

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

July 8, 2019

7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President N. Cobbs 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.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member L. Kittredge made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2019 Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member D. Lafata, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

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

V. PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

NONE

VI. REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. POLICE - Chief Cincoski reported the lakefront fireworks on July 1st went well and he thanked the Porter County EMA for the use of their Command Center and the installation of an antenna to address communication issues. Cincoski advised that there were only 8 fireworks complaints between July 3rd and July 7th. Council Member E. DeLaney mirrored Chief Cincoski's comments about the assistance from Porter County EMA and he also thanked them for the Command Center and communications assistance.

B. FIRE - Chief Jarka commented the Council had approved CREDIT funds to repair the roof of the training building and he requested permission to obtain quotes and to begin the work after reviewing any quotes received with the Town Attorney. Council Member E. DeLaney made the motion to approve this request, motion 2nd by Council Member J. Ton, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

C. CLERK-TREASURER – S. Kuziela reported on the 2020 growth quotient for the Town and advised next year it would be 3.5% which translates into \$211,000 in tax dollars pre-circuit breaker.

D. STREETS, SANITATION & CENTRAL SERVICES- Commissioner J. Schnadenberg reported Porter Ave. and 100 E have been striped which completes those projects. He reported

they have started the 2nd round of paving and listed some of the roadways on this list that are planned. Schnadenberg also reported on the 4th round of paving including 1050 N from Kelly to 200E and 200 E to Harrington and other streets on the east side of SR 49 since the paving company will be in that area.

E. ENGINEERING – Engineer M. O’Dell reported he, J. Gadzala and J. Schnadenberg are working on the next Community Crossing Grants which are due the end of July beginning of August. He also reported he has been working with Park Superintendent B. Mathias and Assistant S. Griffin on the Park Impact Fee.

F. BUILDING - No Report

G. PARK - Superintendent B. Mathias provided an update on the work on the splash pad and that concrete was poured today. He thanked the various persons who volunteered to assist them today including Joe’s Towing. Mathias reported on the work that was done and that would be done to complete this project.

H. ATTORNEY - No Report

I. UTILITIES - No Report

J. TOWN MANAGER- No Report

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS, BID OPENINGS AND REMONSTRANCES

NONE

VIII. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

NONE

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

X. OLD BUSINESS

Quiet Zone – Council Member J. Ton commented that everyone received a copy of the R.F.P. and he made the motion to send the R.F.P. out, motion 2nd by Council Member E. DeLaney. During discussion Council Member E. DeLaney asked if the time frame list in the email would be maintained and he was advised that it would. Council Member J. Ton commented that there have been those who have stated the Quiet Zone Project was a dormant project and this reflects misinformation and does a disservice to many; the Town Manager, Town Council, Engineering, Town Attorney, NIRPC, all who have been working diligently for years to get to this point so the Request For Proposals could be sent out. He advised there has been significant support and it is in the best interests of the Town. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

President N.Cobbs reported an update on the Town’s health insurance in regards to a mid-year review and the Town’s Health Care Plan is doing well. He advised the credit goes to the Town’s insurance agency, Anton’s Insurance, and everyone with the Town working together.

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Council Member E. DeLaney: Council Member E. DeLaney commented at the last Park Board meeting NIPSCO's arborists reported several trees in Dogwood Park would have to be removed and the social media response negative. He advised if these persons would have attended the meeting they would have heard the whole story and even though the newspaper printed everything properly, there was more information presented during the meeting. DeLaney invited the public to attend next Park Board meeting where this discussion would continue so they can get the full picture.

Council Member L. Kittredge: No Comment

Council Member J. Ton: Council Member J. Ton welcomed former Council Member J. Kosmatka. Mr. Kosmatka commented he was happy when Mr. Ton was selected to replace him on the Town Council after Mr. Kosmatka left to work for the U.S.Embassy in Moscow. He related some of his travels after leaving the Council, and his current battle with leukemia, which is hopefully in remission.

Council Member D. Lafata: No Comment

Council Member N. Cobbs: 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.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer S. Kuziela