

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
January 11, 2021  
7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President S. Darnell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. via tele conference.

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, and Council Member J. Fisher. Council Member L. Kittredge was absent.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member J. Fisher made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 28, 2020 meeting and January 4, 2021 special meeting; motion seconded by Council Member D. Lafata; motion approved by unanimous roll call vote (4-Yes, 0-No).

IV. CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve the claims as presented, motion seconded by Council Member J. Fisher; motion approved by unanimous roll call vote (4-Yes, 0-No).

V. PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

NONE

VI. REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEADS

**A. Police**—NO REPORT

**B. Fire**—Interim Fire Chief E. Camel explained that Portage Fire Department is taking the lead in preparing a regional grant to fund station alerting for area departments. This project will place 20,000+ emergency dispatches on one channel, reducing radio congestion and dispatch delays. For the grant submission, Portage is adding a 10% cost increase to the \$51,260.51 2019 estimate for hardware for this project at Chesterton fire, for a total of \$56,386.56. Chief Camel recommended that the Town Council give permission to Portage Fire to continue with the AFG grant process, and that the Town of Chesterton would be willing to provide 10% grant matching of the hardware purchase price (\$5,638.66), if the regional grant were to be awarded. Council Member J. Fisher made the motion to support giving permission to move forward with the grant

application process, motion seconded by Council Member J. Ton; motion approved by unanimous roll call vote (4-Yes, 0-No).

**C. Clerk Treasurer - Vacation/Sick/Personal Time Payouts-** Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve payout of a list presented by Clerk Treasurer C. Udvaré regarding a payout to Town of Chesterton employees for their unused vacation, sick, and personal time from 2020; motion seconded by Council Member D. Lafata; motion approved by unanimous roll call vote (4-Yes, 0-No).

**D. Streets, Sanitation, & Central Service -** Street Commissioner J. Schnadenberg presented a banner request from the Chesterton Art Center for the Art Fair, to be held Monday August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The Art Center would like banners displayed from July 23<sup>rd</sup> - August 9<sup>th</sup>. Council Member D. Lafata made the motion to approve this banner request, motion seconded by Council Member J. Fisher; motion approved by unanimous roll call vote (4-Yes, 0-No). Additionally, Commissioner Schnadenberg said the Street Department is accepting applications for Assistant Street Commissioner as well as a laborer/driver position.

**E. Engineering**—Town Engineer M. O’Dell reported that his department is conducting a secondary review of Aldi’s plans. Additionally, Engineer O’Dell reported that PSR LLC public hearings will be taking place.

**F. Building** —Building Commissioner M. O’Dell reported that his department is conducting a general permit review. An extension from IDEM is being requested. Additionally, he reported his department is working on building plans with Republic Services.

**G. Parks** – Superintendent S. Griffin reported that the request for proposal for the Coffee Creek Park revamp should be out soon for review.

**H. Attorney**—NO REPORT

**I. Utilities**—NO REPORT

**J. Town Manager**—Town Manager D. Cincoski reported that his transition to the role of Town Manager is going well so far. Town Manager Cincoski is working with Public Relations employee, Kevin Nevers, on reporting/adding more to the Town’s social media presence. Additionally, Town Manager Cincoski is working on getting caught up on projects in the Town Manager’s office that were in process at year end.

## VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS, BID OPENINGS, & REMONSTRANCES

NONE

## VIII. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

**Resolution 2021-Grants/Disaster Mitigation Relief-**Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve this resolution regarding the Porter County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, motion seconded by Council Member J. Fisher; motion approved by unanimous roll call vote (4-Yes, 0-No).

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

X. OLD BUSINESS

**Quiet Zone-** Council Member J. Ton reported that they are moving ahead with the crossing on Calumet and this will mean less of a cost for the Town eventually.

XI. NEW BUSINESS AND/OR UPDATES

NONE

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 J. Ton:	No comment
Council Member D. Lafata:	No comment

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member J. Ton made the motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Council Member J. Fisher; motion approved by unanimous roll call vote (4-Yes, 0-No).

ATTEST:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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CLERK TREASURER C. UDVARE