

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
November 24, 2014
7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President S. Darnell 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 J. Trout, Council Member N. Walding, and Council Member S. Darnell. Council Member E. Delaney was absent.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member J. Ton made the motion approve the minutes of the November 10, 2014 Council Meeting, motion seconded by Council Member N. Walding, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

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

V. PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Marcus Key 2010 W. Porter Ave commented about his petition to raise chickens on a lot less than ½ acre, and feedback he has received since the last meeting. Associate Town Attorney J. Paulson advised that they were still researching this Ordinance. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to have the Town Attorney formulate an Ordinance on the matter for the Council's review, seconded by Council Member N. Walding, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

VI. REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

- A. POLICE - Chief Cincoski reported that on November 13th during a training exercise K9 unit Igor broke a leg and has since had surgery to repair the injury. He advised it was unknown if Igor would return to duty.
- B. FIRE - Chief J. Jarka introduced the newest firefighter, Michael Coslet, who had been a volunteer firefighter before applying for the full time position. Chief Jarka also requested the purchase of a 2015 Dodge Durango as requested for the Deputy Chief and advised that the vehicle would be purchased locally. Council Member J. Ton made motion to approve request, seconded by Council Member J. Trout, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
- C. TOWN HALL - Clerk-Treasurer S. Kuziela presented to the Council a list of vacancies for the various Boards for 2015 and advised that applications are due on December 5th at 4:30 p.m.

- D. STREETS, SANITATION & CENTRAL SERVICES- Street Commissioner J. Schnadenberg requested that the Council enact the annual 2" snow ban beginning 12:01 a.m. on November 26th. Council Member N. Walding made the motion to approve request, seconded by Council Member J. Ton, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Commissioner Schnadenberg also reported that he is working on the Tree City USA certification process.
- E. ENGINEERING - No Report.
- F. BUILDING - M. O'Dell reported that the new construction at the Growing Kids Learning Center across from the Chesterton High School has started.
- G. PARK - Superintendent B. Mathias reported that the lights are up at Thomas Park.
- H. ATTORNEY - No Report
- I. UTILITIES - Superintendent T. Atherton reported that Mr. Sexton's well is back in service and that the de-watering at the plant is completed, and pumps are off.
- J. TOWN MANAGER- Town Manager B. Doyle reported he is following up with NIPSCO regarding charging stations in the downtown area. He also advised that he is working on the Frontier Economic Development Grant and explained that purpose of this grant. He commented about the New York Central/Duneland Chamber Office, and the placement of signage designed by John Mullins on the building. He requested the Council approve the funding for this. The Council approved this by consensus. He reported that George Stone, Plan Commission President, requested that the number of copies required be reduced from 17 to 12. Engineer O'Dell explained some of the reasons from the greater number of copies in the past. The Council was advised that this would require a change in the Ordinance. Town Manager B. Doyle congratulated Chief Cincoski for graduating from the Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command.
- K. NIRPC REPORT - Council Member J. Ton reported that the nominating committee and the finance committee met, and submitted reports but there was no Commission meeting.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS, BID OPENINGS AND REMONSTRANCES

NONE.

VIII. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

Associate Town Attorney J. Paulson Introduced Ordinance 2014-16 AMENDING SEWER RATES – This Ordinance is set for Public Hearing December 8, 2014.

ORDINANCE 2014-17 NPDES/SANITARY SEWER – Associate Town Attorney J. Paulson explained the Ordinance. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve the Ordinance on 1st Reading, seconded by Council Member J. Trout, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member N. Walding made the motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Council Member J. Ton, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member J. Trout made the motion to approve the Ordinance on 2nd Reading, seconded by Council Member N. Walding, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Lorelei Weimer Indiana Dunes Tourism requesting the appointment of Judy Chaplin to the Porter County Convention, Recreation, Visitor Commission. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Council Member J. Trout, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

X. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

XI. NEW BUSINESS

INDIANA AMERICAN WATER COMPANY – Telecommunication Lease- Broadway Tower – Council Member J. Ton made motion to approve, seconded by Council Member N. Walding, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Council Member S. Darnell asked if the Council still wanted to have meetings on December 8th and 22nd this year. By consensus the Council decided to have both meetings in December.

Clerk-Treasurer S. Kuziela asked when the Council wanted to have the interviews for board applicants. It was decided that this would take place at 5:30 p.m. on December 8th prior to the Council meeting and it was also decided that this would be a public meeting.

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Council Member J. Trout:	No Comment
Council Member N. Walding:	No Comment
Council Member J. Ton:	Council Member J. Ton commented the experience with the water problem in Porter shows that reasonable people can generate reasonable solutions to unreasonable situations.
Council Member S. Darnell:	No Comment

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A Council Member N. Walding made motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member J. Ton, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer S. Kuziela

