

## REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING

May 28, 2019

6:30 p.m.

### CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President D. Lafata called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Roll was called; present were: Commission Member N. Walding, Commission Member J. Trout, Commission Member E. DeLaney, Commission Member L. Schoberth, Commission Member D. Lafata, and School Board Advisor J. Marshall.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member E. DeLaney made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2019 Meeting, seconded by Member N. Walding, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

### CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Member N. Walding made the motion to approve the claims as submitted, seconded by Member E. DeLaney, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

### COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Jon Snyder, Porter County Assessor – Assessor Snyder presented information regarding Symphony of Chesterton, which is appealing the assessed valuations seeking a reduction of assessment for the property and this would impact the Commission. Assessor Snyder stated that Symphony has done this same appeal for properties in Lake County and he would like to have an appraisal of the property and requested the Commission assist with the cost of this appraisal. The appraisal could cost from \$10,000 to \$20,000 and his department does not have a line item for this. Assessor Snyder advised there have been similar situations in other communities and they have partnered with his office in contesting these appeals. Assessor Snyder also advised the appellate process could take years to resolve. Commission Member E. DeLaney made the motion to partner with the Assessor's office subject to legal review and approval of the percentage and appraiser. Motion seconded by Commission Member N. Walding. Commission Member J. Trout motioned that the Redevelopment Commission's percentage should be 50% not to exceed \$10,000, seconded by Commission Member N. Walding, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

### REPORTS FROM STAFF

Street Commissioner J. Schnadenberg submitted a recommendation for partnering with Porter County Highway on 950 N paving and repair. He advised Porter County has the equipment and the Town would purchase the necessary material which would be for the portion of 950 N in

Town limits since the annexation of the Pope Farm. He will prepare cost estimates for the Town's portion and submit it to the Commission at the next meeting.

Town Attorney J. Paulson requested the Commission to have a Special meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Commission Member E. DeLaney made the motion to have a Special meeting on June 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Motion seconded by Commission Member J. Trout, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Street Commissioner J. Schnadenberg reported on the other paving projects that are occurring including the Community Crossing Grant projects and the projects being funded by the General Obligation Bond.

PUBLIC HEARING

NONE

ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

CFON Project – Engineer M. O'Dell reported they are still waiting on AMTRAK and soil borings have been completed. They have been working on S. Calumet and they have 63 customers, 13 proposals and plan to have 5 to 8 connections completed next week.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Commission Member J. Trout commented he is happy with the progress of the CFON project.

Commission Member N. Walding commented they have one appraisal for the Calumet and Porter property and wanted to know when the 2<sup>nd</sup> would be completed. He was advised they were waiting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> appraisal to be completed and submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

Member N. Walding made the motion to adjourn, motion seconded by Member E. DeLaney, motion was approved by unanimous voice vote, meeting adjourned.

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PRESIDENT REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

ATTEST:

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Clerk-Treasurer S. Kuziela