

The Regular Town Council Meeting of the Town of Schererville, IN was called to order by President Rob Guetzloff at 7:14 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, Kevin Connelly, Robin Arvanitis, Thomas Schmitt and Rob Guetzloff. Staff members present: Attorney David Austgen, Fire Chief Robert Patterson, Deputy Fire Chief David Meyer, Police Chief Pete Sormaz, Park Superintendent John Novacich, Director of Public Works Jeff Huet, Director of Operations James Gorman, Town Manager Robert Volkmann, Clerk-Treasurer Michael Troxell and Recording Secretary Robin Thiel.

THEREUPON, Approval of the minutes. Mr. Connelly made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2021 Public Meeting, seconded by Mr. Johnson. All in favor (5-0).

THEREUPON, Claims

- A. APV #95469 - APV #96008 on the General Docket, Totaling \$2,068,185.08
- B. APV #95472 - APV #95989 on the MVH Docket, Totaling \$132,610.14
- C. Various Funds, First National Bank of Omaha, March Credit Card Charges, \$8,925.65
- D. Various Funds, Enterprise Fleet, Monthly Lease, \$3,346.64
- E. General Fund - Animal Control, Crossroads Animal Hospital, March Vet Bills, \$754.31
- F. Various Funds, Boyce Systems, Yearly Support Fees, \$14,415.00
- G. Various Funds, Mandalyn Benson, Rhythm & Rock Band, \$1,600.00
- H. Various Funds, Maggie Speaks, Various Events Band, \$3,000.00
- I. Various Funds, Premier Porta Potty, Event Wash Station, \$520.00 J.  
Various Funds, Jon Lincoln, Rhythm & Rock, \$400.00
- K. Cedit Fund, Szany Electric, WWTP Phase 1 LED Conversion, \$5,500.00
- L. Cedit Fund, Universal LT, WWTP Phase 1 LED Conversion, \$8,515.00
- M. Various Funds, Korellis Roofing, Salt Dome Shingle Replacement, \$49,551.00
- N. Public Safety, Tri-Electronics, Camera Proposal, \$56,491.00
- O. Various Funds, Napa Autoparts, March Auto Parts, \$660.12
- P. Various Funds, Menards, March Supplies, \$3,355.47
- Q. Various Funds, Auto Wares, March Auto Parts, \$11,349.48
- R. Cum Cap Improvement Fund, City By App, Schererville App, \$1,499.00

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

THEREUPON, Correspondence NONE

THEREUPON, Reports

Fire Chief Patterson reported that for the month of March the Fire Department responded to 305 incidents, of which 256 were EMS related, 49 were fire related. Chief Patterson stated that the Fire engine that is being built at this time is on schedule, and due to be completed in December 2021. Chief Patterson gave an update on the South Haven Baby Box. He stated it is installed in Station II, it is being tested at this time and he just received confirmation from Safe Haven that we are going to set the date for May 4, 2021 at 2:00 pm at Fire Station II. Chief Patterson stated that Mr. Huet and his crew did a great job in getting the concrete pad poured out there.

Mr. Schmitt congratulated Police Chief Sormaz and the Police Department on your CALEA Certification. Chief Sormaz thanked Mr. Schmitt and stated they are still waiting on the final report.

THEREUPON, Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items NONE

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. Ord. #1963, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Contiguous Land to the Town of Schererville, Lake County, Indiana, And all Matters Related Thereto (Second Reading)

Petitioner(s): Timothy Foley  
Location: 11245 W. 80<sup>th</sup> Court

Mr. Volkmann stated that this is a single family home in the Auburn Meadow Subdivision off of US 41. He stated that Mr. Foley's desire is to hook up to the Town's utilities. Mr. Volkmann stated that we have to extend water and sewer lines in this area for him to make the connection. He stated that this is the last hearing on this petition for annexation.

Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Volkmann if there are other properties along this road that are not annexed. Mr. Volkmann stated yes there are. Mr. Volkmann stated that as they come in we have required them to annex into Town. Mr. Volkmann stated that some of the septic's are failing in some of the houses, so they pay for the extension of the utilities, their pro rata share of the utilities.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt Ordinance #1963, seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor (5-0).

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. Ord. #1965, An Ordinance Establishing Policies and Procedures for Authorized Financial Instruments for Payment to the Town/Municipality in Conformance with Applicable Law, Repealing all Ordinances and Town Code Provisions, or Parts Thereof, in Conflict Herewith, and All Matters Related Thereto

Mr. Troxell stated that this Ordinance is basically updating an older Ordinance that we had, this brings in some of Indiana Codes that have been updated over the years in order for us to make payments to our vendors and receive payments from our customers. Mr. Troxell stated that this allows us to make some electronic transfer payments, ACH payments and wire transfer payments. Mr. Troxell stated it updates what we had and allows us to become more efficient in our payment methods. He stated we will still follow the same procedures we had before and authorizing payments that go out of the office.

Mr. Connelly made a motion to consider on 1<sup>st</sup> reading, Ordinance #1965, seconded by Mr. Johnson. All in favor (5-0).

Mr. Connelly made a motion to adopt Ordinance #1965, seconded by Mr. Johnson. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM B. Res. #2021-7, A Resolution Authorizing Entry into a 2021 Vehicle and Equipment Lease-Purchase Financing Agreement with Bank of America for Purchase of Vehicles and Equipment for the Town of Schererville, Lake County, Indiana, and all Matters Related Thereto

Mr. Troxell stated this is an authorizing Resolution to have our Town Council President engage in the Lease Purchase Agreement. He stated that this is for the financing of the vehicles and equipment. Mr. Troxell stated that 1.3 million dollars is the financing, the rate on this is 1.049%, for four years. Mr. Troxell stated that if the Resolution is approved this evening, he will work on finalizing the documentation and the closing would be this Friday, April 16, 2021. He stated once approved, the money would be deposited to an escrow account and we would draw on that as we expend monies toward the purchase of the vehicles.

Mr. Schmitt made a motion to adopt Resolution #2021-7, seconded by Mrs. Arvanitis. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM C. Consider Approval of Reimbursement in the Amount of \$29,118.69 to Kelly Law Offices LLC located at 1619 Junction Avenue for Completion of the Façade Program  
**(From Redevelopment Commission Agenda)**

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the reimbursement in the amount of \$29,118.69 to Kelly Law Offices LLC for completion of the Façade Program, seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM D. Consider Acceptance of Agreement between the Town of Schererville and the Northwest Indiana Symphony Society, Inc. (\$12,000.00)

Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept the agreement between the Town of Schererville and the Northwest Indiana Symphony Society in the amount of \$12,000.00, seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM E. Award Bid for Burr Street Fire Station Remodel

Mr. Volkmann stated that this is the remodeling of Fire Station III at Burr Street and US 30. He stated that the recommendation is to award the bid to Gariup Construction in the amount of \$1,430,500.00.

Mr. Schmitt made a motion to award the bid for the Burr Street Fire Station remodel to Gariup Construction, seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM F. Review Mowing Bids

Mr. Volkmann stated that they went out for mowing bids for 2021 and they received five bids. He stated he would like to recommend awarding the bid to Great Lakes Landscape Management, in the amount of \$115,310.00.

Mr. Schmitt made a motion to award the bid to Great Lakes Landscape Management, seconded by Mr. Johnson. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM G. Consider Approval to Extend Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), which Expired March 31, 2021, To Compensate up to Eighty (80) Hours Paid Leave to Employees that are off Work due to Covid-19, Retroactive to April 1, 2021 and Expiring September 30, 2021.

Mr. Volkmann stated that the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), which expired March 31, 2021, has been extended until September 30, 2021. Mr. Volkmann stated the clock begins anew on April 1, 2021.

Mr. Connelly made a motion to extend the FFCRA to September 30, 2021, seconded by Mr. Johnson. 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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MICHAEL A TROXELL, CMO  
TOWN CLERK-TREASURER

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