The Regular Town Council Meeting of the Town of Schererville, IN was called to order by President Thomas Schmitt at 7:19 p.m. in the Schererville Town Hall, 10 E. Joliet Street Schererville, IN.

Attendance was taken with the following Council Members present: Caleb S. Johnson (Remote), Robin Arvanitis, Rob Guetzloff and Thomas Schmitt. Council member absent: Kevin Connelly. Staff members present: Attorney David Austgen, Fire Chief Robert Patterson, Deputy Fire Chief David Meyer, Deputy Police Chief Steve McNamara, Park Superintendent John Novacich, IT Robbie Hansen, Town Engineer Neil Simstad, Director of Public Works Chad Nordorf, Director of Operations Andy Hansen, Town Manager Jim Gorman, Clerk-Treasurer Michael Troxell and Recording Secretary Robin Thiel.

THEREUPON, Approval of the minutes. Mrs. Arvanitis made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2023 Public Meeting, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Roll call vote: Mr. Johnson - yes, Mrs. Arvanitis - yes, Mr. Guetzloff - yes, Mr. Schmitt - yes. Motion carries (4-0).

THEREUPON, Claims

A. APV #106628 - APV #106935 on the General Docket, Totaling $1,709,989.21
B. APV #106633 - APV #106921 on the MVH Docket, Totaling $170,420.03
C. APV #106632 - APV #106886 on the Payroll Docket, Totaling $699,450.25
D. Various Funds, First National Bank of Omaha, Credit Card Charges, $11,984.94
E. Various Funds, Austgen Kuiper Jasaitis, January Legal, $13,543.61
F. Cum Cap Development Fund, Peoples Bank, 2020 Ambulance Payment, $33,386.89
G. ARPA Fund, Quality Mechanical, Inc., Pay Application #1, $12,046.00
H. Various Funds, Menards Hardware, Supplies, $3,868.32
I. Cable TV Fund, ESRI, GIS Software, $3,000.00
J. Various Funds, Napa Auto Parts, Monthly Parts, $155.67
K. Various Funds, Strack & VanTil, Supplies, $1,121.02
L. Various Funds, Auto-Wares, Parts, $12,395.59
M. MVH Fund, Indiana Department of Workforce Development, January, 2023 Statement, $10.00

Mr. Guetzloff made a motion to accept the claims as presented, seconded by Mrs. Arvanitis. Roll call vote: Mr. Johnson - yes, Mrs. Arvanitis - yes, Mr. Guetzloff - yes, Mr. Schmitt - yes. Motion carries (4-0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence NONE

THEREUPON, Reports

Mr. Novacich advised the Council that by their packets he placed a magnet with the events for this year. He stated that they have at least two events every month throughout the year. He stated that the next event is the Health & Wellness Fair, Thursday, February 23rd from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm at the Community Center.

Mr. Schmitt stated that he missed this before in the Redevelopment Commission meeting, and wanted to recognize Nicole Kelly who is our representative from Lake Central School Board.

THEREUPON, Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items

Mr. Matt Mrzlock, 2903 Morningside Drive, Crown Point stated he wanted to take a moment to introduce himself. He stated that he is wanting to talk about Item B. Planning Commission Appointment. He stated that he recently put his application in for that opportunity, for that appointment. Mr. Mrzlock then told the Council about himself and said he would appreciate their consideration on appointing him to the Planning Commission.

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. Appoint Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission Advisory Board Member (Deferred from the January 18, 2023 meeting).

Mr. Gorman stated that he reached out to the previous board member and notified him that we were going to appoint someone else to that board. He stated he thanked him for service, and he was very understanding of it.

Mrs. Arvanitis made a motion to appoint Mr. Jeff Huet to the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission Advisory Board Member, seconded by Mr. Guetzloff. Roll call vote: Mr. Johnson - yes, Mrs. Arvanitis - yes, Mr. Guetzloff - yes, Mr. Schmitt - yes. Motion carries (4-0).

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. Res. #2023-1, A Resolution Authorizing Entry into a Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Another Participating Unit of Local Government for the Sunset Boulevard Storm/Water Drainage and Detention Project, and all Matters related thereto.

Mr. Gorman stated that this is a Resolution to enter into a JICA with the Little Calumet River Basin Commission. He stated that they are participating in the Sunset Project. He stated that this is an 80/20 split. The estimated cost of that project is roughly $475,000.00. He stated that we will be receiving 80% of that and we will contribute the other 20%.

Mr. Guetzloff made a motion to adopt Resolution #2023-1, seconded by Mrs. Arvanitis. Roll call vote: Mr. Johnson - yes, Mrs. Arvanitis - yes, Mr. Guetzloff - yes, Mr. Schmitt - yes. Motion carries (4-0).

ITEM B. Appoint Plan Commission Member - Replacing a Resigning Member. Term will expire on December 31, 2024.

Mr. Schmitt thanked Mr. Drew Thomas for his years of service on the Plan Commission.

Mr. Guetzloff made a motion to appoint Mr. Robert Kocon to the Plan Commission, seconded by Mrs. Arvanitis. Roll call vote: Mr. Johnson - No (Remote), Mrs. Arvanitis - yes, Mr. Guetzloff - yes, Mr. Schmitt - yes. Motion carries (3-1).

ITEM C. Award Road Materials Bid

Mr. Nondorf stated that this is a yearly bid package for road materials for the Public Works Department consisting of Poured in Place Concrete, Stone, Sand, Gravel and Black Dirt, In-house concrete disposal as well as small asphalt patch work. Mr. Nondorf read the list as follows:

Poured in Place Concrete Work - Colby & Co. ($10.50 sq. ft.)
Stone, Sand, Gravel & Black Dirt - William Walters ($23.25 a ton)
Concrete Disposal - Milestone (Various prices, depending on The size of the truck load)
In-house paving - Rieth Riley was the lowest for small patch Work and Milestone was the lowest for any of the Public Works paving that they do in-house with our crews

Mr. Nondorf stated that these were the lowest responsive and responsible bidders.

Mr. Guetzloff made a motion to award the Road Materials Bid, seconded by Mrs. Arvanitis. Roll call vote: Mr. Johnson - yes, Mrs. Arvanitis - yes, Mr. Guetzloff - yes, Mr. Schmitt - yes. Motion carries (4-0).

ITEM D. Consider Approval of an Amendment to the Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Town of St. John, and Lake County for 85th Avenue Improvements (Decrease from $186,000.00 to $172,515.08)

Mr. Gorman stated that this is an amendment to the existing JICA between the Town of St. John and Lake County. The project came in under than what the estimate was.

Mrs. Arvanitis made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Guetzloff. Roll call vote: Mr. Johnson - yes, Mrs. Arvanitis - yes, Mr. Guetzloff - yes, Mr. Schmitt - yes. Motion carries (4-0).

ITEM E. Consider Approval to Purchase Property Located at 517 Kennedy Avenue, Schererville, IN (Parcel 8) from Jeb Shookman in the amount of $240,000.00 and to Authorize The Town Manager, Director Operations, Clerk-Treasurer And Town Attorney to Finalize Execution of Documents **(Kennedy Avenue Improvements)**

Mr. Gorman that this property that was purchased was on the northeast side of the tracks on Kennedy Avenue. It is part of the INDOT Tracks Project Phase I. Mr. Gorman stated that this is for the bridge overpass that will be coming the next couple of years.

Mr. Guetzloff made a motion to approve the purchase of property located at 517 Kennedy Avenue, Schererville, seconded by Mrs. Arvanitis. Roll call vote: Mr. Johnson - yes, Mrs. Arvanitis - yes, Mr. Guetzloff - yes, Mr. Schmitt - yes. Motion carries (4-0).

ITEM F. Consider Approval to Purchase Property Located at 419 Kennedy Avenue, Schererville, IN (Parcel 11) from William R. and Ramona A. Jarvis in the amount of $23,000.00 and to Authorize the Town Manager, Director Of Operations, Clerk-Treasurer and Town Attorney to Finalize Execution of Documents **(Kennedy Avenue Improvements)**

Mr. Gorman stated that this is also on the northeast side of the tracks, it's for right-of-way only.

Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Gorman if this is the appraised amount. Mr. Gorman advised it is.

Mrs. Arvanitis made a motion to approve the purchase of property located at 419 Kennedy Avenue, Schererville, seconded by Mr. Guetzloff. Roll call vote: Mr. Johnson - yes, Mrs. Arvanitis - yes, Mr. Guetzloff - yes, Mr. Schmitt - yes. Motion carries (4-0).

ITEM G. Consider Acceptance of NIES Engineering Contract

Mr. Gorman stated that this is a yearly contract for Engineering Services. Mr. Gorman stated that it does have a slight increase in some of the prices.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept the NIES Engineering Contract, seconded by Mrs. Arvanitis. Roll call vote: Mr. Johnson - yes, Mrs. Arvanitis - yes, Mr. Guetzloff - yes, Mr. Schmitt - yes. Motion carries (4-0).

ITEM H. Consider Appointments to the Park Board Impact Fee Committee with the following Recommendations.

David Eenigenburg	Schererville Business Owner (Fleet Feet, Aquatots)
Andy Hansen	Schererville Director of Operations
Gina Musolino	Realtor (Coldwell Banker - Schererville Office
Bob Pharazyn	Pebblebrooke Builders
Jeannine Quigley	Schererville Business Owner (Arbonne)

Mr. Gorman stated that this is a committee that is put together every five years to review the Park Impact Fees. He stated that it is required that two of these appointments have some type of real estate. He stated that these members are not compensated and only meet about four times during the five year period.

Mr. Novacich stated that it is an advisory committee. He stated that the statue requires that the study gets done every five years and the governing body must appoint the members of the Committee. Mr. Novacich stated he will be working with this committee.

Mr. Johnson asked if all of these members of the committee have to be residents of Schererville, or just business owners in Schererville. Mr. Novacich stated they do not have to be residents.

Mrs. Arvanitis made a motion to approve the appointments as read, seconded by Mr. Guetzloff. Roll call vote: Mr. Johnson - abstain, Mrs. Arvanitis - yes, Mr. Guetzloff - yes, Mr. Schmitt - yes. Motion carries (3-0-1).

ITEM I. Consider Acceptance of Donations - $1,490.00

Mr. Troxell read into the record the Donations for the month of January 2023.

Mr. Guetzloff made a motion to accept the donations as read, seconded by Mrs. Arvanitis. Roll call vote: Mr. Johnson - yes, Mrs. Arvanitis - yes, Mr. Guetzloff - yes, Mr. Schmitt - yes. Motion carries (4-0).

THEREUPON, Business from the floor NONE

Meeting adjourned.

THOMAS SCHMITT
TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT

MICHAEL A TROXELL, IAMC, CPFIM, CMO
TOWN CLERK-TREASURER

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