

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

May 8, 2017

7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President J. Ton 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 April 10, 2017 Special Meeting and the April 24, 2017 Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member D. Lafata, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Council Member E. Delaney made the motion to approve the claims as submitted, seconded by Council Member N. Cobbs, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

V. PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Greg Lindy and Monty Moffett- Duneland School Corporation – Permit Fees – Mr.Moffett advised they have six major projects this summer and requested the Council to waive the permit fees. He stated that the Corporation would pay any fees related to inspections that might occur, but requested that the permit fees, which would total \$2,150 to be waived. Council Member E. Delaney advised that the Town did this last year and Council Member J. Ton commented that the financial situation is different this year and that should be taken into consideration. Council Member E. Delaney made the motion to approve the request to waive permit fees for Duneland School Corporation, seconded by Council Member D. Lafata, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Derek Frazier, Frontline Foundation - Hooked on Art Festival – Mr. Frazier requested authorization to have the 6th annual Hooked on Art Festival on September 23. Council Member L. Kittredge made the motion to approve request, seconded by Council Member N. Cobbs, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Maura Durham – President Duneland Chamber of Commerce – Party in the Park – Mrs. Durham advised they have not yet attended a Park Board meeting to request permission to use the Park for the Party in the Park event on August 12th. She requested the Council approve this year's event. Council Member N. Cobbs made the motion to approve contingent on the Park Board approval, seconded by Council Member D. Lafata, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Durham also asked the Council regarding the \$2,500 cash contribution for fireworks this year. Council Member J. Ton advised that since this was tabled at the last meeting it would require a motion to remove it from the table to be addressed. Council Member E. Delaney advised he did not want to remove this from the table at this time. Mrs. Durham advised she would return to the next Council meeting.

VI. REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. POLICE - Chief Cincoski advised he has submitted a letter with the assistance of the Town Attorney regarding the quotes for vehicle equipment. He advised the quote from Waymire was the lowest however, it was non-responsive. Town Attorney Lukmann advised that in reviewing the quotes, Waymire was non-responsive and therefore it was proper to award the quote to the next lowest quote, which was Bartronics for \$60,517.20. He advised the Council had several options including rejecting all the quotes and have it requoted, or they could accept Chief Cincoski's recommendation to award the quote to Bartronics and include the Chief's letter as findings including them as part of the minutes. Council Member E. Delaney made the motion to accept Chief Cincoski's recommendation to award the quote to Bartronics and including the letter with the findings as part of the minutes, seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

B. FIRE - Chief Jarka reported that during check of the building and maintenance they found there were windowsills that needed repairs.

C. TOWN HALL - Clerk-Treasurer S. Kuziela reported she is still working on the budget process, and is waiting for revenues from the State.

D. STREETS, SANITATION & CENTRAL SERVICES- Street Commissioner J. Schnadenberg presented the 2017 paving projects list and advised actions taken during the Redevelopment Commission meeting. He advised the list included five streets for paving, crack-sealing and striping. He also requested the Council take action on an amendment for the Brush Ordinance, which formalized the rules the Town has had in place for several years. Council President J. Ton requested that this Ordinance be addressed at this point. Ordinance 2017-05 Council Member E. Delaney made the motion to approve the Ordinance on 1st Reading, seconded by Council Member N. Cobbs, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member D. Lafata made the motion to suspend the rules, 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, seconded by Council Member D. Lafata, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

E. ENGINEERING – Council Member J. Ton spoke on behalf of Engineer M. O'Dell and advised they attended a meeting with Mike Jabo of DLZ to obtain general information concerning Rail Quiet Zones and they have outlined a timeline for the project.

F. BUILDING - No Report

G. PARK - Council Member N. Cobbs spoke on behalf of Superintendent B. Mathias and advised the concrete work for the splash pad is progressing, and the work for the playgrounds is progressing.

H. ATTORNEY - No Report

I. UTILITIES - NO Report

J. TOWN MANAGER- Town Manager B. Doyle reported on the legislation update regarding road funding.

K. NIRPC REPORT - Council Member J. Ton advised the executive board would meet on Thursday.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS, BID OPENINGS AND REMONSTRANCES

Deer Run Apartments – Street Vacation – Town Attorney Lukmann advised the information was not submitted in time to hear this tonight and should be continued to May 22nd

VIII. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2017-07 – A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Chesterton Regarding Reclassification and Transfer of Expenses - Council Member L. Kittredge made the motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Council Member N. Cobbs, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

X. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Brian Lewandowski/A-1 Contraction: 1801-1803 Westchester Ave – Sidewalk Waiver – Town Attorney Lukmann advised this is the first meeting for this request and this should be referred to the department heads for review and comment.

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Council Member D. Lafata:	No Comment
Council Member N. Cobbs:	No Comment
Council Member L. Kittredge:	No Comment
Council Member E. Delaney:	Council Member E. Delaney commented on the work on the splash pad.
Council Member J. Ton:	Council Member J. Ton commented about the dedication of the work at the Boys and Girls Club and the fine work they are doing for the community’s youth.

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XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member L. Kittredge made motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member E. Delaney, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer S. Kuziela