

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

March 28, 2022

7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President J. Fisher 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, and Council President J. Fisher. Council Members S. Darnell and L. Kittredge were absent.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member D. Lafata made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2022 Meeting, motion seconded by Council Member J. Ton; 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 D. Lafata; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

V. PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

John Cannon- Outreach Representative for Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita- Mr. Cannon reported that his department is responsible and able to provide assistance regarding the following: unclaimed property, advisory for local government, consumer protection, and Medicaid fraud.. The Consumer Protection Division has worked with the FCC to take steps to make it more difficult for robo-callers to enter the US telephone network. Additionally, the Consumer Protection Division issues product safety warnings and notices of product recalls. Cannon suggested that Towns and Cities across Indiana check with their insurance companies regarding coverage for cyber security and data breaches. Cannon thanked the Council for the opportunity to attend the meeting and referenced his department's website as a resource.

VI. REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. Police—No report.

B. Fire – Chief E. Camel reported on the department’s previously ordered F250 vehicle. Camel stated that Bosak can’t get the vehicle due to backlog. Camel recommended the department seek out another vehicle purchase option. Also, the department will be conducting interviews to fill a vacancy over the next few weeks.

C. Clerk Treasurer- Clerk Treasurer Udvare reported that the Town received unclaimed funds from the American Rescue Plan Act in the amount of \$6,019.70.

D. Streets, Sanitation, & Central Service – Street Commissioner J. Schnadenberg reported that the department also ordered vehicles with Bosak in August. The vehicles are still not scheduled to be built. Commissioner Schnadenberg presented a recommended 2022-2023 sidewalk project to the Council. Council Member D. Lafata made the motion to approve the sidewalk list, motion seconded by Council Member J. Ton; motion approved by unanimous voice vote. A paving list will be provided at the next meeting. Commissioner Schnadenberg also reported that Frontier will be doing a fiber optic project in many neighborhoods in Town and there will be locate flags visible. The Town, however, is not part of this project. Frontier had advised Schnadenberg that they would be putting out informational door hangers regarding the Frontier project. Questions and concerns should be directed to Frontier.

E. Engineering—No report.

F. Building — Building Commissioner M. O’Dell reported on the Duneland School’s sign permit at the bus barn for a temporary sign. The school district is advertising for prospective drivers as they are 15 drivers short. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to waive the fees for this permit, motion seconded by Council Member D. Lafata; motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Lastly, O’Dell commented that political signs in Town Right of Way will be pulled. The signs need to be behind sidewalk and more than 10 ft. from the roadway.

G. Parks –Interim Park Superintendent B. Mathias reported that mulch has been delivered and has been applied to the playground at Chesterton Park. Also, Mathias thanked Street Commissioner Schnadenberg and the Street Department for their help with fixing the lean to at the compound.

H. Attorney— No report.

I. Utilities— Superintendent D. Ryan reported that disinfection season starts on April 1st.

J. Town Manager—Town Manager D. Cincoski reported that he has been working on 3 grants for the Park Board/Park Department.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS, BID OPENINGS, & REMONSTRANCES

Public Hearing- Resolution 2022-03- Re-Establishing a Cumulative Capital Development Fund- Town Attorney C. Lukmann stated that this is done every year at a charge of 4 cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation. The public hearing was opened at 7:17 pm. There were no comments for or against the re-establishment of the cumulative capital development fund. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve the closing of the public hearing, motion seconded by Council Member D. Lafata; motion approved by unanimous voice vote. The public hearing was closed at 7:18 pm.

VIII. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2022-03- Re-Establishing a Cumulative Capital Development Fund- Council Member D. Lafata made the motion to approve the resolution, motion seconded by Council Member J. Ton; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

X. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

XI. NEW BUSINESS AND/OR UPDATES

Chesterton Economic Development Company – Loan Application Updates- Council Member J. Ton reported on CHAMP loan application revisions. The goal of the CEDC was to simplify the application process and to draw more use of the fund by local businesses. Ton recommended that the Council approve the revisions. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to pass the revisions to application, motion seconded by Council Member D. Lafata; motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Ton stated that the goal is to fill empty store fronts and to support existing businesses.

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

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| Council Member S. Darnell: | No comment. |
| Council Member J. Fisher: | Council President Fisher commented that Public Liaison K. Nevers did a great job covering the CHS boys' basketball season. |
| Council Member L. Kittredge: | No comment. |
| Council Member J. Ton: | Council Member Ton asked about sending |

Norfolk Southern a letter from the Town Manager inviting them to give us feedback and to inform them of the scope of the project. The Town Council came to a consensus that that would be a good idea.

Council Member D. Lafata:

No comment.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

CLERK-TREASURER C. UDVARE