

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

January 8, 2018

7:00 p.m.

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

President L. Kittredge 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.

Council Member J. Ton asked for a point of order and made the nomination of Council Member N. Cobbs as the Vice-President for 2018, seconded by Council Member D. Lafata, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member N. Cobbs made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2017 Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member J. Ton, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

### IV. CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

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

### V. PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

NONE

### VI. REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. POLICE - Chief D. Cincoski presented to the Council for approval a revised Memorandum of Understanding regarding School Resource Officers between the Chesterton Police Department and the Duneland School Corporation. Council Member E. DeLaney made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding, seconded by Council Member J. Ton, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

B. FIRE - Chief Jarka presented the contract with the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 4600. Council Member E. DeLaney made the motion to approve the contract, seconded by Council Member J. Ton, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

C. CLERK-TREASURER - Clerk-Treasurer S. Kuziela presented several items to the Council. She began with a reminder that the Business Registrations need to be renewed and submitted to the Clerk's Office. She also reported on the status of the Budget numbers from

D.L.G.F. and they appear better than originally thought, she would present information with the numbers were finalized. She also requested the Council's position of the \$1,000 disbursements into the HSA's and those employees who are not members of the insurance disbursements. This was approved by consensus of the Council. She reported on the change in Dental Insurance reviewed and recommended by the Insurance Study Group.

This was approved by consensus of the Council. She presented information about the 2018 Wellness Program and the agreement with Working Well. This was approved by consensus of the Council. She also presented information about the point structure and earnings by the employees for attending lunch and learns and the wellness portal. This was approved by consensus of the Council.

D. STREETS, SANITATION & CENTRAL SERVICES- Street Commissioner J.

Schnadenberg reminded everyone of the rules regarding snow removal and parking restrictions.

E. ENGINEERING – Engineer M. O'Dell advised they are getting information ready for the census in 2 years.

F. BUILDING - No Report

G. PARK - No Report

H. ATTORNEY - Associate Town Attorney J. Paulson reported on the status of the Carbon Monoxide Ordinance the Council approved and which had to be submitted to the Indiana Building, Fire and Safety Commission for approval before it could be published. She stated initially the IBFSC rejected the Ordinance without reason, and with the approval of the Town Council, the Town Attorney's Office appealed the decision and the IBFSC changed their vote and approved the Town's Ordinance, which can now be published.

I. UTILITIES - No Report

J. TOWN MANAGER- No Report

K. NIRPC REPORT - Council Member J. Ton reported NIRPC meets next Thursday and he has been nominated for the Executive Board if the Council reappoints him as the Town's representative. Council Member N. Cobbs made the motion to appoint Council Member J. Ton as the NIRPC representative, seconded by Council Member E. DeLaney, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

## VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS, BID OPENINGS AND REMONSTRANCES

NONE

## VIII. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

**Ordinance 2018-02** – An Ordinance of the Chesterton Town Council Amending the Personnel Policy Handbook – Associate Town Attorney J. Paulson presented information regarding this Ordinance. Council Member E. DeLaney made the motion to approve the Ordinance on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, seconded by Council Member N. Cobbs, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Council Member E. DeLaney, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member N. Cobbs made the motion to approve the Ordinance on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, seconded by Council Member D. Lafata, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2018-01** – A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Chesterton Regarding Reclassification of Expenses and Transfer of Funds - Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Council Member N. Cobbs, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

X. OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Jeffery & Debbie Bachman – Waiver of Town Standards for Municipal Improvements - It was decided to forward this to the department heads and take it under advisement at this time.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

- a. Tax Abatement Committee - Robert Allison, Phoebe Jane House, Lynda Schoberth, Stephanie Kuziela, and Dane Lafata – motion was made and seconded to approve, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
- b. Plan Commission Board – Sharon Darnell - motion made and seconded, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
- c. Park and Recreation Board - Mark Dickinson – motion made and seconded, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
- d. Advisory Board of Zoning Appeals - President L. Kittredge appointed Richard Riley.
- e. Police Commission – Peter Duda – motion made and seconded, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
- f. Storm Water Board – President L. Kittredge appointed Paul Stofko.
- g. Tree Board – Syd Augustyn – motion made and seconded, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
- h. Utility Service Board – President L. Kittredge appointed Andrew Michel. Motion made and seconded by the Council to appoint Larry Brandt, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
- i. CEDC - President L. Kittredge appointed James Ton. Motion made and seconded by the Council to appoint Richard Riley, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Council Member J. Ton made the motion for the Reappointment of Department Heads, 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 J. Ton:	Council Member J. Ton urged residents to contact their state representatives to take meaningful actions in regards to D.C.F.S. and the current opioid crisis that is placing children in jeopardy and the emergency status of D.C.F.S. and the many children who are neglected and abused in light of this crisis.
Council Member N. Cobbs:	No Comment
Council Member E. DeLaney:	No Comment
Council Member L. Kittredge:	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