

The Regular Town Council Meeting of the Town of Schererville, IN was called to order by President Rob Guetzloff at 7:16 p.m. in the Schererville Town Hall, 10 E. Joliet Street Schererville, IN.

Attendance was taken with the following Councilmen present: Kevin Connelly, David DeJong, Michael Troxell, Thomas Schmitt and Rob Guetzloff. Staff members present: Attorney David Austgen, Fire Chief Joseph Kruzan, Deputy Fire Chief Bob Patterson, Police Chief Dave Dowling, Deputy Police Chief Dennis Zagrocki, Town Engineer Jason Douthett, Director of Public Works Jeff Huet, Town Manager Robert Volkmann, Clerk-Treasurer Janice Malinowski and Recording Secretary Robin Thiel.

THEREUPON, Approval of the minutes. Mr. Connelly made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2017 and the December 27, 2017 Public Meetings, seconded by Mr. DeJong. All in favor (5-0).

THEREUPON, Claims

- A. APV #71621 - APV #73797 on the General Docket, Totaling \$6,545,955.44
- B. APV #72926 - APV #73795 on the MVH Docket, Totaling \$136,595.65
- C. General Fund - Administration, Austgen Kuiper Jasaitis, Various December Legal Fees \$7,224.40
- D. Subdivision Review Fund, Austgen Kuiper Jasaitis, Various Invoices, \$4,367.75
- E. Cum Cap Development Fund, PNC Equipment Finance LLC, Help Lease 2016A (1<sup>st</sup> Help Lease), Principal & Interest, \$73,125.88
- F. Cum Cap Development Fund, PNC Equipment Finance LLC, Help Lease 2016B (2<sup>nd</sup> Help Lease), Principal & Interest, \$63,074.33
- G. Donation Fund - Vohne Liche Kennels, Inc., Invoice #14284 - Purchase & Training of Hawk, \$17,314.00
- H. LECEF Fund, Northwest Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, 2018 Dues, \$6,100.00
- I. General Fund - Police, Interstate Power Systems \$345.53
- J. General Fund - Police, Indiana Office of Technology, \$104.57
- K. General Fund - Police, Boyce Systems, Various Invoices, \$639.85
- L. General Fund - Police, Lake County Data Processing, \$370.00
- M. General Fund - Police, White Eagle Cleaning, Inc., December Cleaning, \$910.00
- N. General Fund - Police, Unifirst, Various Invoices, \$42.67
- O. General Fund - Police, Trade Winds Services, Inc., Invoice #152241, \$180.00
- P. General Fund - Police, Franklin Pest Solutions, Service Contract Annual Fee, \$342.00
- Q. General Fund - Police, Credent Quality Electric Co. Inc., \$685.30
- R. General Fund - Animal Control, Circle "R" Mechanical, \$453.36
- S. General Fund - Animal Control, Franklin Pest Solutions, Service Contract Annual Fee, \$302.10
- T. LECEF Fund, Law Enforcement Training Board, Invoice #2018-007, \$50.00
- U. LECEF Fund, Public Agency Training Council, Invoice #224308, \$325.00
- V. Public Safety-LOIT Fund, Tri-Electronics, Invoice #228006, \$267.50
- W. Public Safety-LOIT Fund, Tri-Electronics, Invoice #227905, \$492.00
- X. General Fund - Planning & Building, David Guillen, Business License Refund, \$50.00
- Y. Stormwater N/R Fund, B&D Backhoe, Various Invoices, \$58,795.00
- Z. CEDIT Fund, Lake County in Economic Alliance, 2017 LCEA Investment Campaign, \$20,000.00
- AA. Public Safety Fund, J.P. Morgan Chase, 2014 Radio Master Lease, \$0.11

Mr. Schmitt made a motion to accept the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Connolly. All in favor (5-0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence NONE

THEREUPON, Reports

Mr. Schmitt stated he would like to commend Mr. Huet and the Public Works Department for the great job on the several Water Breaks they have recently had.

THEREUPON, Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items NONE

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. Ord. #1914, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Contiguous Land To the Town of Schererville, Lake County, Indiana, Commonly Referred to as the Luers Farm Parcel, and all Matters Related (second reading)

Petitioner: DSSIV Holding Co., LLC  
General Location: Luers Farm

Mr. Volkmann stated that this is the first part of the annexation of the Luers Farm on the south side of 101<sup>st</sup>. He stated there will be a companion annexation to complete the 159 acre parcel that they are bringing into the Town of Schererville.

Mr. Schmitt made a motion to adopt Ordinance #1914, seconded by Mr. DeJong. All in favor (5-0).

THEREUPON, PUBLIC HEARING

Proof of Publication

Attorney Austgen stated he has reviewed the Proofs of Publication and find them to be in order.

Mr. Guetzloff read by title only, Ordinance #1918

Open to the Floor

No Comments from the Floor

Closed to the floor

ITEM A. Ord. #1918, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Contiguous Land to the Town of Schererville, Lake County, Indiana And All Matters Related Thereto (First Reading) (Deferred from December 13, 2017 Meeting)

Petitioner(s): David and Gaily Neu  
Location: 5101 W. 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue

Mr. Connolly made a motion to consider on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading,

Ordinance #1918, seconded by Mr. DeJong. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM B. Res. #2018-1, A Resolution of the Schererville Town Council to Approve a Fiscal Plan and Policy for Proposed Annexation of a Parcel of Real Property to The Town of Schererville, Lake County, Indiana.

Petitioner(s): David and Gaily Neu  
Location: 5101 W. 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue

Mr. Volkmann stated that this is the parcel just off of 73<sup>rd</sup>, in between the two entrances into Foxwood South.

Mr. Schmitt made a motion to adopt Resolution #2018-1, seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor (5-0).

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. Res. #2018-2, A Resolution Authorizing and Approving The Entry into a Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Town of St. John, Indiana, for Mutual Use and Personnel Assistance for Building Inspection and Permit Review Services between the Town of Schererville, Indiana, and the Town of St. John, Indiana, in 2017, and all Matters Related Thereto

Mr. Volkmann stated that this is for Building Inspector, it's basically an inter-local agreement that we approve every year with the Town of St. John.

Mr. Schmitt made a motion to adopt Resolution #2018-2, seconded by Mr. DeJong. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM B. Consider Approval of Change Order #1 from Walsh & Kelly, Inc. for the 2016 Joliet Street CCMG Projects (\$24,533.87 Increase)

Mr. Volkmann stated that this is for the Community Crossings Project, it entailed the work we did right here in front of the Town Hall and in front of the Police Department.

Mr. Connelly made a motion to approve Change Order #1 from Walsh & Kelly, seconded by Mr. DeJong. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM C. Consider Approval of Pay Request #1 from Walsh & Kelly, Inc. for the 2016 Joliet Street CCMG Projects \$118,798.62

Mr. Volkmann stated that this is for the whole Community Crossings Project.

Mr. Schmitt made a motion to approve Pay Request #1 from Walsh & Kelly, seconded by Mr. Troxell. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM D. Appointment to Economic Development Commission (Martin Plisky - 4-year term expiring on January 31, 2022)

Mr. DeJong made a motion to appoint Martin Plisky to the Economic Development Commission (4-year term expiring on January 31, 2022), seconded by Mr. Troxell. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM E. Consider Donation to the Tri-Town Safety Village  
\$25,000.00

Mr. Volkmann stated that this is a request from Bill Jarvis of the Tri-Town Safety Village. Mr. Volkmann stated that last year we donated \$22,000.00 and his request is \$25,000.00 for this year.

Mr. Guetzloff asked Mr. Volkmann what St. John and Dyer are putting in this year. Mr. Volkmann stated that St. John has been matching the dollars that we have and Dyer is donating \$10,000.00.

Mr. Connelly made a motion to donate \$25,000 to the Tri-Town Safety Village, seconded by Mr. Schmitt. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM F. Proclaim January 21 - 27, 2018 as *School Choice Week*  
In the Town of Schererville.

Mrs. Malinowski read the entire Proclamation into the record.

Mr. Schmitt made a motion to proclaim January 21 - 27, 2018 as *School Choice Week* in the Town of Schererville, seconded by Mr. Troxell. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM G. Consider Acceptance of Donations - \$831.00

Mrs. Malinowski read the list of donations into the record.

Mr. Schmitt made a motion to accept the donations as read, seconded by Mr. DeJong. All in favor (5-0).

\*Mr. Guetzloff stated that unfortunately Chief Kruzan will be leaving after February 9, 2018. Mr. Guetzloff stated that Chief Kruzan is retiring from the Town of Schererville and moving onto a new position and a new challenge. Mr. Guetzloff stated that on behalf of the Town Council, thanked him for his years of service here for the fine job that he has done. Mr. Guetzloff presented Chief Kruzan with a plaque which states "Presented to Joe Kruzan in recognition and grateful appreciation for your years of dedicated service as Fire Chief in the Town of Schererville from November 2004 to January 2018."

Chief Kruzan stated first and foremost he would like to thank the men and women of the Schererville Fire Department. He stated

that in 2004 a group of them stood behind him as he was appointed to Fire Chief for the Town of Schererville. He stated that some of those men are still here with him tonight, Deputy Chief Bob Patterson, Battalion Chief Bill Howe, Assistant Chief David Meyer and Battalion Chief Aaron Anderson. Chief Kruzan thanked everyone else who came out tonight. He stated that this was a bitter sweet decision for him, but he knows that the Town is in great hands and the future leadership will do just as well as the things they worked on together. Chief Kruzan gave special thanks to his Deputy, Bob Patterson. He stated Bob Patterson was the first person he promoted on the Schererville Fire Department when he started fourteen years ago. He said that Deputy Chief Patterson has been at his side ever since, he has been a great supporter and he couldn't have done the job without him. Chief Kruzan said one of his sayings is "if you want to be a great leader, you surround yourself with great leaders".

Chief Kruzan thanked the Town Council and gave a special thanks to Mr. Guetzloff and Mr. Troxell, two of the original Councilmembers who brought him here and trusted in him. Chief Kruzan thanked Attorney Austgen, Mrs. Malinowski, Town Administration, Mr. Volkmann, Mr. Huet, Robin Thiel, Chief Dowling and Chief Zagrocki. Chief Kruzan stated that the way this Town's Administration and Staff work together is to be admired across our entire State.

Chief Kruzan thanked his wife and children, they have been his supporters ever since he chose this occupation, the nights he was gone, the mornings he left early.

Chief Kruzan thanked everyone for recognizing him and giving him the opportunity to lead the greatest community in Lake County.

\*Mr. Troxell stated that with the retirement and leaving of Chief Kruzan, he would like to make a motion to appoint Deputy Chief Patterson as Acting Fire Chief until one is permanently appointed, seconded by Mr. Schmitt. All in favor (5-0).

THEREUPON, Business from the floor NONE

Meeting adjourned.

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ROB GUETZLOFF  
TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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JANICE M. MALINOWSKI  
TOWN CLERK-TREASURER

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