

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

ROLLCALL: Mrs. Barron was absent and all other members present.

INVOCATION: Pastor David Neville- Unity A.M.E. Zion Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, REMONSTRATIONS:

Proclamation- February 2013, Black History Month. Mr. Hardaway made a motion to approve and Mr. Widing second the motion. The motion was approved by a 6/0 voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Accounts payable register voucher approval February 12, 2013 and the approval of Town Council minutes January 22, 2013. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and Mr. Widing second the motion. The motion was approved by a 6/0 voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

BUDGET & FINANCE:

Mr. Goralczyk called a budget & finance meeting for March 12th at 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Pettit announced that they have a bid opening for a front end loader for the public works department. Mr. Goralczyk opened the bids and Mr. Guernsey read the bids. First bid is from McCann Equipment for \$134,480.00 and the second was from Harding's Heavy Equipment for \$117,600.00 and the third was from McAllister Equipment for \$141,515.00 and the fourth bid was from Casey Equipment Company \$135,750.00 and the fifth bid was from Westside Tractor Sales Company for \$142,500.00. Mr. Goralczyk made a motion to take the bids under advisement and Mr. Pettit second the motion. The motion was approved by a 5/0 voice vote.

Mrs. Miano read a letter from Congressman Visclosky regarding the railroad tracks on Harrison, Madison & Taft explaining that INDOT maintains a rail office and may be able to provide further information to the Town and he sent correspondence to Michael Cline, Commissioner for INDOT, requesting his assistance.

COUNCIL AFFAIRS: No report.

PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

Mr. Goralczyk announced that the executive secretary is retiring and he would like to open the position up to in house employees and will take applications until February 22nd and begin interviews on February 26th at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Pettit suggested not filling it full time and bringing someone in part time instead to save money. Mrs. Miano said she would like to see this go under an executive session next Wednesday before the workshop and to try to do everything they can to save the Town money.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Miano read a letter of commendation for Chief Petruch from Mr. Kirk who resides at 6670 E. 85th Court.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Mr. Spann announced that the Pruzin Center is being repainted.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:

Mr. Goralczyk announced that everyone should've received their calendar for recycling for 2013 and will drop off more calendars in the Clerk-Treasurer's office.

ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS: No report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Goralczyk gave an update on the Town Hall project and that it is just about at a close within the next two weeks.

UTILITY LIAISON: No report

TOWN GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANIZATION: No report.

ADA COMPLIANCES: No report

GENERAL ORDERS:

FIRST READING ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 13-02:

An ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, amending Ordinance 98-26 pertaining to employee travel reimbursement up to \$42.00 per day with original receipt. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and Mr. Widing second the motion. The motion was approved by a 6/0 roll call vote.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES: None

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 13-04:

A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, transferring monies of the 2013 Budget within the Stormwater Utility Budget. Mr. Hardaway made a motion to approve and Mr. Pettit second the motion. The motion was approved by a 6/0 voice vote.

BZA ACTIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Town Hall will be closed Monday, February 18, 2013 in observance of President's Day

Plan Commission Meeting, Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Town Council workshop, Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Town Hall forum for State Representative Vernon Smith, State Senator Earline Rogers and Lonnie Randolph for legislation affecting Merrillville on Saturday, February 23, 2012 at noon.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Miano, Town Council President

Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer