CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

ROLLCALL: All members present.
President: Councilman DaVeion Mosby
Ward 1: Councilwoman Lauren Harding
Ward 2: Councilman Christopher Hardaway
Ward 4: Councilwoman Malynna Cruz
Ward 5: Councilwoman Elizabeth Rivera
Ward 6: Councilwoman Madison Severance
Ward 7: Councilman Joshua Hardaway

Clerk-Treasurer: Ava Minchuk
Town Attorney: DaVante Mosby
Town Manager: DaVeion Caruthers
Police Chief: Da-Quinae Campbell
Parks Superintendent: Isabella Wilson
Zoning Director: Ivan Osorio
Fire Chief: Mikenzie Lilley
Stormwater Exec. Director: Xavier Osorio

INVOCATION: Roger Wills, Trinity Free Methodist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, REMONSTRATIONS:
Mr. Mosby announced that there were permit fees to be waived for demolition of building/additions located at 360 Court Regency Park. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approved and Mr. Hardaway second the motion. The motion was approved by a 7/0 voice vote.

Mr. Mosby read the Arbor Day Proclamation for May 17, 2013. Mr. Hardaway made a motion to approve and Mr. Pettit second the motion. The motion was approved by a 7/0 voice vote.

Mr. Mosby read the SS. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral 100 Year Anniversary Proclamation. Mr. Hardaway made a motion to approve and Mr. Widing second the motion. The motion was approved by a 7/0 voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Accounts payable register voucher approval May 14, 2013 and the approval of Town Council minutes of April 23, 2013. Mr. Spann 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:
Miss Cruz announced that there would be a meeting with Mr. Bennett this week to discuss bonding.

PUBLIC WORKS:
Miss Severance announced that the Town received an offer from Walsh & Kelly to extend their current pricing for paving work through 2013. The Town has extended its agreement for the past two years and again will be working this year under 2010 pricing. Mr. Pettit made a motion to extend the contract. Mr. Hardaway second the motion. The motion was approved by a 6/0 voice vote.

Mr. Caruthers announced that the Town will be submitting a requesting for $100,000 additional funding for the C&O Trail Phase II project that are necessary due to various reasons.

COUNCIL AFFAIRS: No report

PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:
Miss Cruz announced there will be a meeting with Forest Financial to discuss insurance regarding to part time workers.
PUBLIC SAFETY:
Mrs. Miano read a letter from Mr. Shudick with regards to the EMA and expressed his support of the program.

Miss Lilley announced that last month the fire department answered 115 calls including 1 house fire.

Mr. Hardaway announced that this week is National Police Week.

PARKS & RECREATION:
Miss Harding announced the Arbor Day event will be held May 17th at Pruzin Center Park and the Cubs baseball game is June 10th with tickets still available and 2013 kids summer day camp begins on June 10th and registration is now open. The spring craft show is Saturday May 18th and will be held at Town Hall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Independence Day Parade will be on July 3rd at 7 p.m.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:
Mr. Osorio announced that last week the storm water board approved the contract for Robinson Engineering to complete serving work for drainage improvement plans for South Moor Park Subdivision. Tomorrow is the pre-construction meeting for the Meadow Dale drainage improvement project. They are moving forward with their FEMA application and have received a letter from the IDNR indicating the athletic management meets all of the requirements. Last week Matt Lake and Councilman Don Spann held a meeting with the Bon Aire Lake Residents which was well attended and all of the information will be part of the lake management plan that Matt is preparing.

Miss Cruz announced that the public works summer crew is starting and will be cleaning non-regulated drainage ditches. The director is looking to see if Merrillville can become a storm ready community. The program is recognizing communities that have good flood responses to public safety. We are looking to get donations of oak trees from Tall Trees Arboratorium for a planting at Arbor Day. We are working with NIRPC to plan 4 storm water workshops that will be presented this year. They will also be involved with river watching training for residents. Crews are conducting routine maintenance by cleaning catch basins and pipes. The jet vac truck is just finishing Broadfield subdivision.

Mr. Hardaway thanked the storm water for their two projects, E. 54th Court cul-de-sac replacement and the 54th Ave. sewer replacement.

ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:
Mrs. Miano announced that the Independence Day Parade will be held on July 3rd at 7:00 p.m. The theme will be, “Merrillville Our Kind of Town” because of the excellent work in the past by the police department and the solving of crimes and the quick apprehension of the bad guys, they will be honoring the Merrillville Police Department and have selected Chief Petruch and Assistant Chief Donohue to be the Grand Marshals representing all of the officers in the parade. Tuesday, August 6th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Town Hall will be National Nights Out and are asking all of the residents to put the porch lights on and go outside to meet their neighbors and come to the Town Hall.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:
Miss Cruz gave an update on Route 30 project, stating that it should be done soon.

UTILITY LIAISON: No report.

TOWN GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANIZATION: No report.

ADA COMPLIANCES:
Mr. Mosby announced there is an amendment to the ADA Compliance plan to reflect change in the coordinator position to have Bruce Spires be the ADA Coordinator. Mr. Pettit made the motion to approve and Mr. Goralczyk second the motion. The motion was approved by a 7/0 voice vote.

Lake County Commissioner Mr. Allen spoke with regards to the local option income tax.

Mrs. Miano issued the certificate to all the children that participated in Municipal Day.

GENERAL ORDERS:

FIRST READING ORDINANCES:
Ordinance 13-08: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Indiana creating a budget for the rental registration program in the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana for the year 2013 not included in the current budget. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and Mr. Widing second the motion. The motion was approved by a 7/0 roll call vote.
Ordinance 13-09: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Indiana transferring certain monies within certain categories in the property seizure fund. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and Mr. Widing second the motion. The motion was approved by a 7/0 roll call vote.

Ordinance 13-12: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Indiana amending ordinance 13-05 and fixing the salaries and pay for employees of the Town of Merrillville, Indiana for the calendar year 2013. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and Mr. Hardaway second the motion. The motion was approved by a 7/0 roll call vote. Mr. Pettit made a motion to suspend the rules to hear the Ordinance on second reading. Mr. Hardaway second the motion. The motion to suspend the rules was approved by a 7/0 roll call vote. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve Ordinance 13-12 on second reading and Mr. Hardaway second the motion. The motion was approved by a 7/0 roll call vote.

Ordinance 13-13: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Indiana creating a budget for the rental registration program in the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana transferring excess monies from the Merrillville Road TIF Debt Service Fund into the Merrillville Road Project Fund. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and Mr. Hardaway second the motion. The motion was approved by a 7/0 roll call vote.

Ordinance 13-14: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Indiana transferring excess monies from the Mississippi Street TIF Debt Service Fund into the Mississippi Street Project Fund. Mr. Widing made a motion to approve and Mr. Pettit second the motion. The motion was approved by a 7/0 roll call vote.

Ordinance 13-15: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Indiana appropriating additional monies within the Mississippi Street TIF Project Fund and the Merrillville Road Project Fund for the year 2013 not included in the current budget. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and Mr. Spann second the motion. The motion was approved by a 7/0 roll call vote.

Ordinance 13-17: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, prohibiting the use of trail bikes, ATV’s, Dune Buggies, Go Carts & other recreational vehicles designated for off road use. Mr. Spann made a motion to approve and Mr. Hardaway second the motion. The motion was approved by a 7/0 roll call vote.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:
Ordinance 13-10: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Indiana appropriating additional monies within the Mississippi Street TIF Project Fund. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and Mr. Spann second the motion. The motion was approved by a 7/0 roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS: None

BZA ACTIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Town council Workshop, May 15, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.
Plan commission Workshop, May 21, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.
BZA Meeting, May 22, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.
Town Council Meeting, May 28, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Miano, Town Council President       Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer