

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
December 8, 2015

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:32 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Carolyn Heider – Emmanuel Lutheran Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** Mrs. Miano was absent. All other members were present.

**PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REMONSTRATIONS:**  
None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Approval of the Accounts Payable Register Voucher dated December 8, 2015. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of November 24, 2015. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. 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. Spires stated a letter was submitted from Sedrick Green Jr., Project Engineer, at Robinson Engineering. The letter indicated that they have reviewed the bids for the 2015-2016 Merrillville CDBG ADA Curb Ramp Rehabilitation Project. Robinson Engineering recommended the Town of Merrillville award the contract to Ryan Construction. Mr. Spann made a motion to accept the recommendation and award the contract to Ryan Construction. Mr. Pettit seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**COUNCIL AFFAIRS:**

Mrs. Miano was absent, no report.

**PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:**

Mr. Pettit had no report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Mr. Hardaway has noticed an increased number of semi-cab trucks parked throughout the town. In an effort to reduce this activity, Mr. Hardaway requested the assistance of the patrolling police officers. Anytime they notice this type of parked vehicle, to stop and give them a warning that they are in violation of the town ordinance. Mr. Petruch agreed to assist with this request.

**PARKS & RECREATION:**

Mrs. Miano was absent, no report. Ms. Orlich announced the Senior Holiday Luncheon will be Friday, December 11, 2015 at 11 a.m. The Merrillville High School Choir will be performing. Reservations are required to attend.

**ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:**

President Goralczyk had no report.

**ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

Mrs. Miano was absent, no report.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

Mr. Pettit had no report.

**UTILITY LIAISON:**

Mrs. Barron had no report.

**ABANDONED PROPERTIES:**

Mr. Hardaway had no report.

**GENERAL ORDERS:**

**FIRST READING ORDINANCES:**

**Ord. 15-32:** An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Indiana to amend the Municipal Code regarding noxious weeds. Mr. Hardaway made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mr. Pettit. Mr. Bushemi commented that this is an amendment to the ordinance. He went on to provide detailed information regarding the amendment. Further discussion followed. The motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

**Ord. 15-33:** An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana fixing the Parks Non-Reverting program fees for the year 2016. Mr. Spann made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mr. Pettit. Discussion followed. The motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

**SECOND READING ORDINANCES:** None

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Res. 15-44:** A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana transferring monies of the 2015 budget within the Parks General fund. Mr. Hardaway made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Spann. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Res. 15-45:** A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana transferring monies of the 2015 budget within the Planning and Building General fund. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Spann. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Res. 15-46:** A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana transferring monies of the 2015 budget within the Recycling Grant fund. Mr. Hardaway made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Spann. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Res. 15-47:** A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana transferring monies of the 2015 budget within the Police Department General fund. Mr. Spann made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Hardaway. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Res. 15-48:** A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, authorizing the repayment of a temporary loan. Mr. Spann made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Pettit. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Res. 15-49:** A resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, authorizing a temporary loan to fulfill monetary requirements. Mr. Hardaway made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Spann. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**BZA ACTIONS:**

<b>Petitioner:</b>	Loricees Beauty & Barber Academy
<b>Owner:</b>	Eric Jansen (VNE Property)
<b>Request:</b>	Special exception approval
<b>Purpose:</b>	Beauty & Barber School
<b>Location:</b>	155 East 61st Avenue
<b>Zoning:</b>	C-2 Community Commercial
<b>Case #:</b>	Z38E11-1015
<b>Conditions:</b>	For this petitioner only at this location only for this use only. Must obtain a crossover parking agreement letter from the business plaza, Broadway Place, LLC. Across 61 <sup>st</sup> Avenue from the proposed beauty and barber school for students to be able to cross safely at the traffic signal.

Mr. Hardaway made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Spann. Discussion followed. The motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Pettit announced that the Merrillville Pop Warner Mitey Mites won the National Championship. The Town Council commended them on their success. The team will be invited back to attend a town council meeting for presentation of a Proclamation.

**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:**

Abandoned Blighted Properties Commission meeting, December 9, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.  
Town Council meeting, December 22, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hardaway and seconded by Mr. Pettit.