

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
April 22, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

INVOCATION: Reverend Christopher Perez - St. Andrew the Evangelist

ROLLCALL: Mrs. Barron was absent, all other members were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, REMONSTRATIONS:

Proclamation for Arbor Day Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and Mr. Hardaway second. The motion was approved by a 6/0 voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Accts. Payable Register Voucher Approval April 22, 2014. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2014. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and Mr. Widing second. The motion was approved by a 6/0 voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

BUDGET & FINANCE: No report.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. Pettit said due to the scheduling with INdot we won't be able to bid Right-of-Way until August if everything goes through with Robinson. They have started moving some of the utilities. Mr. Pettit thanked Mr. Spires and Mr. Bushemi for moving quickly.

Mr. Spires stated that spring cleaning is behind. Mr. Spires stated that they will be pulling crews off of leaf vac and putting them on pot-hole duty.

Mr. Hardaway brought a parking issue on East 53rd Court to the council's attention. Since November there has been ten occasions that residents haven't gotten their garbage picked up. Mr. Hardaway made a motion that they put up no parking signs inside of the cul-de-sac to alleviant the problem and Mr. Pettit second. The motion was approved by a 6/0 voice vote.

Mr. Pettit discussed a newspaper article regarding Mississippi Street about band aiding it until the project takes place. Mr. Spires stated that they will fit it in as soon they find out if there are funds available from the project and when they are going to be available. If they don't see anything until September or October they will have to use tiff funds.

COUNCIL AFFAIRS: No report.

PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

Mr. Goralczyk stated that the fire service has had an increase on their insurance 52%. Mr. Goralczyk suggested adding the Fire Department to the towns insurance; he reached out to Forest Financial. Mr. Goralczyk made a motion to move Fire Protection Territory District from Anthem Medical, Dental and Vision effective May 1st to the Town of Merrillville Aetna. There will be no impact to any of the towns' plans. Mr. Hardaway second. The motion was approved by a 6/0 voice vote.

PUBLIC SAFETY: No report.

PARKS & RECREATION: The roofers union has started on the parks gazebo roof.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:

Mr. Lake provided updates regarding Stormwater: Stormwater will be assisting Merrillville Parks Department during their Arbor Day event on May 9th. There is a public meeting scheduled on April 30, 2014 at Town Hall at 6:30 pm. Clearing and Snagging work starting to clear out ditch in Chapel Manor. Friday April 25, 2014 Mr. Lake presented at 2014 Indiana Regulator Conference. This year's Rain Barrel program has will be starting soon, \$51.00 and will be ready to be picked on May 22, 2014.

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:

Ord. 14-10: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, appropriating additional monies within the Mississippi Street TIF Project Fund of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, for the year 2014 not included in the current budget. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and Mr. Hardaway second. The motion was approved by a 6/0 roll call vote.

Ord. 14-11: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, appropriating additional monies within the Merrillville Road TIF Project Fund of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, for the year 2014 not included in the current budget. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and Mr. Hardaway second. The motion was approved by 6/0 roll call vote.

Ord. 14-12: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, appropriating additional monies within the Broadway TIF Project Fund of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, for the year 2014 not included in the current budget. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and Mr. Widing second. The motion was approved by 6/0 roll call vote.

Ord. 14-13: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, appropriating additional monies within the Noxious Weed Fund of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, for the year 2014 not included in the current budget. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and Mr. Hardaway second. The motion was approved by a 6/0 roll call vote.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

Ord. 14-09: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, transferring monies of the 2014 budget within certain categories. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and Mr. Widing second. No public comment. The motion was approved by a 6/0 roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS: No report.

BZA ACTIONS:

Petitioner: Tender Love CNA Academy
Owner: Clair Hocksena
Request: Special exception approval
Purpose: Health Care training facility teaching CNA and CPR classes (school)
Location: 7895 Broadway, Suite N
Zoning: C-2 Community commercial
Case #: Z8E5-0314

Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and second by Mr. Hardaway. The motion was approved by a 6/0 roll call vote.

The conditions are for this petitioner only at this location only for this use only.

Petitioner: MC Amusement
Owner: Eightieth Place LLC
Request: Special exception approval
Purpose: Restaurant with entertainment
Location: 40-44 West 80th Place
Zoning: C-2 Community commercial
Case #: Z10E6-0314

The conditions are for this petitioner only at this location only for this use only. The limit of number of musicians are not more than four, hours of operation for entertainment are Thursday – Saturday 8pm -2 am, Sunday from 4pm – 12am, clean up will be done after restaurant closed. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and Mr. Hardaway second. The motion was approved by a 6/0 roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Pettit stated he received call from INDOT regarding M&M Beauty Supplies driveway cut that needs to be discussed with Chief Petruch, Mrs. Gregor, and Mr. Spires.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Goralczyk made a motion approve power washing and staining the Merrillville Parks Department gazebo, up to \$2,500.00. Mr. Bushemi noted that it is a purchase of services and it does need to be bid out. Mr. Hardaway second. The motion was approved by a 6/0 roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. George Roggi brought to the council’s attention that President of Old Lincoln Highway will be making a walk from the Illinois border to Ohio border. Through his walk he will be raising money for the Alzheimer’s Association and By Way Plan. Mr. Pettit made a motion that Mr. Spires and Mr. Guernsey find \$250.00 for the Town of Merrillville to donate to the Old Lincoln Highway because of our Historic Preservation Committee. Mr. Hardaway seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6/0 roll call vote.

All public comment is recorded on cassette tape and kept on file in the Clerk-Treasurer’s Office at Town Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, April 23, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Police Commission meeting, May 2, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.

Plan Commission workshop, May 6, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Stormwater Management Board meeting, May 7, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.

Town Council meeting, May 13, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Carol Miano- President

Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer