

The Regular Town Council Meeting of the Town of Schererville, IN was called to order by President Rob Guetzloff at 7:22 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, Police Chief Dennis Zagrocki, Deputy Chief Joseph Gasiorek, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Jim Gorman, Director of Public Works Jeff Huet, Clerk-Treasurer Janice Malinowski and Recording Secretary Robin Thiel.

THEREUPON, Approval of the minutes. Mr. Schmitt made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2018 Public Meeting, seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor (5-0).

THEREUPON, Claims

- A. APV #78532 - APV #79303 on the General Docket, Totaling \$1,975,376.11
- B. APV #78531 - APV #79267 on the MVH Docket, Totaling \$131,017.12
- C. Various Funds, Austgen Kuiper Jasaitis, Various August Legal Fees \$7,358.87
- D. Subdivision Review Fund, Austgen Kuiper Jasaitis, Various August Developments' Legal Fees \$843.75
- E. Various funds, First National Bank of Omaha, August Credit Card Charges \$17,640.02
- F. General - Animal Control Fund, Coyne Veterinary of St. John, August Invoices \$1,558.01
- G. General - Animal Control Fund, Midwest Animal Hospital \$345.00
- H. Park Non-Reverting Fund, Patrician Banquets, Superhero Breakfast \$1,784.00
- I. General Fund, Interstate Roofing, Police/Court Roof, \$2,175.00
- J. Cum Cap Improvement Fund, American Legal Publishing, Code of Ordinances Pages \$1,716.00
- K. Various Funds, Walsh & Kelly, 2018 Paving and Patching \$13,100.00
- L. Lake County Gaming Tax Fund, Sheeh Well, Pump Removal \$564.00
- M. Various Funds, CivicPlus, Invoice \$5,625.00
- N. Lake County Gaming Tax Fund, Town of Merrillville, Payment #2 - Signal Pre-Emption \$7,573.91
- O. Various Funds, Bliss McKnight, August Invoices \$57,974.80
- P. Various Funds, NIES Engineering, Inc., August Invoices \$8,803.66
- Q. CEDIT Fund, B&D Sewer & Backhoe, 77th Avenue Culvert \$59,800.00
- R. General Fund - Police, Lundeberg Insurance, VIPS Renewal \$2,470.00
- S. Various Funds, Town of St. John, 2018 Joint SRO Agreement \$20,000.00
- T. Park Bond 2010 Fund, DLZ LLC, \$30,194.35
- U. Cum Cap Development Fund, Grimmer Construction, Pay Request #2 CDBG Plum Creek \$92,926.40
- V. Various Funds, Robinson Engineering, Various Invoices/Projects \$46,493.75
- W. Park Impact Fee Fund, Dyer Construction, Pay Request #6 Teibels Nature Park \$48,479.15

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

THEREUPON, Correspondence

NONE

THEREUPON, Reports

Mr. Huet stated that AP Addition, Lot II, a subdivision that was completed approximately two years ago; in calculating the Storm Water Drainage Fees, it was found by the petitioner, Dr. Susan Ramirez that there were some redundancies in our Ordinance and she has submitted a request to the Town Manager to have a portion of the Storm Water Drainage Control Fee reduced from \$1,400.00 to \$1,200.00. Mr. Huet stated that this comes with a Favorable Recommendation from the Town Manager.

Mr. Troxell made a motion accept the recommendation we received for lowering it by two hundred dollars, as requested by the petitioner, seconded by Mr. Schmitt. All in favor (5-0).

Mr. Huet reported that two weeks ago we submitted our local Traxs Application for State Funding for the Kennedy Avenue overpass over the Canadian National and the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks. Mr. Huet stated that they put a lot of time into it with our consultant DLZ, and submitted a very viable application. He stated that they have already been contacted by INDOT and will be meeting with them on October 10th in LaPorte to discuss our application.

Mr. Huet stated the second item is our CCG Community Crossing grant application; he stated he is seeking Council's approval to submit that to the State for approximately two million dollars' worth of work. He stated this involves 59 roadways within our submittal that we are looking to do resurface, asphalt repairs and curb and sidewalk repairs. Mr. Huet stated that our share of that would be about 50%. Mr. Huet stated that this will approximately double the amount of work we are able to do on an annual basis.

Mr. Schmitt made a motion to authorize the Public Works Department to continue with the submittals, seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor (5-0).

Mr. Huet stated as it relates to that CCG Grant, he would like to acknowledge and thank Andrew Hansen, Department Foreman for all of his effort.

Mr. Schmitt asked Mr. Huet for an update on the demo work that has been awarded to get rid of the house on Summer Street. Mr. Huet stated he believes the contractor was going to attempt to move his equipment in today. He stated that within the next seven days you should see that house gone.

Chief Zagrocki reported that the Citizens Police Academy will begin on Monday, September 17th.

THEREUPON, Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items NONE

THEREUPON, Old Business NONE

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. PUBLIC HEARING

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

Attorney Austgen read by title only, Ordinance #1927. Attorney Austgen stated that this portion of the application is for consideration following the Public Hearing, of the approval of the Fiscal Plan which would be done by an enabling Resolution. Attorney Austgen stated that this is a 2.451 acre parcel that is adjacent to two other parcels that have already been annexed in the Luers Farm area.

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

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

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Attorney Wieser stated that the reason this small parcel is being annexed is in the closing on the major parcel, it was always thought that this was an access parcel, so it is very critical. He stated it was always thought that this parcel was located in the Town of Schererville, but it turns out that a portion of it was in the Town of Schererville, the acreage that Attorney Austgen referred to is not in the Town of Schererville, it is in the unincorporated area.

NO FURTHER COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR
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Res. #2018-18, 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

Mr. Schmitt made a motion to adopt Resolution #2018-18, seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM B. Ord. #1928, 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 Thereof, in Conflict Herewith.

Attorney Austgen stated that this is an update to the existing schedule.

Mr. Connelly made a motion to consider on 1st reading, Ordinance #1928, seconded by Mr. DeJong. All in favor (5-0).

Mr. Connelly made a motion to adopt Ordinance #1928, seconded by Mr. Troxell. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM C. Res. #2018-19, A Resolution Amending the Fire Department Hiring Procedure to Require Entry into and Execution Of a Firefighter/Paramedic Licensing and Educational Expense Reimbursement Agreement as a Condition of Employment as a Member of the Town of Schererville Fire Department, and all Matters Related Thereto

Attorney Austgen stated that this is an amendment to the hiring process of Firefighter/Paramedics in your Town, to require reimbursement of certain training expenses in the event that they are employed and depart their employment within a five year time period.

Mr. Troxell made a motion to adopt Resolution #2018-19, seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM D. Resolution #2018-20, A Resolution to Transfer Funds within A Category of Appropriations

Mrs. Malinowski explained the Transfer of Funds. Mr. Schmitt made a motion to adopt Resolution #2018-20, seconded by Mr. DeJong. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM D. Consider Request for Variance of Use to Allow a Tattoo and Art Studio with the Following Conditions: This location And Petitioner Only, No Body Piercing

BZA Case #18-7-14
Petitioner: Aaron Peters (APEX Tattoo & Art Studio)
Location: 242 Lincoln Highway (Lincoln Ridge Mall)
BZA Favorable Recommendation 5-0

Mr. DeJong stated that he was at the BZA Meeting when Mr. Peters presented his request. The BZA indicated that they appreciated the professionalism of their presentation for their request. Mr. DeJong stated that they also placed a condition on it that this variance would only apply to Aaron Peters while he owned it, and if he sold it the variance would have to be re-requested.

Mr. Troxell made a motion to consider the Request for Variance to a Tattoo and Art Studio for this petitioner, which comes to us from the BZA, Case #18-7-14, and to include all of the Finding of Facts from the BZA, seconded by Mr. DeJong. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM E. Consider Acceptance of Donations \$1,103.91

Mrs. Malinowski read the list of donations for the month of August into the record.

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

ITEM F. Presentation - Recognition for Eagle Scout Project

Mr. Guetzloff stated that the Council would like to honor Mr. Ben Schmitt for his Eagle Project.

Mr. Ben Schmitt stated that about a year and a half ago, when Chief Kruzan was still the Fire Chief he was telling him about the Memorial and how a lot of people go by it and they don't know what it is and the significates behind it. Chief Kruzan gave Mr. Schmitt the idea to put a sign or something to identify the memorial, so when people drive by or walk by, they realize what it is.

Mr. Guetzloff stated that on behalf of the Town Council, they would like to present Mr. Schmitt with a certificate of recognition for the 911 Memorial Sign, Eagle Scout Project.

Mr. Schmitt stated he would like to thank Troop 532 and all of the adults that helped out with the Eagle Project. He also thanked R.A.L. Landscaping and Sign Productions in Schererville. Mr. Schmitt also thanked the Town Council for letting him do the project.

THEREUPON, Business from the floor NONE

Meeting adjourned.

ROB GUETZLOFF
TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT

JANICE M. MALINOWSKI
TOWN CLERK-TREASURER

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