

The Regular Town Council Meeting of the Town of Schererville, IN was called to order by President Rob Guetzloff at 7:12 p.m. in the Schererville Town Hall, 10 E. Joliet Street Schererville, IN.

Attendance was taken with the following Board Members present: Kevin Connelly, Michael Troxell, Thomas Schmitt and Rob Guetzloff. Absent: Councilmen David DeJong, Clerk-Treasurer Janice Malinowski. Staff members present: Attorney David Austgen, Fire Chief Robert Patterson, Assistant Fire Chief Dave Meyer, Interim Police Chief Dennis Zagrocki, Police Commander Brian Neyhart, Engineer Neil Simstad, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Jim Gorman, Director of Public Works Jeff Huet, Town Manager Robert Volkmann and Recording Secretary Robin Thiel.

THEREUPON, Approval of the minutes. Mr. Connelly made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2018 Public Meeting, seconded by Mr. Troxell. All in favor (4-0).

THEREUPON, Claims

- A. APV #74630 - APV #75313 on the General Docket, Totaling \$3,262,704.82
- B. APV #74633- APV #75313 on the MVH Docket, Totaling \$139,793.47.
- C. Park Non-Reverting Fund, Patrician Banquets, Bunny Breakfast \$730.00
- D. Community Crossings Fund, Indiana Department of Transportation, 2016 Fund Reimbursement \$134,271.71.
- E. Ambulance Fund, Blue & Co., Medicaid Report Fees \$7,858.00
- F. General Fund - Administration, Austgen Kuiper Jasaitis, Various February Legal Fees \$6,338.76
- G. Subdivision Review Fund, Austgen Kuiper Jasaitis, Various February Invoices \$1,222.75
- H. Public Safety Fund, Austgen Kuiper Jasaitis, February Legal Fees \$600.75
- I. Solid Waste Fund, Tim Elzinga, Leaf Disposal \$2,640.00
- J. CEDIT, The Woodshop, Fire Station Remodel \$33,839.00
- K. CEDIT, The Woodshop, Fire Station Remodel \$17,211.24

Mr. Troxell made a motion to accept the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor (4-0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence NONE

THEREUPON, Reports NONE

THEREUPON, Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items NONE

THEREUPON, Old Business NONE

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. Ord. #1754A, An Ordinance Amending Town Ordinance No. 1754 Designating Local Depositories as Authorized by Applicable Indiana Law, Repealing all Ordinances, or Parts Thereof in Conflict Herewith, and all Matters Related Thereto

Mr. Volkmann stated that this is for deposits of the Town's Funds by the Clerk-Treasurer's office. He stated it designates the ten financial institutions to where they can make deposits.

Mr. Connelly made a motion to consider on 1<sup>st</sup> reading, Ordinance #1754A, seconded by Mr. Troxell. All in favor (4-0).

Mr. Connelly made a motion to adopt Ordinance #1754A, seconded by Mr. Troxell. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM B. Ord. #1919, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Contiguous Land To the Town of Schererville, Lake County, Indiana, and All Matters Related Thereto (First Reading)

Petitioner(s): Jacqueline L. Froman & Jacqueline L.

Froman as Personal Representative of the  
Estate of Ruby L. Sopher

Location: 8720 Burr Street

Mr. Volkmann stated that this is the Sopher Farms on Burr Street. He stated it is fifty one acres, proposed for residential development. Mr. Volkmann stated it is in Unincorporated Lake County as it stands now, it would be coming into Schererville as R-1 property.

Mr. Troxell made a motion to consider on 1<sup>st</sup> reading, Ordinance #1919, seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor (4-0).

Attorney Austgen stated that next month there will be a public hearing, it will be duly noticed and advertised for your public meeting.

ITEM C. Ord. #1920, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Contiguous Land To the Town of Schererville, Lake County, Indiana, and All Matters Related Thereto (First Reading)

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

Mr. Volkmann stated that this is the second part of the annexation request on the Luer's Farm property. This is south of 101<sup>st</sup>, right behind the current Luer's Farm. Mr. Volkmann stated that over the last several months we have entertained the first part of this, this now makes this property continuous with the Town and allows it to be annexed.

Attorney Austgen stated that the property meets the contiguity requirements for annexation and consideration.

Mr. Schmitt made a motion to consider on 1<sup>st</sup> reading, Ordinance #1920, seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM D. Ord. #1921, An Ordinance Amending Town Ordinance No. 1589, Being "An Ordinance Establishing an Activities Fee Schedule for the Town Department of Parks and Recreation, And all Matters Related Thereto", and Repealing all Town Code Sections or Town Ordinances or Parts Thereof, in Conflict Herewith

Mr. Volkmann stated that this is annually as the Park Department puts their programs together. They create a fee schedule and we adopt one every year.

Mr. Connelly made a motion to consider on 1<sup>st</sup> reading, Ordinance #1921, seconded by Mr. Schmitt. All in favor (4-0).

Mr. Connelly made a motion to adopt Ordinance #1921, seconded by Mr. Schmitt. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM E. Ord. #1836A, An Ordinance Amending Town Ordinance No. 1836 Being "An Ordinance Establishing and Adopting a Fee Schedule for the Town of Schererville, Lake County, Indiana Community Center, and all Matters Related Thereto", repealing all Ordinances and Town Code Sections Or Portions Thereof, in Conflict Herewith, and all Matters Related Thereto

Mr. Volkmann stated that this is a fee schedule for the Community Center rental. He stated that the original schedule had various two hour rentals, three hour rentals; they have comprised that because of the way people rent it. Mr. Volkmann stated that the rental rate per hour went up, for example the small room went up \$5.00.

Mr. Schmitt made a motion to consider on 1<sup>st</sup> reading, Ordinance #1836A, seconded by Mr. Troxell. All in favor (4-0).

Mr. Connelly made a motion to adopt Ordinance #1836A, seconded by Mr. Troxell. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM F. Res. #2018-6, a Resolution to Transfer Funds within a Category of Appropriations.

Mr. Volkmann explained the Transfer of Funds. Mr. Troxell made a motion to adopt Resolution #2018-6, seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM G. Award Bid for the WWTP Primary Anaerobic Digester Rehabilitation and Floating Cover Replacement Project Per Recommendation by NIES Engineering (from Utility Board Agenda)

Mr. Guetzloff stated that this was already discussion on the Utility Board.

Mr. Connelly made a motion to award the bid to Bowen Engineering, seconded by Mr. Troxell. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM H. Award Bid for Road Material & Landscaping per Recommendation by Jeff Huet, Public Works Director

Mr. Huet stated the Council has before them the yearly bid tabs for our yearly asphalt services, road materials, stone and black dirt, poured and placed concrete, concrete disposal and landscaping services.

Mr. Huet stated that he has recommended the low bidder as follows:

- Asphalt Services - Walsh & Kelly
- Poured and placed concrete - Coex Construction
- Road materials - Walter's Excavating
- Concrete disposal services - Walter's Excavating
- Landscaping Services - Season's Landscaping

Mr. Schmitt made a motion to award the bids as recommended by the Public Works Director, seconded by Mr. Troxell. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM I. Consider Approval and Acceptance of Uniform Property Acquisition Offer to Purchase 1608 Austin Avenue (Joni Camp) in the amount of \$65,000.00 (From Redevelopment Commission Agenda)

Mr. Guetzloff stated that this comes from the Redevelopment Commission Agenda.

Mr. Connelly made a motion to approve and accept the Uniform Property Acquisition Offer to Purchase 1608 Austin Avenue, seconded by Mr. Troxell. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM J. Consider Acceptance to Pursue the Offer to Purchase 36 E. Wilhelm by the Cecelia F. Zahler Family.

Mr. Volkmann stated that this is another property within the Joliet Street Redevelopment Corridor. This was in an estate, the estate attorney has approached Mr. Volkmann offering the property for sale to the Town of Schererville.

Mr. Connelly made a motion to authorize Mr. Volkmann, Attorney Austgen and Clerk-Treasurer Janice Malinowski to pursue the offer to purchase 36 E. Wilhelm Street, seconded by Mr. Schmitt. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM K. Consider Appointments to the Park Impact Fee Committee

Mr. Troxell stated that there are some people who have volunteered for this committee, some of them were on the Park Impact Fee Committee before. Mr. Troxell stated he would like to recommend the following as volunteers for this committee.

Darlene Bouma - Homan School PTO Co-President  
Rick Calinski - NIPSCO  
Dave Eenigenberg - Owner Trek Fleet Feet Stores  
Gina Musolino - Real Estate Brooker Caldwell Banker  
Jim Seroczynski - Developer Ridgemoor Builders.

Mr. Connelly made a motion to appoint the above listed individuals to the Park Impact Fee Committee, seconded by Mr. Schmitt. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM L. Consider Appointment to the Park Board (Deferred from The February 14, 2018 Meeting)

Mr. Connelly made a motion to appoint Mr. Joe Skvarek to the Schererville Park Board, seconded by Mr. Troxell. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM M. Consider Appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals (Deferred from February 14, 2018 Meeting)

Mr. Troxell made a motion to appoint Mr. Jim Gorman to the Board of Zoning Appeals, seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM N. Consider Request from Park Board to Serve Beer and Wine At the following events:

Party in the Park (Feast Your Face) being held at Redar Park on Friday, April 27, 2018

Party in the Park (Cinco de Mayo) being held at Redar Park on Friday, May 4, 2018

Party in the Park (Mom's Day) being held at Redar Park on Friday, May 11, 2018

Party in the Park (Pick Your Poison) being held at Redar Park on Friday, June 8, 2018

Celebrate Schererville Fest being held at Redar Park from Wednesday, June 13, 2018 to Sunday, June 17, 2018

Fireworks being held at Rohrman Park on Tuesday, July 3, 2018

Corn Roast being held at Redar Park on Friday, July 27, 2018

Allowing NWI Symphony being held at Redar Park on Saturday August 11, 2018

Wurst Fest being held at Redar Park on Saturday, September 8, 2018

Mr. Connelly made a motion to approve the request from the Park Board to Serve Beer and Wine at the above listed events, seconded by Mr. Schmitt. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM O. Consider Donation to "Dollars for Scholars" - \$1,200.00

Mr. Troxell made a motion to donate \$1,200.00 to "Dollars for Scholars", seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM P. Consider Acceptance of Donations \$100.00

Mr. Volkmann read the donations into the record. Mr. Connelly made a motion to accept the donations as read, seconded by Mr. Troxell. All in favor (4-0).

\*Mr. Volkmann stated he has one other thing under donations, he stated this is consideration of the Town to make a donation of some old equipment to the Safety Village. He stated they are in need of some office chairs, we had three office chairs to donate. Mr. Volkmann stated that the Police Department had an old Polygraph machine that's probably from the sixties, and we would like to donate that to the Police Museum at the Safety Village.

Mr. Connelly made a motion to approve the items mentioned above to the Safety Village, seconded by Mr. Schmitt. All in favor (5-0).

Mr. Volkmann stated we have two young gentlemen here that are in the Scouts and asked them to come up and introduce themselves. Both boys are from Troop 532 and are working on their Citizenship in the Community. They introduced themselves as Morgan Battig and Ethan Battig.

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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