

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
September 27, 2021
5:00 p.m.

Council Member J. Fisher made the motion for Council Member J. Ton to proceed as the temporary chair, motion seconded by Council Member D. Lafata; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member J. Ton called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. 2022 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Council Member D. Lafata made the motion to take a recess at 6:02 p.m. and to reconvene at 7:00 p.m., motion seconded by Council Member J. Fisher; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Council Member J. Fisher made the motion to reconvene at 7:00 p.m., motion seconded by Council Member D. Lafata; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member D. Lafata made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2021 meeting, motion seconded by Council Member J. Fisher; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

V. CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

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

VI. PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

James Waggoner- Waggoner Auction Service - Waggoner performed the recent Town auction. Waggoner expressed gratitude to the Clerk Treasurer, her staff, Town Council, Police Chief T. Richardson, Street Commissioner J. Schnadenberg, and the Street Department.

VI. REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. Police— Porter County Substance Abuse Council Grant- Chief Richardson asked for permission to proceed with this grant application, which would include getting a K9. The grant is possibly fully funded and will be awarded next year. Department Liaison J. Ton supports this application. Legal will review the grant applications and terms. Council Member J. Fisher made the motion to proceed with applying for this grant pending legal review, motion seconded by Council Member D. Lafata; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

B. Fire – Chief E. Camel talked about live training with Burns Harbor, Beverly Shores, and Liberty fire departments.

C. Clerk Treasurer- Clerk Treasurer C. Udvare reported that the Town had a successful auction on September 21, 2021 with a total of \$64,916 in sales. Everything sold. Waggoners Auction Service received a 15% cut of total sales at \$9,737.40 for a total of \$55,178.60 in net sales for the Town.

D. Streets, Sanitation, & Central Service –Truck Request- Street Commissioner J. Schnadenberg said his department is finishing up crack sealing for the year.

E. Engineering—Town Engineer M. O’Dell reported that his department is working on 1100 Woods regarding utilities. Also, the department is reviewing the Ken Allen Law Office building at Coffee Creek. This would be a multi-use building. The site plan will be reviewed and sent over to the Utility Department for further review.

F. Building —Building Commissioner M. O’Dell reported that Aldi will most likely have its final inspection this week, with the fire department being out there for sprinkler testing. Also, Commissioner O’Dell reported that Gastro is doing a kitchen remodel and the inspection is being coordinated with the Porter County Health Department.

G. Parks –Superintendent S. Griffin talked about the Upsadaisy Market which just opened Sunday at Thomas Centennial Park. The market runs through October. Also, Superintendent Griffin said rebuilding together is going to Coffee Creek this Saturday.

H. Attorney—NO REPORT

I. Utilities—NO REPORT

J. Town Manager—Town Manager D. Cincoski reported that all staff have completed harassment & discrimination training. Department heads have went through risk assessment of facilities and operations with the Town’s insurance company. No issues were found. A report will be sent to the Town for review. Town Manager Cincoski reported on the NIRPC resiliency cohort. The intern has helped with the process and there are a couple more sessions scheduled to discuss next steps

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS, BID OPENINGS, & REMONSTRANCES

Ordinance 2021-20- 2022 Budget- Town Attorney C. Lukmann presented the ordinance for 2022 appropriations and tax rates. The notice has been published. The public hearing was opened at 7:13 by Council Member J. Ton. No one spoke in favor or against the ordinance. The public hearing was closed at 7:14 by Council Member J. Ton.

VIII. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2021-19- Approving the Issuance of Bonds and Appropriation of the Proceeds Thereof by the Department of Storm Water Management- 1st Reading- Town Attorney Lukmann presented this ordinance and said it is necessary for next month's Storm Water Board meeting. The Storm Water Board will have a public hearing and review a confirmatory resolution. The Department of Storm Water Management has determined to issue bonds of the district pursuant to Indiana code 8-1.5-5 in an amount not to exceed \$1,013,000 to provide funds to acquire, construct, rebuild, repair, extend, and improve the storm water system and equipment, and structures and equipment appurtenant to them and to pay costs of issuance of the bonds. Council Member J. Fisher made the motion to approve the ordinance on 1st reading, motion seconded by Council Member D. Lafata; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Ordinance 2021-20- 2022 Budget- 1st Reading- Council Member D. Lafata made the motion to approve the ordinance on 1st reading, motion seconded by Council Member J. Fisher; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2021-07- Resolution Establishing a Written Fiscal Plan and Definite Policy Pursuant to Indiana Law for the Annexation of the Duneland School Bus Barn- Town Attorney Lukmann presented the resolution and explained that this land is made up of 15.33 acres. There will be no impact on the budget. This ordinance will establish the fiscal plan. Council Member J. Fisher made the motion to approve the resolution, motion seconded by Council Member D. Lafata; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

X. OLD BUSINESS

Right of Way Agreement- Sturrock – 1810 Ritter St. Continued from the last meeting, there is a driveway which exists on the Town right of way. This agreement would retroactively correct the problem. Town Engineer M. O'Dell reported that the drive way is made up of just gravel.

The property owner would need an insurance policy. Council Member D. Lafata made the motion to approve the agreement, pending insurance policy addition and legal approval, motion seconded by Council Member J. Fisher; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Quiet Zone-Town Manager Cincoski reported that the consultants have addressed the requested changes and will respond with a document within 10-14 days. Then, we should have a projected cost. Council Member J. Ton commented that we need to see this cost to see what we can do.

XI. NEW BUSINESS AND/OR UPDATES

Bus Barn Annexation Agreement- Town Attorney C. Lukmann reported that legal has changes to make on the agreement. This will be taken under advisement and addressed at the next meeting.

Porter County Animal Control Contract- The contract was presented and is for 5 years at the same price as the past contract. Legal has reviewed the agreement. Council Member D. Lafata made the motion to approve the contract, motion seconded by Council Member J. Fisher; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

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| Council Member S. Darnell: | No comment |
| Council Member J. Fisher: | Council Member J. Fisher gave an update on the Tip 411 progress. The app is user friendly and should hopefully result in a reduction of vandalism. |
| Council Member L. Kittredge: | No comment |
| Council Member J. Ton: | Council Member J. Ton was glad to hear about Tip 411 program. Also, he congratulated the European Market for being the top IN farmer’s market in Indiana for 2021 by the American Farm Land Trust Annual Conference. |
| Council Member D. Lafata: | No comment |

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member J. Fisher 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