

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
October 22, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

INVOCATION: Reverend Randy Scott – Pentecostals of Southlake

ROLLCALL: Mrs. Miano and Mr. Spann were absent all other members were present. In Mrs. Miano absence Mr. Pettit ran the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, REMONSTRATIONS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

Accts. Payable Register Voucher Approval October 22, 2013. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2013. Mr. Widing made a motion to approve and second by Mr. Hardaway. The motion was approved by a 5/0 voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

BUDGET & FINANCE: No report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Proposal for emergency quote for repairs to Public Works garage from Pangere Corporation was presented, for a total cost of \$74,264.00, which will be funded by the Broadway project bond. Mr. Hardaway made a motion to approve and second by Mr. Goralczyk. The motion was approved by a 5/0 voice vote. Mr. Pettit discussed waiving building permit fees and to pay the inspection fees as normal. Mr. Hardaway made a motion to approve and second by Mr. Goralczyk. The motion was approved by a 5/0 voice vote.

COUNCIL AFFAIRS: No report

PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

Mr. Goralczyk indicated that there was going to be another Forest Financial meeting primarily regarding the Healthcare Reform increasing the cost. They will also provide a summary report before the Town Council Meeting next month.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mr. Widing mentioned a home that burned in his neighborhood, and commended the Fire Department for doing an excellent job containing the fire.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Mrs. Wilson made a reminder about the Town Hall Trick-or-Treating which is Friday October 25, 2013. Mr. Goralczyk discussed roof repairs to the Merrillville Parks building and waiving the building permit fees and to pay the inspections as normal. Mr. Goralczyk made a motion to approve and second by Mr. Widing. The motion was approved by a 5/0 voice vote

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:

Mr. Lake provided an update on the Taft Street Project: All of the nighttime construction has been completed (installation of the two culvert boxes), regrading soil is almost complete, Dyer Construction is done with everything south of 73rd Ave, and Walsh Kelly is to start paving of the road. A draft Interlocal agreement with the Town of Winfield is being reviewed by Mr. Bushemi; this is in regards to equipment. IDEM is undergoing a change in their permitting for Stormwater which will entail more stringent permit requirements; NISWAG is to review and comment on the permit changes.

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. 13-45: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, appropriating additional monies within the Police Equipment Fund of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana for the year 2013 not included in the current budget. Mr. Widing made a motion to approve and second by Mr. Hardaway. Motion was approved by a 5/0 roll call vote.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

Ord. 13-44: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana for appropriating additional monies within the Police Donation Fund. Mr. Hardaway made a motion to approve and second by Mr. Widing. No public comment. The motion was approved by a 5/0 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. Goralczyk. Mrs. Barron made a comment that she did not agree with giving part-time employees the stipend money. Mrs. Gregor thanked the Town Council for the stipend, and that they recognize the hard work of the town employees. Mr. Hardaway went on record that he is still going to fight for raises next year. No public comment. The motion was approved by a 5/0 roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS: No report.

BZA ACTIONS:

Petitioner: Clyde Lockett
Owner: Bldg Q & R Park 84 LLP
Request: Special exception approval
Purpose: For a church to be known as Living Word Christian Center
Location: 397 W. 84th Drive
Zoning: C-3, Highway Commercial
Case #: Z36E12-0913

Mr. Hardaway made a motion to approve and second by Mr. Widing. Mrs. Barron asked the petitioner if this location was going to be used strictly for church services, that there will not be any fundraising. The petitioner answered “no” but they will be holding classes in the evening for students. The motion was approved by 5/0 roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Spires reminded that the town auction will be November 1, 2013, Friday at 10 a.m. Mr. Guernsey pointed out that the cars in the auction will be parked in the front of the building opposed to previous years, for previewing. Mr. Pettit mentioned that the Madison railroad tracks have been fixed (for the time being); Mr. Spires said that this was not the permanent fix, they will be returning in two years to put in a new crossing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Hardaway mentioned that Pentecostals of Southlake will be having a Trunk-or-Treat on October 26, 2013 from 12-3pm.

Mr. Widing mentioned that two of Town Hall’s parking lot lights were out; Mr. Goralczyk said that it might be the timer causing this.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BZA Meeting, October 23, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.
E 911 Meeting, October 29, 2013 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Lake County Government Complex
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.
Aquinas- Veteran Day Ceremony , November 10, 2013
TOWN HALL CLOSED-Veterans Day, November 11, 2013
Personal, Employee Benefits Meeting November 12, 2013 @ 6:30 p.m.
Town Council Meeting, November 12, 2013 @ 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT