CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

INVOCATION: Captain Dale Simmons- Salvation Army

ROLLCALL: All members were present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, REMONSTRATIONS:
Proclamation for the month of September to be Hunger Action Month. Mr. Widing made a motion to approve and Mr. Goralczyk second the motion. The motion was approved by a 7/0 voice vote.

Building permits & inspection fees to be waived for Rebuilding Together of South Lake County. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and Mr. Hardaway second the motion. The motion was approved by a 7/0 voice vote. Mr. Goralczyk asked if this would just be for the permit fees and if there were any inspections involved. Ms. Gregor stated that there may be some electrical inspections. Mr. Pettit made an additional motion to waive any inspection fees up to $250.00 out of Town Donation fund. The motion was approved by a 7/0 voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA:
Accts. Payable Register Voucher Approval September 10, 2013. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2013. Mr. Hardaway made a motion to approve and Mr. Pettit second the motion. Mr. Hardaway stated that on page 14 number 107384 wants to cancel the expenditure as part of his motion. Mrs. Miano stated okay. Mr. Pettit’s second stands. The motion was approved by a 7/0 voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

BUDGET & FINANCE: No report

PUBLIC WORKS: No report

COUNCIL AFFAIRS:
Mr. Spann asked about if anyone has received a pie chart of expenses from Mr. Lake with regards to the expenses of the storm water from all 7 wards. Mr. Lake replied that in order to get all of that together and divide it equally within all 7 wards he would have to get with public works on that because they do a lot of joint projects together. Mrs. Miano asked if they could address this in a workshop meeting that she would like to schedule for September 18th.

PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS: No report

PUBLIC SAFETY: No report

PARKS & RECREATION:
Mr. Bushemi announced that the Council members have the legal notice of sale for the various park properties that is being published this week in the newspapers with the public hearing being held Tuesday, September 24th at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Pettit announced that the playground equipment was installed in the Preserves and is already being utilized by the children in the neighborhood.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:
Mr. Lake gave an update on the progress of the new building. He did a final walk through for Meadowdale and 54th Ave. and everything is completed with the exception of some trees that need to be replaced. He sent out a memo informing them that they had been published in the Great Lakes Green Street Sky Book, it was a total of 26 different projects all over and they were the only one represented for Indiana. AT&T is getting a set of plans together and putting out for bid for Taft Street and he has met with Walsh & Kelly to get specs together to pave Taft Place. He will speaking on storm water operations and storm water post construction, maintenance and enforcement at a conference this week. He submitted the final application to FEMA for CRS program. The rain barrel program has been completed for the year and will be able to pick them up this Thursday September 12th from 3:00-6:00 at public works. The jet vac truck is at Bon Aire Lake doing all the catch basins. He received a stack of signed tax sale certificates from lake county which were mostly detention parcels they flagged so they will need to get together to decide which ones they want to take on and take over. Mr. Pettit asked for him to give them the list before the workshop.
ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:
Mrs. Miano announced that letters of interest in serving on the historical commission and historical advisory committee are due on September 15th and to please send the letters to the town hall to her attention.

Mr. Spann and the Chief presented commendation plaque on behalf of the crime watch program to Officer Luther Cuttino on a job well done apprehending a suspect and a commendation award for a job well done to Assistant Chief Jim Donohue and Chief Joe Petruch.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: No report

UTILITY LIAISON:
Mr. Bushemi gave an update on the meeting with regards to NIPSCO in order to assemble information last week and the final communication will go out to NIPSCO.

Mr. Pettit stated that all the documents with regards to MCD and Modern Drop Forge and they should be fully operational soon.

Mrs. Miano stated that she and Jim Lilley will be working on obtaining a piece of steel from the 9/11 site for the Town.

TOWN GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANIZATION: No report

ADA COMPLIANCES: No report

GENERAL ORDERS:

FIRST READING ORDINANCES:
Ord. 13-39: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, transferring monies of the 2013 budget within the Merrillville Fire Territory Operating Fund budget. Mr. Widing made a motion to approve and Mr. Goralczyk second the motion. The motion was approved by a 7/0 roll call vote.

Ord. 13-40: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, appropriating additional monies within the Police Donation fund of 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. Spann second the motion. The motion was approved by a 7/0 roll call vote.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:
Ord. 13-30: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, requiring project labor agreements for all Town of Merrillville TIF District and Property tax abatement construction projects. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and Mrs. Barron second the motion. Mr. Palmateer stated, “I want to applaud the Council for this ordinance, I don’t think people realize the importance of this ordinance. Too many times that we have a lot of people come into Town, especially corporate America now running everything, they start building these businesses and on the back end you guys are getting the jobs out of it and obviously people are working and their the tax dollars…on the front end we give them the tax abatement and TIF district and they’re bringing in contractors from out of Town. They 1099 their workers and you’re losing out millions and millions of dollars…the State is losing out on millions of dollars on the front end of this. So this is going to ensure local workforce from the Town of Merrillville or Lake County will be on those jobs as part of the ordinance…that’s our agreement to you guys obviously so I applaud the Council for passing this ordinance. It ensures local people to be at work and the tax dollars to stay local.” The motion was approved by a 7/0 roll call vote.

Ord. 13-35: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, creating an additional appropriation within the Town of Merrillville within the Noxious Weed Fund. Mr. Widing made a motion to approve and Mr. Hardaway second the motion. No public comment. The motion was approved by a 7/0 roll call vote.

Ord. 13-37: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, depleting monies of the 2013 budget within various departmental budgets. Mr. Spann made a motion to approve and Mr. Widing second the motion. The motion was approved by a 6/0 roll call vote. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and Mr. Hardaway second the motion. No public comment. The motion was approved by a 7/0 roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS:
Res. 13-24: A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, transferring monies of the 2013 Budget within the Cumulative Capital Improvement fund budget. Mr. Widing made a motion to approve and Mr. Spann second the motion. The motion was approved by a 7/0 voice vote.
Res. 13-25: A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, approving a substantially final first Supplemental Trust Indenture. Mr. Hardaway made a motion to approve and Mr. Pettit second the motion. The motion was approved by a 7/0 voice vote.

BZA ACTIONS:
Petitioner: 61st Avenue Storage
Owner: Hans Enterprise
Request: Special exception approval
Purpose: For a proposed U-Haul rental service
Location: 850 East 61st Avenue
Zoning: PUD, Planned unit development/C-3, Highway Commercial
Case #: Z30E9-0713
Mr. Hardaway stated, “I make a motion that we table this until the next Council meeting. Some more information just came to me tonight that I need to investigate before I approve this.” Mr. Pettit second the motion. The motion to table was approved by a 7/0 voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS: No report.
NEW BUSINESS: No report.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Plan Commission Meeting, September 17, 2013 @ 6:30 p.m.
Town Council Meeting, September 24, 2013 @ 6:30 p.m.
BZA Meeting, September 25, 2013 @6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Carol Miano, Town Council President
Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer