

The Regular Town Council Meeting of the Town of Schererville, IN was called to order by Vice President Michael Troxell at 7:15 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 and Thomas Schmitt. Absent: Councilman Rob Guetzloff. Staff members present: Attorney David Austgen, Fire Chief Robert Patterson, Police Chief Dennis Zagrocki, Deputy Police Chief Joe Gasiorek, Park Superintendent John Novacich, 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. DeJong made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2018 Public Meeting, seconded by Mr. Schmitt. All in favor (4-0).

THEREUPON, Claims

- A. APV #77918 - APV #78526 on the General Docket, Totaling \$2,549,361.32
- B. APV #77928 - APV - #78522 on the MVH Docket, Totaling \$171,421.66
- C. Various Funds, Austgen Kuiper Jasaitis, Various July Legal Fees \$6,980.72
- D. Subdivision Review Fund, Austgen Kuiper Jasaitis, Various July Developments' Legal Fees \$506.25
- E. Various Funds, First National Bank of Omaha, July Credit Card Charges \$14,333.33
- F. General - Animal Control Fund, Coyne Veterinary of St. John, July Invoices \$594.65
- G. LECEF Fund, Teresa Briones, Fingerprint Service Refund \$15.00
- H. Police Equipment Fund, Anytime Fitness, Star Track Stair Mill \$1,300.00
- I. General - Animal Control Fund, Midwest Animal Hospital, Animal Care \$947.98
- J. Solid Waste Management Fund, Flanagan, Inc., Organic Matter Disposal \$14,575.00
- K. Various Funds, Walsh & Kelly, 2018 Paving and Patching \$365,875.90
- L. Park Bond of 2010 Fund, DLZ, \$6,280.27
- M. Promotion Fund, Pro Am Team Sports, Plaque \$50.00
- N. General-Police Fund, Governmental Interinsurance Exchange, Statement (Lawsuit) \$2,500.00

Mrs. Malinowski stated she has one additional claim, it is the NICK Foundation for \$2,000.00. She stated that this would be paid out of our Promotional Fund.

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

THEREUPON, Correspondence NONE

THEREUPON, Reports

Mr. Schmitt stated at the last meeting we talked to Mr. Huet regarding getting an updated striping list on some areas that we received complaints about not seeing striping and arrows. Mr. Schmitt thanked Mr. Huet for getting that list to the Council members.

Mr. Connelly stated he would like to thank our Park Superintendent, John Novacich for the great ribbing cutting event at Plum Creek Park. Mr. Connelly stated that we were able to install brand new playground equipment.

THEREUPON, Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items NONE

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. Ord. #1924, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Contiguous Land To the Town of Schererville, Lake County, Indiana, Commonly Referred to as 9201 West 77th Avenue, and all Matters Related Thereto (Second Reading)

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

Mr. Volkmann stated that this is right across from the Waterford Development, it is a part of the Seberger Farm and this brings that location into the Town of Schererville.

Mr. Connelly made a motion to adopt Ordinance #1924, seconded by Mr. Schmitt. All in favor (4-0).

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. Ord. #1927, 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 Thereto (First Reading)

Petitioner(s): Stars & Stripes 4M, LLC by DSSIV Holding Co., LLC
Location: Luers Farm

Mr. Volkmann stated that this is a small parcel, 2.5 acres, that is the first house and property and Luers that then retained so it remained in County. Mr. Volkmann stated that they propose to put an entrance there to access the back part that they now have control over. Mr. Volkmann stated that this is the last of their annexations.

Mr. Schmitt stated that he noticed there is a different name on the petitioner from the original one. Attorney Wieser stated that it is the same people but when they did the original annexations the Luers Family still owned the property that they

annexed south of 101st, so it was under their name. He stated that when the closing occurred on the main parcel of the Luers Farm, the company that acquired it is the Stars & Stripes, but they are an entity related to the overall entity.

Mr. Schmitt made a motion to consider on 1st reading, Ordinance #1927, seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM B. Res. #2018-17, A Resolution to Transfer Funds within a Category of Appropriations

Mrs. Malinowski explained the Transfer of Funds. Mr. Connelly made a motion to adopt Res. #2018-17, seconded by Mr. Schmitt. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM C. Proclaim the Month of September 2018 as *Childhood Cancer Awareness Month* in the Town of Schererville

Mr. Troxell read the proclamation in its entirety. Mr. Connelly made a motion to Proclaim the Month of September 2018 as *Childhood Cancer Awareness Month* in the Town of Schererville, seconded by Mr. DeJong. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM D. Consider Request for Variance of Use to Allow a Contractor's Business and Climate Controlled Storage and Business Office Space within the U.S. 30 Commercial Corridor Overlay District

BZA Case No. 18-7-15

Petitioner: Ken Christensen (Earl's Heating and Cooling)

Location: 5050 W. Lincoln Highway

BZA Favorable Recommendation 4-0

Mr. Volkman stated that the location is right next to the U-Haul on the north side of Route 30. He stated that they are going to knock down the house that is there and build a nice building so it's going to be a nice improvement to that site.

Mr. Schmitt made a motion to approve the Variance of Use and to include the Finding of Facts of the BZA, seconded by Mr. DeJong. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM E. Award Bid for Rohrman Park New Concession Stand and Restroom Facility

Mr. Novacich stated that there were a total of five bids that were submitted. The bids were reviewed by the Architect, Thomas Kuhn with CSK Architects, P.C. Mr. Novacich stated that on behalf of the Park Board, he concurs with his recommendation to award the contract to Integral Construction for the amount of \$260,032.00.

Mr. Schmitt asked Mr. Novacich if Integral Construction is a Union Company. Mr. Novacich stated that all of the documentation in the bid comply with the Ordinance.

Mr. Connelly made a motion to award the bid for the Rohrman Park Concession Stand and Restroom Facility to Integral Construction in the amount of \$260,032.00, seconded by Mr. DeJong. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM F. Appoint of Southcom PSAP Executive Board Members (2) -
Term ending December 31, 2019

Mr. Troxell stated that this is an Executive Board with the Southcom PSAP, which is the Town of Schererville and Cedar Lake. Mr. Troxell stated that at this time we are appointing two members to that Board.

Mr. Connelly recommended Mr. Troxell and Mr. Volkmann to the Southcom PSAP Board, seconded by Mr. DeJong. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM G. Consider Donation to K-9 Protecting Heroes Organization
(\$600.00)

Deputy Chief Gasiorek stated that Protecting K-9 Heroes is a non-profit organization, that through their own solicitation of donations and fundraisers, they in turn buy body armor and Narcan kits and First Aid Kits for K-9 Law Enforcement K-9's and then donate them back to the Department. He stated that currently all three of our K-9 Officers have these items, the vest, the Narcan kit with the case, and a first aid kit.

Mr. Schmitt made a motion to approve the donation of \$600.00 to the K-9 Protection Heroes Organization, seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM H. Consider Acceptance of Donations \$8,702.88

Mrs. Malinowski read the list of donations into the record. Mr. Connelly made a motion to accept the donations as read, seconded by Mr. Schmitt. All in favor (4-0).

THEREUPON, SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Swearing in of Fire Chief
Janice M. Malinowski, Clerk-Treasurer will swear in:

Robert Patterson (Fire Chief)

Mrs. Malinowski swore in Robert Patterson as Fire Chief of the Town of Schererville.

Fire Chief Patterson thanked the Council and said he looks forward to a long career here in the Town of Schererville.

*Mr. Troxell announced that we have the Northwest Indiana Symphony in the Park this Saturday, August 11th at Redar Park.

Mr. Novacich stated that we received a grant from the Indiana Arts Commission for \$4,000.00. He stated that part of the Symphony will be part funded by the Indiana Arts Commission.

THEREUPON, Business from the floor NONE

Meeting adjourned.

ROB GUETZLOFF
TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT

JANICE M. MALINOWSKI
TOWN CLERK-TREASURER

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