

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

July 22, 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, and Council Member N. Cobbs., Council Member D. Lafata and Council Member E. DeLaney were absent.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member L. Kittredge made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2019 Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member J. Ton, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Council Member L. Kittredge made the motion to approve the claims as presented, motion 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 Cincoski requested a manual claim regarding the receipt of insurance monies for damage to a police vehicle. This claim in the amount of \$7,461.13 is to be paid to M & S Collision for the repairs to the vehicle. Council Member L. Kittredge made the motion to approve this request, motion seconded by Council Member J. Ton, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

B. FIRE - No Report

C. CLERK-TREASURER – Clerk-Treasurer S. Kuziela reported the waste water utility authorized investment of \$1.3 million in Trust Indiana. She also reported since the budget season is starting, she would be meeting with the D.L.G. F. representative next week. She reported in the approved claims are the wellness checks for staff which were received today and will be distributed tomorrow.

D. STREETS, SANITATION & CENTRAL SERVICES- Republic Services Revised Garbage Report, Memorandum of Understanding for Road Improvements with Porter County Highway Dept., Community Crossings Matching Grant Applications – Commissioner J. Schnadenberg provided the Council a copy of the 6 month report from Republic Services and showed the new homes added and the vacant homes subtracted from the Town's account.

He advised this provides an update of expenses for the Town and maintains an accurate billing process for the Town and Republic. He also reported on the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and Porter County Highway Department regarding the recent chip and seal work completed on 950 N and Saemann Rd. He stated that this cost the Town \$38,000 in materials, and if the Town would have milled and repaved these roads, just one of the roads would have cost this amount. He advised since Porter County has the chip and seal equipment, there is a cost savings to the Town to work with them, only having to pay for materials. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Commissioner J. Schnadenberg reported the paperwork has been completed for the current round of Community Crossing Grants which has to be submitted by August 2nd. He advised for this current round they are submitting paving work for 1100 N from 100 E to 5th St., and Broadway from 8th St. to 19th St. Schnadenberg requested the Council approve the letter of support stating they are willing to provide the 50% match for the grant process. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Commissioner J. Schnadenberg advised the current bucket truck is 16 years old and there have been numerous breakdowns and repairs totaling more than \$8,000, including a breakdown today. He advised he would like the Council to consider replacing it with another used unit during the upcoming budget process.

E. ENGINEERING – Engineer M. O’Dell requested authorization to work with the Town Attorney on preparing and obtaining quotes to replace the concrete apron in front of the Fire Department and he advised the estimated range of this project is \$75,000 to \$100,000 to be paid for through CREDIT funds. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve this request, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

F. BUILDING - Engineer M. O’Dell reported he has been working with Shane Griffin, Assistant Park Superintendent, and with the Town Attorney on the Park Impact Fee.

G. PARK - Assistant Superintendent S. Griffin reported on the splash pad. He advised the plumbing has been hooked up and they are waiting on tests before opening the splash pad.

H. ATTORNEY - No Report

I. UTILITIES - Superintendent D. Ryan reported the contractor has been spray lining manholes along Morgan Ave. to complete that project.

J. TOWN MANAGER- Town Manager B. Doyle reported that he and the department heads have met with Indiana American Water Company regarding the refurbishing and repainting of the third water tower. He also reported since the incident in LaPorte County, they have been reviewing cybersecurity for Town systems, which includes educating the staff and reviewing information with the Town’s insurance agent, Anton’s Insurance. He reported they have met with the owner of Allure in reference to the demolition and plans for future rebuild. He advised the debris is still there and the owner is waiting for a response from his insurance company. Town Manager B. Doyle advised he has a meeting this week with site selectors with interest in the Pope property and he will inform the Council as he receives more information. He provided an update on Abbiocco, the new restaurant on Gateway across from A. J. Pizza. Abbiocco is ready to open once they receive their Riverfront liquor license.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS, BID OPENINGS AND REMONSTRANCES

NONE

VIII. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2019-10 – An Ordinance of the Chesterton Town Council Amending Portions of the Text of the Town Code Relating to the Building Commissioner - Town Attorney Lukmann advised this ordinance is mandated by recent State legislation that addresses financial conflict of interests involving building department staff and those responsible for building permits. Council Member L. Kittredge made the motion to approve the Ordinance on 1st Reading, motion seconded by Council Member J. Ton, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Town Attorney Lukmann advised they could not suspend the rules and approve this ordinance during this meeting since there were not at least 4 Council Members present. This would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

TCA Cheer Tag Day Request – Request for a Tag Day on August 3rd from 9am to 1pm. Chief Cincoski advised there was no conflict or issues with this request. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve the request, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

X. OLD BUSINESS

Quiet Zone – Council Member J. Ton asked Attorney Lukmann if there was any update. Attorney Lukmann advised they expect responses to the R.F.P. by the 2nd meeting in August.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member J. Ton requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues and job performances prior to the August 12th meeting. He advised since other members were absent, he requested the Clerk-Treasurer to contact the other members and make appropriate legal notifications.

President N. Cobbs advised the Park Impact Fee Advisory Committee needs to be appointed or reappointed and that these are Presidential appointments. Town Attorney Lukmann advised there are 5 members on the Committee and 40% of the Committee has to be in development, building, and real estate industries. President N. Cobbs made the following appointments or reappointments:

Vince Emmanuele
Paul Shinn
Mark O'Dell
Paul Boyter
Shane Griffin

Town Attorney Lukmann advised those appointments meet the requirements of State law, and there will be a meeting of the Park Impact Fee Advisory Committee on Thursday.

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Council Member J. Ton:	No Comment
Council Member L. Kittredge:	No Comment
Council Member N. Cobbs:	No Comment

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member L. Kittredge made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member J Ton, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. meeting adjourned.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer S. Kuziela