

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

July 12, 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 Clerk-Treasurer C. Udvardy; present were Council Member S. Darnell, Council Member J. Ton, Council Member L. Kittredge, Council Member D. Lafata, and Council Member J. Fisher.

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member D. Lafata made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2021, Meeting and June 28, 2021 Executive Session Meeting, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge; 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 J. Fisher; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

### V. PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

**Petition for Waiver of Standards- 2121 Pinehurst- Rita & Len Davia-** Petitioners stated they have lived there 16 years and that the concrete pad isn't a driveway but is used for garbage cans and planters. Additionally, petitioner stated they were willing to drill holes for drainage if needed. Len Davia stated he will be putting in rain barrel to elevate the downspout that drains in that area. Town Engineer M. O'Dell explained that it was already poured, inches from the property line Council Member S. Darnell asked if this would add parking and doesn't want to set a precedent of double driveways. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to take the petition under advisement until the next meeting, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge; motion approved by unanimous roll call vote. Engineer M. O'Dell recommended that the Davias get the Town get something in writing/signed by the neighbors stating they are okay with the project/waiver of standards.

**Robert Petro- 225 Ironwood—Crosswalk over 49—**Petro wanted to know the longer-term plans for a potential cross walk over highway 49 at Indian Boundary and Highway 49's

intersection. Council Member J. Ton explained that currently there is no crosswalk and that people do cross the highway there onto the dirt paths at the opposite ends of Indian Boundary Road. Council Member Ton explained the Town is working with INDOT to see what we can do to improve the intersection. Furthermore, Council Member Ton explained a guideline that states in order to have a legal crosswalk, there has to be a safety zone or landing zone on either side of 49 along Indian Boundary . The Town cannot do this because that area is considered State property. However, the State has said that reconstruction of the intersection is scheduled for 2023—this would then make it possible for sidewalks to be created. Sidewalks have been presented in the State plans Town Engineer O’Dell has seen thus far. In conclusion, Council Member Ton explained the intersection has to be improved first to get landing zones in, and then a crosswalk could possibly be considered.

VI. REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEADS

**A. Police**— Interim Police Chief R. Byrd reported that Morgan’s Corner subdivision has been asking for increased police coverage to crack down on speeding vehicles and vehicles disregarding stop signs. Interim Chief Byrd encouraged residents to call police and give information so officers can respond.

**B. Fire –NiSource Charitable Foundation- Stop the Bleed Materials, Rules & Regulations Update-** Chief E. Camel discussed his letter to the Council asking for approval to request a 0% match from NiSource Charitable Foundation for the purchase of Stop the Bleed Materials. The total estimated cost would be \$3,731.99 for training materials, props, and a Surface Pro computer. Council Member J. Fisher made the motion to approve the request to NiSource, motion seconded by Council Member J. Ton; motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Additionally, Chief Camel discussed an update to Rules and Regulations regarding section 507 Awards Program Guidelines and Criteria. He explained this is a revamp to the existing program. Council Member J. Ton commented that he was glad to see positive reinforcement for jobs well done. Council Member J. Fisher made the motion to approve the revision to Rules & Regulations, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge; motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Lastly, Chief Camel discussed the Street Dance which is scheduled on August 7<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Station. The Police Commission had already approved the street closing. Chief Camel is looking for the Council’s an approval to host it. Council Member J. Fisher made the motion to approve the Street Dance with the condition of adding a new fund for the revenue by ordinance, motion seconded by Council Member J. Ton; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**C. Clerk Treasurer- NO REPORT**

**D. Streets, Sanitation, & Central Service** –Street Commissioner J. Schnadenberg reported that the sidewalk project has been started. Also, Commissioner Schnadenberg drew attention to the area of 4<sup>th</sup> & Broadway—the concrete in front of Butler Winery is broken up and hazardous. He suggested adding this to the project list. Council Member J. Fisher made the motion to approve the project, motion seconded by Council Member J. Ton; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**E. Engineering**—Town Engineer M. O’Dell reported that 1100 Woods is still being reviewed and the Villages of Sand creek Phase going in on land that was recently cleared.

**F. Building** —Building Commissioner M. O’Dell reported a new surgery center is doing work at lot 7 and 8 in Coffee Creek across from Symphony. He noted that the number of building permits request has significantly increased this year and because of this it is taking his department more time that usual to issue them.

**G. Parks** –NO REPORT

**H. Attorney**—NO REPORT

**I. Utilities**—NO REPORT

**J. Town Manager**—Town Manager D. Cincoski reported that sensitivity training has been done. There will be a make up for those who missed and risk assessment conducted at a later date.

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

**Public Hearing- Vacation of a Public Way- 16<sup>th</sup> Street & Lincoln Ave.- David & Rhonda Williams-** Rhonda Williams, of 896 N 350 E, discussed her property at 16<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln. The hearing was opened hearing at 7:28 PM. No one spoke in favor or against the vacation. The public hearing closed at 7:29 PM. Town Attorney J. Paulson remarked that there was no certified notice required for this vacation because the petitioners owned the abutting property. Town Engineer O’Dell commented that there is a reserved easement, but there are no problems with it.

## VIII. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

**Ordinance 2021-13- Vacation of a Public Way- Williams- 16<sup>th</sup> Street & Lincoln Ave. –** Council Member D. Lafata made the motion to approve the ordinance on 1<sup>st</sup> reading, motion seconded by Council Member J. Fisher; motion approved by unanimous roll call vote. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to suspend the rules, motion seconded by Council Member D. Lafata; motion approved by unanimous roll call vote. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve the ordinance on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Ordinance 2012-14-Establishment of Chesterton Street Dance Gift Fund**—Council Member J. Fisher made the motion to add the ordinance to the agenda, motion seconded by Council Member J. Ton; motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member J. Fisher made the motion to approve the ordinance on 1<sup>st</sup> reading, motion seconded by Council Member D. Lafata; motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member J. Fisher made the motion to suspend the rules, motion seconded by Council Member J. Ton; motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve the ordinance on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, motion seconded by Council Member J. Fisher; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

X. OLD BUSINESS

**Quiet Zone-** Town Manager D. Cincoski reported that he is finishing up the review which will then go to CTC.

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:	Council Member J. Ton commented that he hoped everyone had a good 4 <sup>th</sup> of July and that we recognize the reason why we celebrate.
Council Member D. Lafata:	No comment

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member J. Fisher made the motion to adjourn, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

ATTEST:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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CLERK TREASURER C. UDVARE