

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
February 24, 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. Udvare; 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 February 10, 2020 meeting and the February 18, 2020 Executive Session, motion 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 R. Allison, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

V. PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

NONE

VI. REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. POLICE - 2020 Fleet Order Request—Police Chief David Cincoski requested the Council’s permission to get quotes for the police department’s 2020 fleet order. The 2019 fleet order is still pending. Council Member R. Allison made the motion to allow Chief Cincoski to obtain quotes, motion seconded by council Member L. Kittredge, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

B. FIRE - Annual Hazmat Collections Report & Fire Protection Contract with Westchester Township—Town Attorney Paulson presented the 2020 Westchester Fire Protection contract. It was noted that the dollar amounts are slightly higher because the Town responded to a higher call volume last year. Council Member J. Fisher made the motion to approve the 2020 Westchester Fire Contract as submitted, motion seconded by Council Member

R. Allison, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

C. CLERK-TREASURER - Clerk-Treasurer C. Udvard explained that early voting hours will be Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:30 A. M. to 3:30 P.M. and 8:30 A.M. to 8:30 P.M. Tuesdays and Thursdays from April 7 through May 4. The late hours cannot be moved to a different day of the week because they have to be uniform throughout the county. Meeting times for Plan Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA), Park, & Police will have to be rescheduled during the early voting period.

D. STREETS, SANITATION & CENTRAL SERVICES - Street Commissioner J. Schnadenberg discussed a banner request he has received from the Duneland Education Foundation. Duneland Education Foundation has an event on April 26 and would like to have 2 banners displayed April 12-26. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve Duneland Education Foundation’s banner request as submitted, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Street Commissioner J. Schnadenberg explained that he submitted paperwork for the leaf vac equipment purchase. He has not received it back yet, but went ahead and asked for approval not to exceed \$87,699. This will be paid for out of the refuse fund. Council Member R. Allison made a motion to move forward with purchasing the leaf vac, motion seconded by Council Member J. Ton, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

E. ENGINEERING - NO REPORT

F. BUILDING- NO REPORT

G. PARK- Park Superintendent Bruce Mathias explained that they have been continuing to work on the shelter at Dogwood .

H. ATTORNEY - NO REPORT

I. UTILITIES - NO REPORT

J. TOWN MANAGER- Town Manager Bernie Doyle explained that he had met with Astra, a risk management firm, regarding training for department heads for safety training. Doyle also spoke about annual summaries and said all but one is in. All liaisons should have received a copy of the summaries.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS, BID OPENINGS AND REMONSTRANCES

Bid opening for bucket truck—3 bids:

David Ales bid \$7,962.47.

Brett Carney bid \$7,651.

Gariup Construction Co. bid \$ 10,000.

Town Attorney J. Paulson advised that the council take these bids under advisement so that Street Commissioner J. Schnadenberg would be able to review and make a recommendation at the next meeting. Council Member R. Allison made the motion made the motion to take the bids under advisement, motion seconded by Council Member J. Ton, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Quote Openings for the Indian Ave. Sidewalk Project- 3 quotes:

Walsh & Kelley (Griffith, IN)- \$113,995

Reith Reilly(Gary, IN)- \$249,705.25

Gariup Construction (Gary, IN)- \$196,875

Town Attorney J. Paulson advised the council to take these quotes under advisement so that the departments can review them and make a recommendation. Council Member L. Kittredge made the motion to take the quotes under advisement, motion seconded by Council Member J. Ton, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Public Hearing- Petition for Vacation of Right of Way- Stratton—Kristen Stratton of 1707 Tower Street explained that the property being reviewed was purchased last September and that her barn is only about 3-5 feet on their property. Also, Joliet Road ends at the driveway to their barn. She would also like to extend the car port that is on the property. Council Member J. Ton advised that if the petition were granted that this would become part of their tax bill. Street Commissioner J. Schnadenberg advised that he does not have any problems with this petition. Town Engineer M. O’Dell has indicated that he does not have an issue with this petition. Approval will be granted in the form of an ordinance.

VIII. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE 2020-05 – Vacation of a Public Way-Stratton- Town Attorney J. Paulson presented this ordinance to the council. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve the ordinance on 1st reading, motion seconded by Council Member R. Allison, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Council Member R. Allison, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Ordinance 2020-05 was approved on 2nd reading by Council Member R. Allison, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

X. OLD BUSINESS

Quiet Zone- Town Manager Bernie Doyle explained that the contractor that was hired lost 20% of their company on January 1st. Town Manager Doyle was informed that by the end of the week, a new project manager would be getting in touch with him regarding the matter.

XI. NEW BUSINESS AND/OR UPDATES

NIRPC- Council Member J. Ton said that funding has been approved by INDOT for 2 railroad crossings in Chesterton—one at Calumet Rd. & Norfolk Southern and the other at CSX at 15th.

Street.

Bucket Truck Bid-Street Commissioner J. Schnadenberg asked the Council to go with the highest bid-Gariup Construction-pending legal review. Council Member R. Allison made the motion to sell the bucket truck (pending legal review) to Gariup Construction, motion seconded by Council Member J. Ton, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

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 R. Allison:	Council Member R. Allison offered his prayers to the Mitchell & O’Dell families.
Council Member J. Ton:	Council Member J. Ton concurred with Council Member R. Allison & offered prayers.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member J. Ton made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member R. Allison, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

CLERK-TREASURER C. UDVARE