

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
January 8, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION: Reverend Joan Mier, Peace United Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mr. Minchuk was absent. All other members were present.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REMONSTRATIONS:
Clerk Treasurer Eugene Guernsey gave the Oath and provided the Swearing in of the new Police Officers:

Terrence M. Bronowski

The Town Council congratulated and welcomed the new Police Officers.

**2019 - MERRILLVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS & BOARDS**

STANDING COMMITTEES:
BUDGET & FINANCE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:
Barron, Chairwoman
Pettit
Uzelac

PUBLIC WORKS
(Bldg. & Grounds,
Town Beautification)

Minchuk, Chairman
LaMarca
Spann

COUNCIL AFFAIRS (Ordinances)

LaMarca, Chairwoman
Minchuk
Uzelac

PERSONNEL POLICY &
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Pettit, Chairman
Barron
Uzelac

PUBLIC SAFETY
(Police & Fire Services)

Uzelac, Chairwoman
Pettit
Spann

PARKS & RECREATION

LaMarca, Chairwoman
Barron
Uzelac

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
(Includes Development & Maintenance
of Retention Ponds Committee)

Barron, Chairwoman
Pettit
Spann

ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS
(2TC, Town Manager & PK Director)

Uzelac, Chairwoman
Barron
Orlich
Spires

***SPECIAL BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS:**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
(3TC, CRC Exec. Dir., CRC Econ. Dev. Chairman)

Pettit, Chairman
Barron
Minchuk
Sue Reed, Exe. Dir., MCC

UTILITY LIAISONS

Spann, Chairman
Minchuk
Uzelac

ABANDONED BLIGHTED PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

Hardaway, Chairman
Guernsey
Uzelac

LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE

Chrissy Barron

NORTHWEST INDIANA REGIONAL
PLAN COMMISSION

Richard Hardaway

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Barron
LaMarca
Minchuk
Pettit
Uzelac

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Minchuk
Olthof

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the Accounts Payable Register Voucher dated January 8, 2019. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of December 27, 2018. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

BUDGET & FINANCE:

Mr. Pettit had no report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Minchuk had no report.

COUNCIL AFFAIRS:

Ms. LaMarca had no report.

PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

Mrs. Barron had no report.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Uzelac had no report.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Ms. LaMarca had no report and referred to Ms. Olrich for a report. Ms. Olrich said after talking with Mr. Markel from the Street Department they have agreed to let the Park Department take care of the maintenance and gardening for all the gateway signs in Merrillville. Ms. Olrich prepared an annual report and presented it to the town council which included just a few of the following items; park information, special events and programs. Some discussion followed.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:

Mr. Barron had no report.

ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Mrs. Uzelac had no report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Pettit announced that there will be a Redevelopment Commission Workshop at 5:30 p.m. on January 22nd.

UTILITY LIAISON:

Mr. Spann had no report.

ABANDONED PROPERTIES:

President Hardaway had no report.

GENERAL ORDERS:

FIRST READING ORDINANCES:

None

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

Res.19-01:

A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, authorizing temporary loans to fulfill monetary requirements necessary for debt service payments (retroactive to 1-3-19). Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Pettit. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Res.19-02:

A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, adopting a complete streets policy. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. Some discussion followed. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

BZA ACTIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

All public comment is recorded on an audio file and kept on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office at Town Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Plan Commission meeting, January 15, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Environmental Resources Commission meeting, January 17, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Town Hall offices closed (except for Emergency Services)
January 21, 2019 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Redevelopment Commission meeting January 22, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Town Council meeting, January 22, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Barron made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac.

Richard Hardaway, President

Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer