

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
September 22, 2014  
7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President S. Darnell 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 J. Trout, Council Member N. Walding, Council Member S. Darnell, and Council Member E. Delaney.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member J. Ton made the motion approve the minutes of the September 8, 2014 Council Meeting, motion seconded by Council Member E. Delaney, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve claims as submitted, motion seconded by Council Member J. Trout, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

V. PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

THERESE DAVIS – Executive Director Recycling and Waste Reduction District of Porter County - Mrs. Davis submitted information about a requested increase in the county-wide annual recycling fee paid by County residents. She advised the fee would increase from \$15 per year to \$20 per year, per household. She advised that the increased revenue would be used to purchase a tub grinder, and hire a person to operate it and this would be available to all of the municipalities. She also advised that these funds would be used to increase the household hazardous waste collection days, and upgrade local recycling centers. Street Commissioner J. Schnadenberg advised that this year the Town has expended \$24,000 for tub grinding and this would be a savings for the Town, although there would still be some costs associated with the process it would not be to the extent it is now. Council Member J. Ton advised that he understand the benefits of this but was concerned about the location and availability of the unit to Town throughout the year. Council Member E. Delaney made the motion to endorse and support the increase of the fee, and the purchase of a tub grinder, motion seconded by Council Member J. Ton, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

VI. REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. POLICE - Chief Cincoski reported that the Hooked on Art would be this Friday and Saturday downtown and there would be parking restricts. He advised this was in

cooperation with the European Market and the Park's Car Cruise. He also wanted to thank everyone who participated in the benefit for Greg Duda.

B. FIRE - Chief Jarka reported that Engine 520 has some mechanical difficulties but could be used in the event of an emergency. He also commented on the recent storms and that although County 911 attempted to activate the sirens, they malfunctioned. He advised that there has been countywide issues with the sirens and the County is attempting to resolve the problems. Council Member J. Ton expressed concern because the last tornado that came through the area damaged homes, and a school building and the sirens didn't work then either.

C. TOWN HALL - Clerk-Treasurer S. Kuziela reported that they are updating the records management and records retention system.

D. STREETS, SANITATION & CENTRAL SERVICES- Street Superintendent J. Schnadenberg reported that the 5<sup>th</sup> St NIPSCO project is coming to a conclusion. He also reported that the parking lot on the south side of Broadway is being prepared for paving, and they have made repairs to the adjacent sidewalks. He advised that they would be accepting applications for temporary help for the leaf program this year.

E. ENGINEERING - Engineer M. O'Dell reported that C. Nesper is working with NIRPC on roadway mapping and classifications for the Town.

F. BUILDING - Engineer M. O'Dell advised that since this is election time there are rules concerning the placement and duration of election signs and the code enforcement officer would address violations found.

G. PARK - No Report.

H. ATTORNEY - No Report

I. UTILITIES - Superintendent T. Atherton reported that the Utility Service Board reviewed the biannual rate study completed by the London-Witte Group and they voted to accept the proposal that accompanied the rate study. He also reported that they are reviewing and refining the online bill paying process for customers.

J. TOWN MANAGER- No Report

K. NIRPC REPORT - Council Member J. Ton advised written report has been submitted.

## VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS, BID OPENINGS AND REMONSTRANCES

Public Hearing for Ordinance 2014-13 Appropriations and Tax Rates. Council President S. Darnell opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke in favor, or in opposition to the Ordinance. The Public Hearing was closed.

Set for Public Hearing Ordinance 2014-14 Amending the Rate for Garbage Pickup and Disposal Including Recycling. Council Member N. Walding made the motion to set this for Public Hearing on November 10, 2014, seconded by Council Member J. Ton, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

## VIII. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

NONE

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

X. OLD BUSINESS

Town Construction Projects –

Trail Reports - Town Engineer M. O'Dell reported on the progress of the Westchester-Liberty Trail contract and that the project is in the process of being designed. He also wanted to remind the public that this is a Federally Funded project and the actual construction might not be until 2016-2017. He advised besides the design work there are permits to obtain for the project to proceed.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Council Member N. Walding:	No Comment
Council Member J. Trout:	No Comment
Council Member J. Ton:	No Comment
Council Member E. DeLaney:	No Comment
Council Member S. Darnell:	No Comment

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A Council Member J. Trout made motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member J. Ton, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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Clerk-Treasurer S. Kuziela