

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
October 8, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

INVOCATION: Reverend David Nevell- Unity AME Zion

ROLLCALL: All members present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, REMONSTRATIONS:

Proclamation for the week of October 21 to October 29, 2013 to be Red Ribbon Week. Mr. Widing made motion to approve and second by Mr. Hardaway. The motion was approved by a 7/0 voice vote.

Proclamation for the month of October to be Polish American Heritage Month. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve and second by Mr. Pettit. The motion was approved by a 7/0 voice vote.

Special exception fees to be waived for Veterans Life Changing Services. Mr. Spann made motion to approve and second by Mr. Pettit. The motion was approved by a 7/0 voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Accts. Payable Register Voucher Approval October 8, 2013. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2013. Mr. Hardaway made a motion to approve and second by Mr. Goralczyk. The motion was approved by a 7/0 voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

BUDGET & FINANCE:

Mr. Goralczyk stated that the council is to approve the 2014 Budget in second reading later in the meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS: No report

COUNCIL AFFAIRS: No report

PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

Mr. Goralczyk stated the wants to schedule a meeting regarding Forest Financial insurance renewal for next year, for October 22, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mr. Widing received a letter from the Indiana FOP labor council and they would like to set up a meeting with the Public Safety Committee and the Merrillville FOP, he will be following up. Mr. Widing reminded that there is going to be an Open House at Station #1 at 5:30 p.m. on October 9, 2013. Mrs. Barron commended the Police Department for receiving an armored vehicle after a yearlong process, the vehicle will be used for Northwest Indiana Regional SWAT; Mr. Petruch thanks Mr. Pete Visclosky for helping to speed up the process. Mr. Bushemi stated that he has sent an email regarding the Interlocal Agreement for the 911 Consolidation that Merrillville and all cities and towns in Indiana are required to participate in. There will be a public meeting on October 29, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lake County Government Center; Mr. Bushemi encourages all elected officials to attend. Mr. Bushemi stated that Mr. Donohue has been an active participate within the 911 Commission and if anyone has questions regarding the Interlocal Agreement they may ask Mr. Donohue or himself (Mr. Bushemi).

PARKS & RECREATION: No report

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:

Mr. Lake stated that next week Dyer Construction will be installing a box culvert across Taft Street and will be working from October 15 to October 17, 2013 from 7:30 p.m. to 6 a.m., during those times the street will only be open to local and emergency traffic. After that Walsh & Kelly will pave Taft Place. 61st & Jefferson drainage project has been completed. Mr. Spires and Mr. Lake met with IDM to possibly become a clean community. Mr. Lake is working with JFNew for the Mississippi widening project and preparing a Rule 13 permit renewal for our next five year permit term for Stormwater Regulations.

ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Mr. Miano stated that October 13, 2013 the Merrillville Senior Services will putting on their Polka Festival from noon to 5:00 p.m. Trick or Treating will October 25, 2013 from 12:00 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Town Hall. Halloween Trick or Treating will be October 31, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mr. Pettit as a member Crossroads Regional Chambers stated that they will be holding a Gala on November 16,2013 at the Radisson Star Plaza. The Town of Merrillville will be offering a thousand dollar donation.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: No report

UTILITY LIAISON: No report

TOWN GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANIZATION: No report

ADA COMPLIANCES: No report

GENERAL ORDERS:

FIRST READING ORDINANCES:

Ord. 13-38: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana for appropriating additional monies within the 2012 Broadway Project Bond. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and second by Mr. Widing. The motion was approved by a 7/0 roll call vote.

Ord. 13-44: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana for appropriating additional monies within the Police Donation Fund. Mr. Widing made a motion to approve and second by Mr. Pettit. The motion was approved by a 7/0 roll call vote.

Ord. 13-46: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, 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. Hardaway made a motion to approve and second by Mr. Pettit. Mrs. Barron made a comment that she did not agree with giving part-time employees the stipend money. The motion was approved by a 7/0 roll call vote.

Ord. 13-47: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana appropriating additional monies within the Motor Vehicle highway fund. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and second by Mrs. Barron. The motion was approved by a 7/0 roll call vote.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

Ord. 13-41: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana for appropriations and tax rates for the 2014 budget. Mr. Hardaway made a motion to approve and second by Mr. Pettit. The motion was approved by a 7/0 roll call vote.

Ord. 13-42: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana transferring monies of the 2013 budget within Fire and Hazmat Fund. Mr. Widing made a motion to approve and second by Mr. Pettit. The motion was approved by a 7/0 roll call vote.

Ord. 13-43: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana transferring monies of 2013 budget within the Police Department General Fund. Mr. Spann made a motion to approve and second by Mr. Pettit. The motion was approved by a 7/0 roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

Res. 13-27: A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, transferring monies of the 2013 Budget within the Town Court Budget. Mr. Hardaway made a motion to approve and second by Mr. Spann. The motion was approved by a 7/0 voice vote.

Res. 13-28: A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, transferring monies of the 2013 Budget within the Recycling Grant Fund budget. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and second by Mr. Spann. The motion was approved by a 7/0 voice vote.

BZA ACTIONS: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Pettit wants to make a motion that they condemn the wetlands (East of Illinois Street and North of E. 87th Ave) as the Town of Merrillville in the Preserves and obtain the property for Stormwater Utility or the Town of Merrillville and second by Mr. Widing. The motion was approved by a 7/0 roll call vote.

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:

TOWN HALL CLOSED- Columbus Day, October 14, 2013

Historical Meeting, October 14, 2013 @ 6:00 p.m.

Plan Commission Public Hearing, October 15,2013

Forrest Financial Meeting, October 22, 2013 @ 5:00 p.m.

Town Council Meeting, October 22,2013 @ 6:30 p.m.

BZA Meeting, October 23, 2013 @ 6:30 p.m.

Police Commission Meeting October 31,2013 @ 8:00 a.m.

Stormwater Management Meeting, November 5,2013 @ 4:30 p.m.

Plan Commission Workshop, November 5, 2013 @ 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Carol Miano, Town Council President

Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer