

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 26, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

ROLLCALL: Mr. Pettit and Mr. Guernsey were absent and all other members present.

INVOCATION: Mrs. Miano conducted the invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, REMONSTRATIONS:

The Council and Mr. Spires honored Mr. McCall for 35 years of service with the public works department and he was presented with a plaque.

Mrs. Miano read a letter from County Council President Ted Bilski stating that they reappointed Mr. Gene Ward to the Merrillville Economic Committee for a 4 year term.

Mrs. Miano read a letter honoring March as Meals on Wheels Month.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Accounts payable register voucher approval March 26, 2013 and the approval of Town Council minutes of March 12, 2013. Mr. Widing made a motion to approve and Mr. Goralczyk second the motion. The motion was approved by a 6/0 voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

BUDGET & FINANCE: No report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Goralczyk conducted the bid opening. Four bids were turned in as follows:

Chicago International rucks of Gary, bidding for \$332,520.00 for 2 trucks at \$166,260.00 each.

GX Peterbilt of Indianapolis, bidding for \$176,560.00 each.

Truck City of Gary, bidding for \$327,108.00 total.

Pozzo Truck Center of Gary, bidding for \$335,394.18 for 2 trucks at \$167,697.06 each.

Mr. Widing made a motion to take the bids under advisement and Mr. Hardaway second the motion. The motion was approved by a 6/0 voice vote.

COUNCIL AFFAIRS: No report.

PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

Mr. Goralczyk announced that there will be a position open in the public works department due to Mr. McCall's retirement and will be posted on February 5th in all departments. He read a letter of resignation from Mr. Fink effective April 9th and called an executive meeting for Tuesday, April 2 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss this and the replacement for the executive secretary positions.

PUBLIC SAFETY: No report.

PARKS & RECREATION: No report.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:

Mr. Goralczyk discussed Waste Management contract increase for their last part of their contract and it will be a \$2.74 increase for next quarter.

Mr. Lake announced that they will be opening bids on April 2nd at their next storm water meeting for the Meadowdale project along 54th Avenue and there have been 14 contractors that have picked up bids so far. Along Taft place sub-contractor for NIPSCO should be done with the relocations and last tie-ins by April 15th at which time Dyer will take over and continue with the rest of the improvements. The warning signage has been installed at the detention ponds. He met with the Little Calumet River Basin commission engineers to discuss potential areas for storage to complete their study. He met with the contractor at Kaiser Ditch today and they are cost sharing and ordered materials to repair some outlet structures that have been neglected. He is involved in a contractor workshop that is coming up and will be free for all developers and builders and will be hosted at the Dyer Plumb Creek Center to talk to them about rules and regulations and the environmental requirements associated with construction sites. He is meeting with DNR on April 3rd for the FEMA community rating system program that if they rank high enough it can reduce the amount of flood insurance by 45% for everyone that requires flood insurance and just by going through the process they will be classified as

a class 9 which guarantees at least a 5% but their goal is to become a class 1 at 45% and the whole process takes about a year.

ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS: No report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: No report.

UTILITY LIAISON: No report.

TOWN GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANIZATION: No report.

ADA COMPLIANCES: No report

GENERAL ORDERS:

FIRST READING ORDINANCES: None

SECOND READING ORDINANCES: None

RESOLUTIONS: None

BZA ACTIONS:

Petitioner: Aunt Millie's Bakeries

Owner: John Popp

Request: Variance of Use

Purpose: For a food distribution and retail sales business

Location: Northwest corner of East 69th Avenue and Mississippi Street

Zoning: C-5, Office and Research

Case No.: Z2uV1-0213

Mr. Torrenza stated, "My name is Gary Torrenza from Torrenza Engineering in Munster and I'm here representing Mr. Popp and Aunt Millie's Bakeries who are based out of Fort Wayne, I believe last week a gentlemen from my office Mr. Allen came to the study session of the Council to visit with you about the proposed special use and I do have plans, I hesitate to take your time and put those out unless someone has any questions or would wish to see the plans. Thank you very much and we appreciate it." No public comment. Ms. Gregor stated, "The bza approved this with a 4/0 vote with the conditions for this petitioner only, at this location only and for this use only." Mr. Hardaway made a motion to approve and Mr. Widing second the motion. The Motion was approved by a 6/0 roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Spires reminded everyone of the CDBG public hearing next council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Town Hall will be closed Friday, March 29 for Good Friday.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Miano, Town Council President

Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer