

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

June 14, 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.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll was called by Deputy Clerk-Treasurer K. Hrapek; present were Council Member S. Darnell, Council Member J. Ton, Council Member L. Kittredge, and Council Member D. Lafata. Council Member J. Fisher was absent.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member L. Kittredge made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2021 Meeting, motion seconded by Council Member D. Lafata; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

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

V. PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Vacation of a Public Way- 16th Street & Lincoln Ave. Right of Way- David & Rhonda Williams- Rhonda Williams of 896 N 350 E Chesterton, IN owns the property at 324 S. 15th Street. This was the first time the vacation was seen by the Council. Council Member D. Lafata made the motion to set the vacation request for public hearing on July 12, 2021, motion seconded by Council Member J. Ton; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Kenny Furness of 805 S. Jackson Blvd. asked for permission to host Hooked on Art on September 18 from 8am-3pm. The request includes closing down a portion of Calumet. Furness will also appear at the July 6 Park Board meeting to request Park Board approval as well. Council Member L. Kittredge made the motion to approve the Hooked on Art event, pending Park Board approval for use of the park, motion seconded by Council Member D. Lafata; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

VI. REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. Police— Interim Police Chief R. Byrd reported on the Tip411 program. Council Member J. Ton Made the motion to approve the Tip411 program, pending legal approval, motion seconded by Council Member D. Lafata; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

B. Fire –TC’s Energy’s Build Strong Funding Project- Chief E. Camel presented a letter regarding the TC Energy’s Build Strong Funding Project and revisions to the rules and regulations of the Fire Department. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve the 0% match on the Town’s side for TC Energy’s Build Strong Funding Project which will upgrade a couple of the Fire Department’s MDTs for the dispatch center’s migration to the Premier One CAD system; motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge; motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member L. Kittredge made the motion to update the rules and regulations, motion seconded by Council Member D. Lafata; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

C. Clerk Treasurer- NO REPORT

D. Streets, Sanitation, & Central Service –Street Commissioner J. Schnadenberg presented a banner request. The request comes from Kiwanis for September 9-25th. Hooked on Art was already approved for some of this date range. Kiwanis could do the 20-25 of Sept. Council Member D. Lafata made the motion to approve this banner request, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge; motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Also, Schnadenberg mentioned the department is on its 3rd round of paving. Tamarack Trail & 10th Street south of Porter, and partial paving on 9th street from Porter Ave. to Morgan will be in the works. July 5 marks an application process for Community Crossing Grants. Council Member J. Ton made the motion authorizing Council President Darnell to sign the application for Community Crossing grants, motion seconded by Council Member D. Lafata; motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Schnadenberg said they would be submitting for paving on Broadway & Calumet in the downtown areas--Broadway from Calumet to 8th Street, Calumet from Porter Ave. to railroad tracks. The 3rd road that would be submitted for is Texas Street, which costs \$98,000 for one road—Schnadenberg thought this would be a good fit for application for crossing grant with the 50/50 match.

E. Engineering—NO REPORT

F. Building —Occupancy permits were issued for Fat Burrito, MTI Service Center on Calumet, and Hampton Ironworks on Broadway.

Notice of violation regarding tall grass and weeds has been sent to the owners of the Brassie Golf Course. S. Darnell and D. Cincoski have received complaints regarding this issue.

G. Parks –Superintendent S. Griffin reported that the old bathrooms near Dogwood & the trailhead have been demolished on Jackson. Council President S. Darnell reported that she had been contacted about the Volleyball courts being closed. Griffin said that nets will be put back up.

H. Attorney—NO REPORT

I. Utilities—Superintendent D. Ryan remarked about the dry weather streak.

J. Town Manager—Lakefront Fireworks & Executive Session of the Town- Town Manager D. Cincoski presented a letter from Maura Durham of the Duneland Chamber of Commerce regarding sponsorship of \$2,500 & donation requests of police & fire assistance for this event on June 30, 2021. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve these requests, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge; motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Fisher has requested a Town Council executive meeting at 5:45 on June 28 for employee evaluation and performance. Lastly, Cincoski is working with MS4 Coordinator J. Gadzala on the resilience cohort for NIRPC. There is an intern with them doing data collection. They have at least 2 meetings per week with NIRPC.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS, BID OPENINGS, & REMONSTRANCES

VIII. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

X. OLD BUSINESS

Quiet Zone- Town Manager D. Cincoski reported that the draft of feasibility has been received. This is under review by Town staff as well as the Town’s legal team. They are working with legal to put together a document addressing questions and concerns.

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:	Council Member Kittredge also thanked the department heads and said that the projects look nice.
Council Member J. Ton:	Council Member J. Ton thanked the department heads for their great work.
Council Member D. Lafata:	No comment

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

CLERK TREASURER C. UDVARE