

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

August 12, 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

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 D. Lafata made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2019 Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge, 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 E. DeLaney, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

V. PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Taste of Duneland – Maura Durham, President of the Duneland Chamber of Commerce, requested approval for the Taste of Duneland at Thomas Park on August 31st from 10am to 10pm. Ms. Durham advised that she obtained approval from the Park Board and the contract has been submitted to the Town Attorney for review. Council Member E. DeLaney made the motion to approve this request, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

VI. REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. POLICE - Chief Cincoski reported the Police department and Street department have purchased 2 speed trailers that have been placed around Town for the beginning of the school year. He advised there were various features and uses for these speed trailers. He also advised school begins on Wednesday and requested motorists to watch for children and school buses, and to drive safely. Cincoski advised the Police department and several other police agencies throughout the County have obtained grant funds to have extra units watching for stop arm violations and there will be zero tolerance for these violations.

B. FIRE - Chief Jarka reported on the upcoming upgrade to the 911 Dispatch Center, the conversion to 700mhz radio and the Station Alert system which will be instituted county-wide. He requested that the Council authorize a special purchase for this system since it is being purchased through the State Quantity Purchase Agreement. Council Member E. DeLaney stated that they are reviewing where the funds would come from either CCD or

CREDIT. Council Member E. DeLaney made the motion to approve this special purchase, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

C. CLERK-TREASURER – Clerk-Treasurer S. Kuziela was absent and Town Manager B. Doyle advised there was no report.

D. STREETS, SANITATION & CENTRAL SERVICES – Commissioner J. Schnadenberg reported on the upgrades of the sidewalks and ADA ramps along Porter Ave. They are also setting up the next round of paving projects in Town. He reported on the beginning of the Indiana Ave. angle parking and paving project. Commissioner Schnadenberg provided information on the other paving projects yet to be completed this year. He advised citizens who need brush picked up need to call the Street Department because they do not have the personnel or time to drive through Town looking for brush.

E. ENGINEERING – Engineer M. O’Dell reported on the renewal of the rental agreement with CSX for use of the right-of-way in the area of Indian Boundary Rd and N. Calumet. He advised there is a 3% increase in the rental agreement and allows the Town to maintain the landscaping in that area. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve the rental agreement, motion seconded by Council Member E. DeLaney, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Engineer M. O’Dell also reported on the review they have been working on regarding the Dollar General project and advised the Springdale Subdivision has begun.

F. BUILDING - Commissioner M. O’Dell reported his office and the Fire Department have inspected 851 Indian Boundary Rd. and 135 W. Indiana Ave. which have been given occupancy.

G. PARK - Superintendent B. Mathias reported the splash pad is working smoothly and he also reported on work on a water fountain.

H. ATTORNEY - No Report

I. UTILITIES - No Report

J. TOWN MANAGER- Town Manager B. Doyle reported on the progress on the computer system upgrades and security of the Town’s computer system. He also reported the department heads have provided input for the new Personnel Policy which is with the Town Attorney. He advised Abbiocco should be open the first or second week of September. He also reported on the CHAMP application for the Montessori School. Council Member J. Ton advised they have the first part of the application process and are waiting for the second part to be completed and submitted.

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 - Associate Town Attorney Paulson advised this ordinance is mandated by recent State legislation and is before the Council on 2nd Reading since it was passed on 1st Reading at the July 22, 2019 meeting. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve the Ordinance on 2nd Reading, motion seconded by Council Member D. Lafata, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Ordinance 2019-11 - An Ordinance of the Chesterton Town Council Amending the Chesterton Zoning Map – Associate Town Attorney J. Paulson advised this has been forwarded to the Council from the Advisory Plan Commission with a 6-0 favorable recommendation, and involves the rezoning of the Bartronic property, 128 S. 12th St. Council Member D. Lafata 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 E. DeLaney, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member E. DeLaney made the motion to approve the Ordinance on 2nd Reading, motion seconded by Council Member J. Ton, motion approved by unanimous voice vote

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

X. OLD BUSINESS

Quiet Zone – Council Member J. Ton reported the R.F.P. is due on August 26th.

NEW BUSINESS

Hooked on Art - A request to hold the event on September 21st at Thomas Park was motioned by Council Member J. Ton, motion was seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge, and motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve the agreement, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Council Member J. Ton advised the NIRPC meeting is on the 15th and he would be unable to attend and he would like Clerk-Treasurer S. Kuziela as his proxy at that meeting. This was approved by consensus of the Council.

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Council Member E. DeLaney:	Council Member E. DeLaney advised school is starting and requested everyone to drive safely.
Council Member L. Kittredge:	Council Member L. Kittredge concurred with Council Member E. DeLaney's comments and thanked the Street Department for the sidewalk work off of 2 nd St.
Council Member D. Lafata:	No Comment
Council Member J. Ton:	No Comment
Council Member N. Cobbs:	No Comment

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member L. Kittredge made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member D. Lafata, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer K. Hrapek