

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
November 9, 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 D. Lafata, Council Member S. Darnell, Council Member J. Fisher, and Council Member L. Kittredge.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member J. Fisher made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2020 and November 4, 2020 meetings; motion seconded by Council Member D. Lafata; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

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

V. PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

**Main Street Presentation- Jennifer Gadzala, Lorelei Weimer, and Maura Durham:**

Chesterton Branding Leadership Team (CBLT) members Gadzala, Weimer, and Durham discussed OCRA's (Office of Community and Rural Affairs) Indiana Main Street program and what it could mean for Chesterton. The main focus of this program would most likely revolve around the historic downtown district of Chesterton. Gadzala said the goal is to submit the Main Street program application to OCRA by February 28, 2021. Incoming communities to the program would be announced May of 2021. Council Member J. Ton voiced support to the program and said it has a lot of potential to help the Town. Council Member J. Fisher commented that this was a great presentation, but she would like clarification on the structure of the partnership with CBLT. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve the letter of support for the Main Street program with clarification of the partnerships between involved parties, motion seconded by Council Member D. Lafata, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

VI. REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEADS

**A. Police**—NO REPORT

**B. Fire** – NO REPORT

**C. Clerk Treasurer—2021 Boards & Commissions Openings-** Clerk Treasurer C. Udvare said a date needs to be set for applicants to send in their letters of intent by. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to set this date as December 4, 2020, motion seconded by Council Member J. Fisher, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Clerk - Treasurer Udvare also reported an audit is in process with the State Board of Accounts for years 2018 and 2019.

**D. Streets, Sanitation, & Central Service** —NO REPORT

**E. Engineering**—Town Engineer M. O’Dell said the bid specs for the recycling and refuse services are due November 23, 2020.

**F. Building** —NO REPORT

**G. Parks** – NO REPORT

**H. Attorney**—NO REPORT

**I. Utilities**—NO REPORT

**J. Town Manager—Cares Act Requests-** Town Manager B. Doyle reported that there have been no new requests. Town Manager Doyle also mentioned that there has been an update to the CDC return to work protocols. Negative tests are no longer needed to return to work if the employee quarantines for 10 days and is then symptom free for 24 hours.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS, BID OPENINGS, & REMONSTRANCES

NONE

VIII. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

**Ordinance 2020-18-Establishing a Fund for CARES Act Reimbursement of Public Health and Safety Costs:** Clerk Treasurer C. Udvare explained that this ordinance creates a separate fund specific for this type of reimbursement. Council Member L. Kittredge approved the ordinance on 1<sup>st</sup> reading, motion seconded by Council Member J. Fisher, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to suspend the rules, motion seconded by Council Member D. Lafata, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve the ordinance on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, motion seconded by Council Member D. Lafata, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

X. OLD BUSINESS

**Quiet Zone-** Town Manager B. Doyle reported that there has been no contact over the last 3 weeks. Town Manager Doyle recommended, in concurrence with the Town Engineer, that we reassess the relationship with CTC. Council Member J. Ton stated he would like to be involved in this conversation regarding a potential switch of companies.

XI. NEW BUSINESS AND/OR UPDATES

**NIRPC- Resilience Cohort-** Council Member J. Ton explained that this is a grant funded program lead by Indiana University that allows towns, cities, and counties to complete a greenhouse gas inventory. Many municipalities have joined the study. Council Member Ton suggested J. Gadzala, MS4 Coordinator, ask the Town’s contact person for an \$800 commitment for this study, which will tell us more about the local air quality. Council Member D. Lafata made the motion to sign the letter of commitment to NIRPC regarding this study, motion seconded by Council Member J. Fisher, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Crocker Compost Agreement-**Town Attorney J. Paulson presented the annual agreement for the Crocker Compost site. Council Member D. Lafata made the motion to approve the agreement as presented, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Council Member S. Darnell:	No comment
Council Member J. Fisher:	Council Member J. Fisher said she would be willing to help gather support from downtown businesses for the Main Street project.
Council Member L. Kittredge:	No comment
Council Member J. Ton:	Council Member J. Ton thanked Gadzala, Weimer, and Durham for the Main Street presentation and said it was very well done.
Council Member D. Lafata:	No comment

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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CLERK TREASURER C. UDVARE