

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

April 11, 2022

7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member D. Lafata called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll was called by Clerk-Treasurer C. Udvare; present were Council Member J. Ton, Council Member D. Lafata, Council Member S. Darnell, and Council Member L. Kittredge. Council President J. Fisher was absent.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member L. Kittredge made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2022 Meeting, motion seconded by Council Member S. Darnell; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve the claims as presented, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

V. PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

NONE

VI. REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. Police—Canine Grant- Police Chief T. Richardson reported that he received the full amount of funding from a grant for acquiring a police dog from Porter County Substance Abuse Council. Chief Richardson commented that the K9 will hopefully be here by the summer. Assistant Chief Rocha was acknowledge for his hard work and effort in preparing this grant. The department will be looking for officers who express interest in having a K9 partner. Police Liaison J.Ton commented that this was great news and congratulated the department.

B. Fire – Fire Chief E. Camel thanked all those who assisted with the fire containment at Area Transport this morning. Chief Camel also reported that a Chevrolet Silverado truck has been

ordered for the department and is currently expected to be delivered within 3-6 months. Applications for the open Fire Department position are being accepted until Friday.

C. Clerk Treasurer- Clerk Treasurer C. Udvare reported that State Board of Accounts recently conducted a mini audit regarding the Cares Act funds received in 2020. No issues were found during the audit. Clerk-Treasurer Udvare commented that the department is working on a lot of little projects before budget season. Council Member J. Ton commented it was a good job done regarding the CARES funds audit.

D. Streets, Sanitation, & Central Service – 2022/2023 Paving Project List – Street Commissioner J. Schnadenberg referred to a project list provided to the Council. This year's funding will allow for \$250,000 in paving projects. Commissioner Schnadenberg plans to pave Texas Street from 23rd to 25th, Washington from 22nd to 23rd, Jefferson from 5th to South Park Dr, Kingsmills Dr, 2nd & 3rd from Broadway to Indiana, 3rd from Morgan to Porter, Locust St, and 5th from Broady to Morgan. If funding permits, he would like to pave 5th from 1100 N to Hunters Ct, Bittersweet Ct, Hunters Ct, Murray St, and Delos Marr Ave. Council Member S. Darnell commented that residents will be pleased with the Texas Street paving. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve the 2022/2023 paving project list, motion seconded by Council Member S. Darnell; motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Next, Commissioner Schnadenberg asked the Council's permission to declare a 1998 brush chipper as surplus. Street Liaison D. Lafata agreed with declaring the chipper surplus. Council Member S. Darnell made the motion to approve the chipper as surplus, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge; motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Commissioner Schnadenberg plans on opening it up to sealed bids instead of holding on to it until the Town auction. Sealed bids will be opened on June 13th during the meeting. Assistant Street Commissioner D. Moy reported that the sidewalk projects have been started by Ace Hardware, Mothwing Studios, and Joe's Bread. The width of the sidewalk was shortened by 2' and there will be better parking on Calumet. The sidewalk prep work has been done by the department to get ready for Rieth Riley. Spring clean- up will take place next week as the leaf vac makes a pass through town. Assistant Street Commissioner Moy asked that there please be no sticks included in the leaf piles. Leaf vacs will return again the fall.

E. Engineering—Town Manager Cincoski reported the department is reviewing Coffee Creek Conservancy Phase B's primary plat. A road is moving within the plat to get out of a right of way. Also, they are working with Sand Creek PUD on a sanitary sewer easement.

F. Building — Town Manager Cincoski reported that the final inspection is taking place this week at the surgical center.

G. Parks —Interim Park Superintendent B. Mathias reported that the department has continued mulching the parks.

H. Attorney— No report.

I. Utilities— No report.

J. Town Manager—Town Manager D. Cincoski reported that Tyler McLead has been hired as Park Superintendent and he will start on May 2nd. Also, Town Manager Cincoski reported on the Quiet Zone, stating that the consultant has not yet replied with updated numbers yet. A letter has been sent to Norfolk Southern.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS, BID OPENINGS, & REMONSTRANCES

NONE

VIII. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2022-07- Amending Town Zoning Map- Attorney Greg Babcock represented Chuck Roth (CMRJ, LLC) of Chesterton Feed and Garden. Roth requested to rezone a parcel of land across from Chesterton Feed. Chesterton Feed itself is zoned as I-1. Babcock asked Council to consider rezoning the parcel in review from R-2 to B-3 use. Council Member S. Darnell made the motion to approve this ordinance on 1st reading, motion seconded by Council Member J. Ton; motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to suspend the rules, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge; motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member L. Kittredge made the motion to approve the ordinance on 2nd reading, motion seconded by Council Member S. Darnell; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Ordinance 2022-08- Authorizing Employment of Certain Town Employees and Determining the Compensation Thereof- Council Member S. Darnell made the motion to approve the ordinance on 1st reading, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge; motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to suspend the rules, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge; motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve the ordinance on 2nd reading, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2022-04- Arbor Day Resolution- Urban Forestry Days -This resolution maintains Tree City USA certification which has been active for 27 years. Council Member L. Kittredge made the motion to approve the resolution, motion seconded by Council Member J. Ton; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

X. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

XI. NEW BUSINESS AND/OR UPDATES

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Council Member S. Darnell:	No comment.
Council Member J. Fisher:	No comment.
Council Member L. Kittredge:	No comment.
Council Member J. Ton:	No comment.
Council Member D. Lafata:	No comment.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

CLERK-TREASURER C. UDVARE