TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
October 11, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION: Reverend Joan Mier – Peace United Church of Christ.
President Hardaway asked for a moment of silence for the passing of retired Merrillville Firefighter Daniel Ivanyo.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mr. Minchuk was absent. All other members were present.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REMONSTRATIONS:
None

CONSENT AGENDA:
Approval of the Accounts Payable Register Voucher dated October 11, 2016. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2016. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES:
BUDGET & FINANCE:
Mr. Pettit had no report.

PUBLIC WORKS:
Mr. Spann had no report. Mr. Spires mentioned the fall leaf pick-up program information is provided in the Merrillville Talk of the Town newsletter. President Hardaway asked Mr. Spires to follow up regarding an incomplete project located at 53rd & Pierce.

COUNCIL AFFAIRS:
Mrs. Uzelac had no report.

PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:
Mrs. Barron had no report.

PUBLIC SAFETY:
Mrs. Uzelac inquired about the “No Dumping” signs for Kaiser Ditch. She said neighbors are complaining about someone dumping grass near 74th-75th and Hendricks. Discussion followed among the Town Council.

PARKS & RECREATION:
Ms. LaMarca had no report. President Hardaway thanked Ms. Orlich for the installation of the tot swing for disabled children at Meadowland Park. President Hardaway said that he received a text message from a parent that was very appreciative of the swing.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:
Mrs. Barron had no report.

ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:
Ms. LaMarca had no report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:
Mr. Pettit had no report.

UTILITY LIAISON:
Mrs. Barron had no report.

ABANDONED PROPERTIES:
President Hardaway questioned the status of the proposals for board up companies. Mr. Spires will look into this and follow up with an update. Mr. Pettit reminded the Town Manager and Code Enforcement of the upcoming timeframe for the demolition of structure that was the old Marianne’s Deli located at approximately 7200 Broadway.
GENERAL ORDERS:

FIRST READING ORDINANCES:
Ord. 16-30: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, appropriating additional monies within the General Fund for the year 2016 not included in the current budget. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. There was no discussion. The motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:
Ord. 16-29: Be it ordained / resolved by the Town of Merrillville that for the expenses of MERRILLVILLE CIVIL TOWN for the year ending December 31, 2017 the sums herein specified are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided for by law. In addition, for the purposes of raising revenue to meet the necessary expenses of MERRILLVILLE CIVIL TOWN, the properly tax levies and property tax rates as herein specified are included herein. Budget From 4-8 for all funds must be completed and submitted in the manner prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance. This ordinance/resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Town of Merrillville. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS:
Res. 16-30: A resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana transferring monies within the 2016 General Fund, Court Probation and Record Perpetuation of the Town Court of Merrillville. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

BZA ACTIONS:

Petitioner: Lisa Bataska
Owner: Bristlecone Management
Request: Special Exception approval from section 21-136
Purpose: For a proposed dog training service
Location: 4088 West 82nd Court
Zoning: M-1, Limited Industrial
Case #: Z36E10-0916
Conditions: Petitioner must become familiar with Town of Merrillville dog and animal control ordinances. For this petitioner only, at this location only, for this use only.

Sheila Shine provided the Staff Report for the request. Discussion followed. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve with conditions and was seconded by Mr. Pettit. There was no further discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Petitioner: Chester Lapierre
Owner: Chester Lapierre
Request: Special Exception approval from section 21-136
Purpose: For an indoor car wash and detailing facility
Location: 8450 Whitcomb Street
Zoning: M-1, Limited Industrial
Case #: Z37E11-0916
Conditions: Letter from Independence Hill. No outside storage, inside parking only. For this petitioner only, at this location only, for this use only.

Sheila Shine provided the Staff Report for the request. Discussion followed. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve with conditions and was seconded by Mr. Pettit. There was no further discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Petitioner: Kye Wol Park
Owner: Conchita Yee
Request: Special Exception approval from section 21-136
Purpose: For proposed massage therapy and spa
Location: 45 W. 80th Place
Zoning: C-3, Highway Commercial
Case #: Z38E12-0916
Conditions: For this petitioner only, at this location only, for this use only.
Comments: Only certified massage therapists to work in facility, name and certifications will be kept with the Town of Merrillville Business license. At this time (1) therapist is certified. There will be approximately 1-3 employees. Hours of operation are Monday-Saturday 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Sheila Shine provided the Staff Report for the request. Discussion followed. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve with the conditions and was seconded by Mr. Spann. There was no further discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.
Petitioner: Cedric Collins  
Owner: Sthoego Vega  
Request: Special Exception approval from section 21-136  
Purpose: For a proposed dine in restaurant  
Location: 5524 Broadway  
Zoning: C-2, Community Commercial  
Case #: Z40E13-0916  
Conditions: For this petitioner only, at this location only, for this use only.

Sheila Shine provided the Staff Report for the request. Discussion followed. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve with conditions and was seconded by Ms. LaMarca. There was no further discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Petitioner: Larry and Torrona Tillman  
Owner: Conchita Yee  
Request: Special Exception approval  
Purpose: For a Ministry Center  
Location: 49 West 80th Place  
Zoning: C-3, Highway Commercial  
Case #: Z41E9-0916  
Conditions: Fire Inspector must provide building occupancy. For this petitioner only, at this location only, for this use only.

The petitioner was present and answered questions from the Town Council. Sheila Shine provided the Staff Report for the request. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Spann. There was no further discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:  
None

NEW BUSINESS:  
President Hardaway will be sitting in on the Hobart Chamber panel to discuss communities working together on October 12th. Mrs. Bunnell, Director of Code Enforcement, is going to Vacant and Abandoned Building workshop in Indianapolis on Oct. 18th. President Hardaway plans to attend as support for Mrs. Bunnell.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:  
Town Vehicle Auction, October 12, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.(to be held in the front of the Town Hall parking lot)  
Plan Commission meeting, October 18, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.  
Town Council workshop, October 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.  
Environmental Resource Committee meeting, Oct. 20, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.  
Town Council meeting, October 25, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Pettit made a motion to adjourn was seconded by Mrs. Barron.