

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
August 8, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:30 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** President Hardaway asked for a moment of silence.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** All members were present.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Approval of the Accounts Payable Register Voucher dated August 8, 2017. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2017. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Pettit. 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. Minchuk commented that the construction started in the Turkey Creek area doing work on the water lines.

**COUNCIL AFFAIRS:**

Mrs. Uzelac had no report.

**PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:**

Mrs. Barron had no report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Mrs. Uzelac thanked Jan Orlich for the excellent job done at Southbrook Park.

**PARKS & RECREATION:**

Ms. LaMarca referred to Jan Orlich for a report. Ms. Orlich said the first meeting for the Parks feasibility study will be held Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:15 p.m. The Secret Life of Pets Movie in the Park will be Thursday, August 10th at 8:30 p.m. The Senior Lunch will be Friday, August 11, 2017 at Pruzin Center.

**ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:**

Mrs. Barron had no report.

**ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

Ms. LaMarca had no report.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

Mr. Pettit had no report.

**UTILITY LIAISON:**

Mr. Spann had no report.

**ABANDONED PROPERTIES:**

President Hardaway had no report.

**GENERAL ORDERS:**

**FIRST READING ORDINANCES:**

None

**SECOND READING ORDINANCES:**

None

**RESOLUTIONS:**

None

**BZA ACTIONS:**

**Petitioner:** SS Constantine and Helen Church  
**Owner:** SS Constantine and Helen Church  
**Request:** Variance of use approval  
**Purpose:** Proposed electronic message center on existing sign.  
**Location:** 8000 Madison Street  
**Zoning:** Planned Unit Development R-4  
**Case #:** Z28uV8-0717

Mr. Petalas was present to address any questions that may arise. Mr. Pettit discussed the town ordinance related to public service announcements. Ms. LaMarca made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Minchuk. There was no further discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A request for an amendment to variance for Pearl Street Commercial, LLC was presented. The petitioner is requesting an amendment to the variance of use that was previously approved. There was a change of ownership therefore the petitioner is seeking to have the condition “for this petitioner only, at this location only, for this use only” removed so the petitioner can set up another LLC to own and operate the self-storage facility. Discussion among the Council followed. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve the amendment and also include the approval and execution of the findings of facts and conclusions. The motion was seconded by Ms. LaMarca. There was no further discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**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:**

Plan Commission meeting, August 15, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Environmental Resource Committee meeting, August 17, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

Town Council meeting, August 22, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

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

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**Richard Hardaway, President**

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**Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer**