

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
ONLINE MEETING May 11, 2020
7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President S. Darnell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll was called by Clerk-Treasurer C. Udvard; present were Council Member J. Ton, Council Member L. Kittredge, Council Member R. Allison, Council Member S. Darnell, and Council Member J. Fisher.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member R. Allison made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2020 meeting; motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge. Council President S. Darnell requested input from the council. Clerk Treasurer C. Udvard called a roll call vote. Motion passed. 5-yes, 0-nays.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve the claims as presented, motion seconded by Council Member R. Allison. Council President S. Darnell requested input from the council. Clerk Treasurer C. Udvard called a roll call vote. Motion passed. 5-yes, 0 nays.

V. ESSENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS

Chesterton Promotional Program- Town Manager B. Doyle discussed a draft of advertisement for Facebook posting and a banner for the Chesterton Promotional program. This promotional material was put together by CBLT--Chesterton Branding Leadership Team. Council Member J. Fisher further explained that the material produced from CBLT will help promote local business traffic amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Town Attorney Chuck Lukmann suggested council approval before moving forward with the Chesterton Promotional Program. Council Member L. Kittredge made a motion to accept the proposal and put the program in place; motion seconded by Council Member J. Fisher. Council President S. Darnell requested input from the council. Clerk Treasurer C. Udvard called a roll call vote. Motion passed. 5-yes, 0-nays. Street Commissioner J. Schnadenberg offered assistance helping advertise on an electronic sign. Council Member J. Ton inquired about the funding source for the program. Town Manager B. Doyle said that it would come out of CEDIT advertising funds. Ideas discussed regarding

locations for these banners were Porter Ave., 1100 N., and N. Calumet.

Sidewalk Replacement Recommendation- Street Commissioner J. Schnadenberg provided his list of sidewalk replacement recommendations for 2020: 1. Broadway; south side from 18th. St. to 19th. St., 2. E. Indiana Avenue; north side from Jeffrey to Roosevelt, 3. Calumet; east side from Porter Ave. to Jeffrey (approved TIF project). Council Member R. Allison made the motion to approve this list of sidewalk replacements; motion seconded by Council Member J. Ton. Council President S. Darnell requested input from the council. Clerk Treasurer C. Udvare called a roll call vote. Motion passed. 5-yes, 0 nays.

Commissioner J. Schnadenberg also informed the council of Patricia Carlisle's resignation from the Tree Committee and recommended Gina Darnell to fill the vacancy. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve Gina Darnell's appointment to the Tree Committee; motion seconded by Council Member R. Allison. Council President S. Darnell requested input from the council. Clerk Treasurer C. Udvare called a roll call vote. Motion passed. 5-yes, 0 nays.

Request to Schedule CEDIT Meeting- Clerk Treasurer C. Udvare requested to schedule a meeting to discuss the CEDIT fund budget on June 1st. at 6:00 PM. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve scheduling the CEDIT meeting; motion seconded by Council Member R. Allison. Council President S. Darnell requested input from the council. Clerk Treasurer C. Udvare called a roll call vote. Motion passed. 5-yes, 0 nays.

Rescheduling of May 25 Meeting (Memorial Day) - Proposed reschedule date of May 26, 2020. Council Member R. Allison made the motion to reschedule the May 25th. Town Council meeting to May 26th in light of the Memorial Day holiday; motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge. Council President S. Darnell requested input from the council. Clerk Treasurer C. Udvare a roll call vote. Motion passed. 5-yes, 0 nays.

VI. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2020-04 – Adopting Emergency Procedures for the Use of Town Parks and Property and for all Public Gatherings - Town Attorney Chuck Lukmann presented this ordinance which addresses the Town of Chesterton imposing certain restrictions on the use of the Town's parks and property and all public gatherings, which restrictions are authorized by the Governor's Executive Order 20-26. The Town Council found that the procedures attached to this resolution as "Exhibit A" were reasonable in nature and scope and designed to promote, protect, and preserve the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town of Chesterton. The resolution was designed to be in place until July 4, 2020 with the Chesterton Chief of Police as the official charged with the responsibility of implementing and enforcing procedures as attached in Exhibit A. Furthermore Exhibit A addresses items such as application for public gathering, general requirements, submission of social distancing/COVID 19 plan (Participants, social distancing protocols, vending, entrances, sanitation, signage, visitor masks, and other information), and enforcement and violations. Council Member J. Fisher made the motion to add Resolution 2020-04 to the agenda; motion seconded by Council Member R. Allison. Council President S. Darnell requested input from the council. Clerk Treasurer C.

Udvare called the voice vote. Motion passed. 5-yes, 0 nays. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve the adoption of Resolution 2020-04; motion seconded by Council Member R. Allison. Council President S. Darnell requested input from the council. Clerk Treasurer C.

Udvare called a roll call vote. Motion passed. 5-yes, 0 nays.

Police Chief D. Cincoski also presented the Council with a memo regarding concerns for upcoming public gathering events such as the European Market and discussed some recommendations regarding visitor numbers, vendor spacing between booths, and vendor/visitor sanitation and mask-wearing protocol. Additionally, Chief Cincoski addressed that he would be reviewing permits for road races and parades after July 4, 2020 (depending on what the future holds). Chief Cincoski outlined in his memo to the Council that he is open to meet with any representatives and or the Council regarding discussing and implementing public health safety procedures at public gatherings.

Council President S. Darnell inquired if the Duneland Chamber of Commerce was up to date on their required five million dollar liability insurance. Clerk Treasurer C. Udvare informed the council that they did not have the policy on file as of this meeting. Council President S. Darnell inquired about the Duneland Chamber of Commerce's lease insurance and rent. Clerk Treasurer C. Udvare said they did have insurance in place for the lease of 220 Broadway but they were behind on rent. The town had not received a rent payment since February at the time of this meeting.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Council Member S. Darnell:

No Comment

Council Member J. Fisher:

Council Member J. Fisher offered congratulations to Shane Griffin as the newly appointed Park Superintendent. Fisher also thanked Chief Cincoski for all his hard work preparing recommendations for public health safety during public gatherings amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council Member L. Kittredge:

Council Member Kittredge said Chief Cincoski did a great job compiling the letter of recommendations to help with public health safety amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Kittredge agreed with Council Member Ton in thanking all Town employees for their hard work.

Council Member R. Allison:

Council Member R. Allison wanted to recognize National Police Week and thanked Chief Cincoski and the police department as well as John Schnadenberg for their service.

Council Member J. Ton:

Council Member J. Ton praised all Town employees for their hard work to keep things running smoothly during the pandemic.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member J. Ton made the motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Council Member J. Fisher. Council President S. Darnell requested input from the council. Clerk Treasurer C. Udvare called a roll call vote. Motion passed. 5-yes, 0 nays.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

CLERK TREASURER C. UDVARE