creek Apartments) Council Member E. Delaney made the motion to approve on 1st Reading the Ordinance, seconded by Council Member D. Lafata, motion approved, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member D. Lafata made the motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Council Member E. Delaney, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member N. Cobbs made a motion to approve the Ordinance on 2nd Reading, seconded by Council Member D. Lafata, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION 2017-08 – A Resolution of the Town of Chesterton Adopting a Title VI Plan and Policy. Council Member D. Lafata made the motion to approve the Resolution, motion seconded by Council Member N. Cobbs, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION 2017-09 – A Resolution Re-Establishing a Cumulative Capital Development Fund: Set Public Hearing for June 12, 2017. Council Member E. Delaney made the motion to set public hearing for June 12, 2017, seconded by Council Member D. Lafata, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk-Treasurer S. Kuziela advised there is a request from DBIG to donate \$300 to the Family 4th Fest in Porter again this year. Council Member N. Cobbs made a motion to table the request, seconded by D. Lafata, motion to table the request approved by unanimous voice vote.

X. OLD BUSINESS

Brian Lewandowski/A-1 Contraction: 1801-1803 Westchester Ave – Sidewalk Waiver – Council Member N. Cobbs made the motion to approve the sidewalk waiver, seconded by Council Member D. Lafata, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Fireworks on the Lakefront: Council took no action, table continued.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Petition for Annexation for Jill C. Chitwood – Attorney Greg Babcock presented information regarding the petition for annexation and requested the Council set this for Public Hearing on June 26, 2017. Council Member E. Delaney made the motion to set this petition for Public Hearing on June 26, 2017, seconded by Council Member N. Cobbs, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Council Member D. Lafata:	No Comment
Council Member N. Cobbs:	No Comment
Council Member L. Kittredge:	No Comment
Council Member E. Delaney:	No Comment
Council Member J. Ton:	No Comment

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer S. Kuziela