CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION: Joan Mier- United Church of Christ

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Ms. LaMarca was absent. All members were present.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REMONSTRATIONS:
None

CONSENT AGENDA:
Approval of the Accounts Payable Register Voucher Approval for September 10, 2019. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2019. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

BUDGET & FINANCE:
Mrs. Barron said a Budget and Finance Meeting would take place after the current Town Council Meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS:
Mr. Minchuk reported that a storm sewer was sunken a bit on U.S. 30 and Merrillville Rd south east corner. Mr. Lake said that if it is property of Merrillville it will get fixed.

COUNCIL AFFAIRS:
Ms. LaMarca had no report.

PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:
Mr. Pettit mentioned that he would be meeting with Mr. Lake and Mr. Reardon concerning the Insurance Renewal for the following year. Once Mr. Lake is prepared there will be a committee meeting to present his findings.

PUBLIC SAFETY:
Mrs. Uzelac acknowledged the workers in public works for doing a good job on the 73th paving as well as on Whitcomb St. Mr. Hardaway mentioned that Senator Eddie Melton would be adding a left turning lane on 57th Cleveland for pedestrians.

PARKS & RECREATION:
Ms. LaMarca had no report.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:
Mrs. Barron had no report. Mr. Lake announced that a water shut study is taking place and the findings will be presented at the next meeting.

ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:
Mrs. Uzelac had no report. Mr. Hardaway said that he would like to work with Ms. Orlich for the 2020 census which will comprise of both elected officials and town residents.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:
Mr. Pettit had no report.

UTILITY LIAISON:
Mr. Spann had no report.

ABANDONED PROPERTIES:
President Hardaway had no report.
GENERAL ORDERS:

FIRST READING: (Discussion and Roll Call)

Ord. 19-21, (Discussion and Roll Call Vote)

An Ordinance of The Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana appropriating additional monies within the Fire Equipment/Cell Tower Operating Fund for the year 2019 not included in the current budget. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mr. Spann. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Ord. 19-22, (Discussion and Roll Call Vote)

An Ordinance of The Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana authorizing additional appropriations. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Ord. 19-23, (Discussion and Roll Call Vote)

An Ordinance establishing A “203 Fund-Motor Vehicle Highway Restricted Fund”, and all matters related thereto. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mr. Spann. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

SECOND READING:

Ordinance 19-20, (Discussion, Public Comment and Roll Call Vote)

An Ordinance Amending and replacing the existing Park Impact Fee Ordinance of The Town of Merrillville, Lake County Indiana, by updating the amount of said Impact Fee and all matters related thereto. Mr. Pettit announced the 6 month clock for new business permit which will go into effect February 10, 2020. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion carried by a 5-1 abstain roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

Res. 19- 39, (Discussion and Voice Vote)

A Resolution authorizing and approving appointment and removal procedures for a board member appointed to the Lake County Convention and Visitor’s Bureau a.k.a. The South Shore Convention and Visitor’s Authority by the Town Council of The Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, and all matters related thereto. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion carried by a 6-0 abstain roll call vote.

BZA ACTIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Hardaway announced the appointment for the South Shore Community Visitors Bureau. Mr. Reardon acknowledged Ms. Bridget M Streck as the new appointee. Mr. Hardaway elaborated into saying three people were interviewed for the position however Ms. Streck stood out above everyone else being that she consented to communicating effectively on updated on the Visitors Bureau and being an advocate for the town insuring that the residents of Merrillville would receive the things they need to enhance the Town. Mr. Pettit welcomed Ms. Streck to any RDC Meeting in particular meetings concerning White Lodging and or Century Mall. Mr. Pettit would like for Ms. Streck to remain in the loop pertaining to what develops/transpires.

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 Sept.17th at 6:30 pm
Environmental Resource meeting Sept. 19th at 2:00 pm
Town Council Meeting Sept. 24th at 6:30 pm

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

Richard Hardaway, President
Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer