

The Regular Town Council Meeting of the Town of Schererville, IN was called to order by President Rob Guetzloff at 7:39 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 Robert Patterson, Deputy Fire Chief David Meyer, Interim Police Chief Dennis Zagrocki, Commander Neyhart, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor Jim Gorman, Director of Public Works Jeff Huet, Town Manager Robert Volkmann and Recording Secretary Robin Thiel.

THEREUPON, Approval of the minutes. Mr. Schmitt made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2018 Public Meeting, seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor (5-0).

THEREUPON, Claims

- A. APV #76684 - APV #77333 on the General Docket, Totaling \$2,113,398.68
- B. APV #76693 - APV #77323 on the MVH Docket, Totaling \$121,225.59
- C. Various Funds, Austgen Kuiper Jasaitis, Various May Legal Fees \$8,570.10
- D. Various Funds, First National Bank of Omaha, May Credit Card Charges \$14,688.29
- E. Park Bond 2004 Fund, Wells Fargo, Interest Due \$22,393.75
- F. Various Funds, COEX, Concrete/Rebar \$4,614.11
- G. Various Funds, Seasons Landscaping, Mowing Parks \$8,564.44
- H. Various Funds, Seasons Landscaping, Mowing Parks \$4,282.22
- I. Promotion Fund, Northwest Indiana Symphony, 2018 Performance \$12,000.00 (Paid in 2 installments, \$6,000.00 each)
- J. 2016 Taxable G.O. Bond Fund, Huntinton National Bank, Principal & Interest Due, \$112,212.50
- K. Building Corp Fund, First Financial, Schererville Building Corporation Mortgage Bonds Series 2011/2011B \$486,000.00
- L. LC Gaming Tax Fund & MVH Fund, COEX 2018 Concrete Repairs \$101,779.92
- M. Various Funds, Stryker Sales Corporation, Lease Agreement - Payment #1 \$58,418.66
- N. Park Impact Fee Fund, Ristich Asphalt Paving, Invoice #5118 \$26,052.20
- O. Ambulance Fund, Blue & Co., Invoice #10531903 \$4,000.00
- P. Various Funds, Grimmer Construction, Inv. #7105 - CDBG - Plum Creek, \$69,668.00
- Q. Various Funds, Bliss McKnight, Invoice #199019 \$57,308.55
- R. Park Bond of 2010 Fund, DLZ, LLC, Various Invoices \$22,93-.03
- S. Various Funds, Robinson Engineering, Various Invoices \$25,008.25
- T. Casino Fund, NIES Engineering, Various Invoices \$1,524.48

Mr. Volkmann stated that we do have an additional claim. This is for Physician's Urgent Care, a CDL Physical for a water department employee, pre-employment screenings and physicals for some of the Park Employees. The total is \$2,155.50

Mr. Troxell made a motion to accept he claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor (5-0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence NONE

THEREUPON, Reports

THEREUPON, Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items NONE

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. Consider Donation Request from Schererville Baseball  
(Deferred from April 11 and May 9, 2018 Meetings)

Mr. Schmitt stated we received a request for a donation from the Schererville Baseball, and we requested an updated financial report. He stated that we did receive the financial report and he forwarded a copy to all of the Councilmen.

Mr. Connelly made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 to the Schererville Baseball, seconded by Mr. Troxell.

Mr. Schmitt stated that he would like to see us donate a little bit more. Mr. Schmitt stated that the Council received an email from Clerk-Treasurer Janice Malinowski and she would agree to a donation of three to four thousand dollars range.

Mr. Connelly amended his motion to donate \$2,000.00 to the Schererville Baseball, Mr. Troxell amended his second. All in favor (5-0).

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. PUBLIC HEARING

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

Ord. #1923, An Ordinance Providing for an Additional Appropriation in the "Community Crossing Grant Fund" of the Town of Schererville for Year 2018, and all Mattes Related Thereto

Open to the Floor for Public Comment  
No Comments from the Floor  
Closed to the Floor for Public Comment

Mr. Volkmann stated that when we originally did this, we budgeted for \$600,000.00 in Community Crossings Grant. He stated that we received \$655,000.00. Mr. Volkmann stated that this Ordinance appropriates the additional \$55,000.00 into the budget.

Mr. Connelly made a motion to consider on 1<sup>st</sup> reading, Ordinance #1923, seconded by Mr. Schmitt. All in favor (5-0).

Mr. Connelly made a motion to adopt Ordinance #1923, seconded by Mr. Schmitt. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM B. Ord. #1924, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Contiguous Land

To the Town of Schererville, Lake County, Indiana  
Commonly Referred to as 9201 West 77<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and all  
Matters Related Thereto (First Reading)

Petitioner(s): Armani Development, Inc.  
Location: 9201 West 77<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Mr. Volkmann stated that this is right across the street from the Waterford Development. When Mr. Armani bought the property from the Seberger Farm there were ten acres on the south side of 77<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Armani would like to annex this property into Schererville. Mr. Volkmann stated that it will come in as R-1 in the Town of Schererville.

Mr. Troxell made a motion to consider on 1<sup>st</sup> reading, Ordinance #1924, seconded by Mr. Schmitt. All in favor (5-0).

Attorney Austgen stated that the Public Hearing will be noticed for next month's Council Meeting.

ITEM C. Ord. #1925, An Ordinance Amending the Personnel Policy Manual for the Town of Schererville, Lake County, Indiana, To Establish and Include a Fire Department Retirement/Termination Procedure Policy for Town Fire Department Personnel, Repealing all Town Code Sections, Ordinances, And Policies, or Parts Thereof, in Conflict Herewith and All Matters Related Thereto

Mr. Volkmann stated that the Board of Safety reviewed this policy. He said that this will put the policy in Ordinance Form, the procedures that the Fire Department was following when an employee left the department or retired from the department.

Mr. Connelly made a motion to consider on 1<sup>st</sup> reading, Ordinance #1925, seconded by Mr. DeJong. All in favor (5-0).

Mr. Connelly made a motion to adopt Ordinance #1925, seconded by Mr. DeJong. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM D. Res. #2018-14, A Resolution to Transfer Funds within a Category of Appropriations

Mr. Volkmann explained the transfer of funds. Mr. Schmitt made a motion to adopt Resolution #2018-14, seconded by Mr. Troxell. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM E. Consider Approval of Change Order #3 from Hasse Construction for the Clarifier Project - Contract 6 - (\$13,169.27 Increase) (From Utility Board Agenda)

Mr. Connelly made a motion to approve Change Order #3 from Hasse Construction, Contract 6, seconded by Mr. DeJong. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM F. Consider Approval of Pay Request #12 from Hasse

Construction for the Clarifier Project, Contract 6  
\$274,944.27 (from Utility Board Agenda)

Mr. Schmitt made a motion to approve the Pay Request #12 from Hasse Construction, Contract 6, seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM G. Consider Acceptance of Application for Façade Improvement Program (from Redevelopment Commission Agenda)

Applicant: Schererville Chamber of Commerce  
Location: 122 E. Joliet Street  
Favorable Recommendation by Town Façade Advisory  
Advisory Committee 3-0

Mr. Schmitt made a motion to accept the application for Façade Improvement Program, seconded by Mr. Troxell. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM H. Consider Approval and Acceptance of the "*Firefighter Paramedic Licensing and Education Expense Reimbursement Agreement*"

Mr. Volkmann stated that the Fire Department has struggled with their standard hiring only Paramedics and their not finding enough qualified candidates to fill positions as they become available in the Department. Mr. Volkmann stated that the Board of Safety has discussed this at several meetings and they came up with a proposal, where we would lower that standard to Firefighter/EMT for a new hire with a provision that they sign an agreement with the Town and the Fire Department to enter into Paramedic School. They would have a time certain to complete their Paramedic training and get their Indiana State License.

Mr. Volkmann stated that the Town would pay for the Paramedic schooling and at the completion of that, they would have a commitment to work minimally for five years. He stated that there are several other departments that use this mechanism and we are hoping that we get more candidates.

Mr. Volkmann stated that this comes with a Favorable Recommendation from the Board of Safety. Attorney Austgen stated that he received his late last week and he and Mr. Volkmann briefly discussed it. He stated that the concept and the purposes are certain appropriate. Attorney Austgen stated there are some items here that need to be reviewed and he would like a chance to review this with Mr. Volkmann.

Mr. Troxell made a motion to move forward with approving this concept and have our Attorney work out the appropriate details that need to be amended to make sure they mirror our personnel policy, seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM I. Consider Request by *WOW! Internet - Cable - Phone* for

Relief from Ordinance No. 1904 for Proposed Overhead  
Installation of Fiber Optic Cable at two (2) locations  
In the Town of Schererville

Locations: Indianapolis Boulevard & W. 77<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Airport Road & Eagle ridge

Mr. Volkmann stated that in 2017 the Town of Schererville designated the whole Town as an underground utility district and in the provisions of Ordinance No. 1904, for anybody who wanted to put overhead lines within the Town of Schererville, they are required to come before the Town Council and ask for them for their consideration to install overhead lines.

Mr. Volkmann stated that WOW is running a fiber optic network through the Town of Schererville and they are going on an existing pole line.

Mr. Troxell made a motion to consider the request by WOW to get relief by Ordinance #1904 as presented, seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM J. South Shore Convention and Visitors Authority Appointment  
(3-year term) (Consider reappointment of Larry Tucker)

Mr. Schmitt made a motion to consider the reappointment of Larry Tucker to the South Shore Convention and Visitors Authority, seconded by Mr. Troxell. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM K. Consider Donation to NICKs Foundation for the Alex  
Lemonade Stand (\$1,000.00)

Mr. Connelly made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 to the NICKs Foundation for the Alex Lemonade Stand, seconded by Mr. DeJong. All in favor (5-0)

ITEM L. Consider Approval of Massage Establishment Employee  
Application for the following (Favorable Recommendation  
By the Board of Safety)

Kelly Clayton (Navii Salon)  
Melinda Calante (Robert Anthony Salon)

Mr. Troxell made a motion to approve the Massage Establishment Employee Applications as listed above, seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM M. Consider Acceptance of Donations - \$905.00

Mr. Volkmann read the list of donations into the record. Mr. Connelly made a motion to accept the donations as read, seconded by Mr. DeJong. 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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