

The Regular Town Council Meeting of the Town of Schererville, IN was called to order by President Thomas Schmitt at 7:12 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, Rob Guetzloff and Thomas Schmitt. Staff members present: Attorney David Austgen, Fire Chief Robert Patterson, Police Chief Pete Sormaz, Deputy Police Chief Steve McNamara, Park Superintendent John Novacich, IT Robbie Hansen, Town Engineer Neil Simstad, Director of Public Works Chad Nondorf, Director of Operations Andy Hansen, Town Manager Jim Gorman, Clerk-Treasurer Michael Troxell and Recording Secretary Robin Thiel.

THEREUPON, Approval of the minutes. Mr. Guetzloff made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2024 Public Meeting, seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor (5-0).

THEREUPON, Claims

- A. APV #112997 - APV #113489 on the General Docket, Totaling \$19,082,702.06
- B. APV #112998 - APV #113487 on the MVH Docket, Totaling \$777,286.56
- C. APV #113058 - APV #113455 on the Payroll Docket, Totaling \$1,190,867.58
- D. Various Funds, First National Bank of Omaha, Credit Card Charges, \$12,131.70
- E. Various Funds, Austgen Kuiper Jasaitis, February Legal, \$12,879.86
- F. Public Safety Fund, Bank of America, 2021 Vehicle & Equipment Lease Principal & Interest, \$166,358.82
- G. Public Safety Fund, Peoples Bank, 2020 Ambulance Loan Principal & Interest, \$33,386.89
- H. Cable TV Fund, Business Purchasing Solutions, February Consulting, \$2,227.50
- I. Ambulance Fund, Eservices Technology, Various Invoices, \$15.00
- J. ARPA Fund, Hasse Construction Company, Inc., Pay Application #2-Inverness Lane Storm Sewer Project, \$57,982.50
- K. Cable TV Fund, Rothschild Insurance Agency, Inc., Invoice #63390, \$22,966.00
- L. Cumulative Capital Development Fund, Chester Trust Technology, License & Service Agreement, \$4,176.00
- M. Various Funds, Menards, Parts & Supplies, \$4,133.46
- N. Various Funds, Auto Wares, Parts, \$9,847.59
- O. Park & Rec Fund, Josh Barnes, Mileage Reimbursement, \$423.44
- P. Lake County Gaming Fund, Cabinets, Cabinets for Planning Administrator, \$3,885.00
- Q. Various Funds, Safety Kleen, Stock Supplies, \$2,844.98
- R. Ambulance Fund, Accumed, Billing Service, \$9,511.77
- S. Various Funds, Al Warren Oil Co. Inc., Fuel, \$21,090.87

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

THEREUPON, Correspondence NONE

THEREUPON, Reports

Fire Chief Patterson stated he would like to thank all of the Departments that assisted them on February 29, 2024 for the large fire they had at Sherwood Lake Apartments, which involved 36 units. He stated that they had 11 departments assist them with the fire, Superior Ambulance, Public Works and the Police Department. He also thanked St. John Township Trustee, Cathy Lareau for helping with Victim Assistance along with the Red Cross.

Mr. Schmitt stated he went out to the scene after Chief Patterson called him and stated it was unbelievable, the organization of the Fire Department, Police Department and Public Works. Mr. Schmitt stated that everyone did a great job and thanked them.

Deputy Steve McNamara stated that there will be a special Board of Safety meeting on Monday 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. He stated that they will be swearing in their newest officer, Keith Hickok and they will also have some promotions that night and also an award ceremony for Officer, Civilian and Detective of the year awards. Chief McNamara stated he will be sending out an agenda later this week.

Mr. Novacich wanted to remind everyone that they have their Spring Fever Craft Show this weekend, Saturday and Sunday at the Community Center and Homan School. It is from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Johnson stated that as you know, we have an open seat on the Board of Safety. He stated that is a Republican appointment and they did receive an application from a qualified Republican for that position, someone well known to this Town and this Council. He stated that Jeff Huet, who was Public Works director for a number of years wishes to continue to serve the Town by being appointed to the Board of Safety.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to appoint Jeff Huet to fill the Republican vacancy on the Board of Safety for the rest of that term, seconded by Mr. Connelly.

Mr. Schmitt stated that Mr. Huet is still a part-time employee who works for us on the Kennedy Avenue project. Mr. Schmitt stated that as they stated last month, they have a gentleman that was not a qualified Republican appointment in December for that position. He stated this appointee has active police background and safety background, plus he's a businessman, he owns his own business. Mr. Schmitt stated that he will be eligible next month when he votes his second voting for his party. Mr. Schmitt stated that we have a motion and a second on the floor and asked Mr. Troxell to call the roll.

Mr. Johnson - Yes; Mr. Connelly - Yes; Mrs. Arvanitis - No; Mr. Guetzloff - No; Mr. Schmitt - No. Motion denied (3-2).

Mr. Schmitt stated that appointment will be on next month's agenda.

THEREUPON, Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items

Mr. Kevin Dean, 1905 Sir Richard Road, Schererville stated that he is commenting on Item I. on the agenda. He stated that you are considering a \$2,000.00 donation from the Town of Schererville to Sherwood Lake Apartment fire victims. He stated that in the past he has been a victim of a house fire, so he feels their pain, but at the same time, he is a taxpayer for the Town of Schererville, and asked where you draw the line on making donations to people in need. He stated he would much rather see this \$2,000.00 go to the Fire Department for maybe a defibrillator, rather than \$2,000.00 going to some people who had some back luck. Mr. Dean stated that he would like to see his tax dollars being used for the benefit of everybody in Schererville, not selected individuals who might have had a little pain.

Mr. Dan DeYoung and Kathy DeYoung, 2112 US Highway 41, Schererville. He stated that they are the owners of Ted's Pet and Feed Store at 2112 US Highway 41. He stated that he's here regarding a motion that was passed by the Zoning Board, it came as a no response, no recommendation. Mr. DeYoung stated that they

are looking at locating this tattoo parlor right next to their business, Ted's Pet and Feed is just to the south of it. He stated that they are coming before the Council because tattoo parlors are not allowed in a C3 zoning, within the US Highway overlay District. He stated the overlay district was set up for the property values of businesses along US 41, as well as the values of the community. He stated that Schererville already has one tattoo parlor that ended up on US Highway 30, just around the corner from this location. Mr. DeYoung stated that per the overlay district there are a few things here, section five paragraph J, "the special exception or special use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purpose already permitted or substantially diminish and impair the property values with the community". He stated that that they think something like this will eventually impair the property values of their property that they own. He stated the other thing too is paragraph one, they talk about the establishment maintenance of operation of special use or special exception will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, comfort or morals of general welfare. He stated that as far as variances from development standards there exist a good and sufficient cause for the requested variance, having a tattoo parlor here does not suffice a good and sufficient cause for this variance. Mr. & Mrs. DeYoung handed out to the Council several pictures, including the tattoo shops current location, their website, photos of other tattoo parlors in Schererville, Munster and Highland.

Mr. Victor Perez stated that he lives in Illinois and is trying to open up the Tattoo Shop in Schererville. He stated that they already have a shop in Oak Park Illinois and they have been successful, they have never had any problems there. He stated they are known for Dark Art, that's been the theme they are known for, but they don't have to put a picture of the devil in the store front and that they won't have to paint the windows black. Mr. Perez stated that they are not trying to harm anybody in the public, they are just trying to make a living and they are trying to be successful by expanding their business. He stated that right across the street from Ted's Pet & Feed, there's a gun store and right next to that a smoke shop. He stated guns and smoking cigarettes kill people, tattoos don't.

Sherry Hammermeister, 10215 West 99th Ave., St. John, IN stated that she and her husband Michael own the Plaza that the Tattoo place wants to come. She stated that they are here to support the Tattoo business. She stated that they have no objection to him being at their Plaza and they have gotten signatures from all of their tenants that are in the plaza already. She stated that Mr. Perez has agreed to not tint the windows, he is not teaching classes and he is not doing any piercings of any kind. He will only be doing Tattoos at this location. On their monument sign out front, it will only read "Tattoo" on there, it will not state "Dark Metal Tattoos". Mrs. Hammermeister stated that she hopes the Council will approve this variance for Mr. Perez, because they feel that it's a business that everyone wants. She stated that Mr. Perez just wants to make money and provide for his family.

Mr. Mike Hammermeister, 10215 99th Avenue, St. John, IN stated that he talked to Mr. Perez last week about the name of the business "Dark Metal Tattoo" and told him it might be offensive to some people, so they made an agreement that the name "Dark Metal" won't be anywhere on the outside of the building. He stated they are not going to allow any windows to be tinted and he is not going to be doing any piercing or teaching inside the business.

THEREUPON, Old Business NONE

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. Ord. #2002, An Ordinance Amending Schererville Town Ordinance No. 1267, Being: "An Ordinance Adopting, Approving and Incorporating by Reference Rules and Regulations of the Park and Recreation Department of The Town of Schererville and Amending the Same; Repealing any and all Ordinances in Conflict Therewith And Declaring an Emergency", Repealing all Ordinances Or Parts thereof in Conflict Herewith, and all Matters Related Thereto

Mr. Gorman stated that this Ordinance, unlike the previous one, will allow the Park Board to approve alcohol in the parks for certain events. He stated that in the past, the Park Board would make recommendations to the Council and the Council would allow alcohol in the Park. This ordinance will allow the Park Board to do that instead.

Mr. Johnson asked if the Park Board has policies in place for when to approve and how applications are received for the events that would include alcohol. He asked if there are agreements for the vendors that they have to follow with appropriate certificates of insurance and include liquor liability and other conditions.

Mr. Gorman stated that they will meet the same qualifications that they've had in the past and will make informed decisions.

Mr. Connelly asked if this still includes beer and wine as in the past. Mr. Novacich stated that is correct, it will be beer and wine.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to consider on 1st reading, Ordinance #2002, seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor (5-0).

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2002, seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM B. Consider Approval to Purchase a Portion of Property Located at 135 Joliet Street, Schererville, IN from Adam Groszek in the Total Amount of \$75,000.00 and to Authorize the Town Manager, Director of Operations, Clerk-Treasurer and Town Attorney to Finalize Execution Of Documents (**New Fire Station**)

Mr. Gorman stated that this is the southern portion of property at 135 West Joliet Street that we need in order to construct the new Central Fire Station and Training Facility.

Mrs. Arvanitis made a motion to approve the purchase of property located at 135 W. Joliet Street, seconded by Mr. Guetzloff.

Mr. Johnson stated that he continues to believe that going forward with a Central Fire Station is premature. He is not sure that it's warranted or justified at this time. He stated that we do have a central station that we just remodeled and added on to two other Fire Stations. He stated at some point he feels it will be necessary, but it isn't at this time.

Mr. Schmitt asked Mr. Troxell for a roll call vote: Mr. Johnson - No; Mr. Connelly - Yes; Mrs. Arvanitis - Yes; Mr. Guetzloff - Yes; Mr. Schmitt - Yes. Motion carries (4-1).

ITEM C. Consider Acceptance of Master Professional Services Agreement Puglia & Cork LLC (d/b/a Reardon Consulting Services) and the Town of Schererville for Consulting Services for the Illiana Speedway Redevelopment Project - Phase 1 Not to Exceed \$91,125.00

Mr. Gorman stated that this is professional, technical studies, interview design firms and establish project timelines. He stated that Mr. Reardon is here this evening if anybody has any questions.

Mr. Schmitt stated that this is for the Illiana property, this would be the start to get the plan ready for development of Illiana. Mr. Schmitt stated that he suspects that this will be a three phase plan. He stated that we are starting to pre-design now and the second phase will be the actual design where we finalize the design of what we would like to see out there and then the third phase would be the construction phase. Mr. Schmitt stated that the Town Council has had several study sessions and this planning here is in the first three months. He stated they will then get with the Park Board, the Planning Department and all other departments and the Town staff, along with the Town Council to all agree that this is what we want to do with the Illiana Project.

Mr. Guetzloff made a motion to accept Master Professional Services Agreement, seconded by Mrs. Arvanitis.

Mr. Connelly stated that looking at the project which will be costly long term, he would like to see our Town Manager, Director of Operations and the Park Superintendent function as the project manager for this project. He stated that he thinks the Council should engage with at least two design firms now that they have all agreed to what they would like to see on the property and have the design firms prepare some renderings, have them determine where these facilities should go. Mr. Connelly stated he thinks this expense adds an unneeded layer of expense to the taxpayers of Schererville. He stated that if approved, this starts Monday and ends in June to the tune of \$91,000. He stated he's not sure what's going to be accomplished between now and June, and for those reason he will vote not to approve the contract.

Mr. Schmitt stated that Mr. Connelly is talking about a design phase when we don't even have a plan put together, so that's why we have to have an expert in a planning department, that majors in planning, to get a plan together and then we will move into the design stage. He stated that in the second phase of this we will bring in a design person, Mr. Reardon and if he is successful on the second phase then we'll bring his design team in to get a design and he will supply us with some examples of what we can do there, but we can't move on any of that until we get the planning stage. Mr. Schmitt stated that we'll never know what we're going to run into on the planning, there's a lot of work that has to be done.

Mr. Johnson stated to Mr. Schmitt that he is misleading us here a little bit because Mr. Reardon isn't proposing to be the planner, he's proposing to interview planners and present them to us and then that planner is going to come up with a plan. Mr. Johnson asked why we are not able to do that that they had planners

proposed to the Council by John Novacich, we have planners proposed to by Kevin, we have planners.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the number that's here is a not to exceed number, that's not a guaranteed number that we're going to spend, we might spend half of that, we might spend two-thirds of that, we won't know until we get the development planned out.

Mr. Pat Reardon, 2712 Sunny Brook Court, Schererville, stated he is the manager for Puglia & Cork LLC and is the president of Reardon Consulting Services. He stated that he has been involved in community economic development work for over 40 years and when he read about this opportunity he was very excited. He stated that with their education, their experiences and successes that they are best suited to work with the Town Council, with the professional staff to kick start this project. He stated, think of this as a large blank canvas, they need to find out how much of this property is actually buildable, there may be a situation that will deny the ability to build on a piece of land and they will have to shift over a lot. Mr. Reardon stated that a lot of great ideas have been presented on what the community would like to see in addition to the Town Council. He stated that this pre-design phase will tell them how much land they have for development and where the developments would fit. He stated it will involve wetland delineation, it's going to involve some pre-engineering, and it's going to involve research of the purchase agreements. Mr. Reardon stated he doesn't know if there are covenants that are going to preclude building, these are things that they'll find out and they will work with the professional staff and keep the Council apprised of the activities. Mr. Reardon stated that they have been involved in these type projects throughout their career and they are very excited about this and appreciate the opportunity. He stated they appreciate the Council's consideration.

Mr. Schmitt asked Mr. Troxell for a roll call vote: Mr. Johnson - No; Mr. Connelly - No; Mrs. Arvanitis - Yes; Mr. Guetzloff - Yes; Mr. Schmitt - Yes. Motion carries (3-2).

ITEM D. Consider Variance of Use to Allow the Operation of a Tattoo Studio to be Located within the U.S. 41 Commercial Corridor Overlay District

Board of Zoning Appeals Case #24-2-1

Petitioner(s): Dark Metal Tattoos - Victor & Melissa Perez

Location: 2120 U.S. 41, Suite A - South Sherwood Lake Commercial Center Addition, Parcel A

BZA - No Recommendation

Mr. Gorman stated that this petitioner went in front of the BZA on February 26th and their findings were no recommendation.

Mr. Connelly stated that he would like to see a recommendation from the BZA, either favorable or unfavorable.

Mr. Connelly made a motion to remand this case back to the BZA, seconded by Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson thanked the people who came to comment on this and stated it's not that they don't want to make a decision, but the BZA, from the Council's perspective is here to give us a recommendation. He stated not all of the Council was at the BZA meeting to hear the evidence, to hear everything that was presented, so it is difficult for them to second guess that and go

one way or the other. Mr. Johnson asked Attorney Austgen if this is acceptable. Attorney Austgen stated that is very acceptable, correct, it's lawful.

All in favor on the motion and second (5-0).

ITEM E. Consider Approval of Consulting Contract between the Town Of Schererville and DLZ, Indiana, LLC for Design of Kennedy Avenue Project from U.S. 30 to 500 feet south Of Junction Avenue (**Kennedy Avenue Improvement Project - Phase 4 - PE - \$983,020.00**)

Mr. Gorman stated that this contract is with DLZ for preliminary engineering for Phase 4. He stated Phase 4 is from Route 30 to Junction Avenue.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the Consulting Contract, seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM F. Consider Approval of Consulting Contract between the Town Of Schererville and DLZ, Indiana, LLC for Right of Way Acquisition for the Kennedy Avenue Project from U.S. 30 To 500 feet south of Junction Avenue (**Kennedy Avenue Improvement Project - Phase 4 - ROW - \$298,981.00**)

Mr. Gorman stated that similar to Item E, this is a Kennedy Avenue Project, this is in Phase 4 for \$298,981.00 and it does not include buying the right-a-way, it is just the services with right-a-way.

Mrs. Arvanitis made a motion to approve the Consulting Contract with DLZ, Indiana, LLC, seconded by Mr. Johnson. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM G. Consider Approval to Purchase Property Located at 358 W. Division Street, Schererville, IN, from Dean's Properties LLC in the Amount of \$11,700.00 and to Authorize the Town Manager, Director of Operations, Clerk-Treasurer and Town Attorney to Finalize Execution of Documents (**Kennedy Avenue Improvement Project**)

Mr. Gorman stated that this is the right-a-way purchase for Phase 2 at the corner of Division and Kennedy Avenue.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Arvanitis. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM H. Consider Annual Financial Contribution to the Tri-Town Safety Village - \$36,400.00

Mr. Gorman stated that Mr. Jarvis from the Tri-Town Safety Village is here this evening. Mr. Jarvis stated he would like to thank the Council for all the years of support to the Tri-Town Safety Village. He stated that back in 2000 his home burned to the ground and he almost lost his son, so it's really important to him to teach children and adults how to prevent fires, police interactions, theft and some other things. Mr. Jarvis stated that this is very important to the community and stated he would like to thank personally Chief Sormaz, Chief Patterson and Chad Nondorf from Public Works to keep the Safety Village operational. He stated that they have schools from all over the area coming to the Safety Village. He stated that Crown Point Community Foundation gave the Safety Village a grant for \$115,000.00 to teach all second

graders in those communities. Mr. Jarvis thanked Chief Sormaz and Chief Patterson for being very active on the Board and Robin Arvanitis for stepping up and being President of the Executive Board.

Mr. Connelly made a motion to approve the Annual Financial Contribution of \$36,400.00 to the Safety Village, seconded by Mr. Guetzloff. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM I. Consider \$2,000.00 Donation from the Town of Schererville To Sherwood Lake Apartments Fire Victims in Care of St. John Township Trustee

Mr. Gorman stated that Cathy Lareau, Township Trustee is here this evening to give a little insight of where the money would be going.

Cathy Lareau stated that she has been working with the Red Cross on this. She stated that they have received some monetary donations already and people made donations to Sherwood Lake Apartments and they gave those donations to the Township to manage. She stated that they have received money from individuals and some churches as well. She stated that initially when the Red Cross came in they met with all of the individuals and each individual received around \$340.00. She stated there were 35 units involved, most of them were single occupants so there were about 40 residents involved. She stated that some residents have come in for assistance and they were required to have insurance and all those policies vary. She stated she doesn't know yet how much assistance we're going to need to give. She stated that so far they have distributed clothing for the residents and some gift cards as needed.

Mrs. Arvanitis made a motion to donate \$2,000.00 to the Sherwood Lake Apartments Fire Victims in care of St. John Township Trustee, seconded by Mr. Guetzloff.

Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Troxell what fund the \$2,000.00 will come out of. Mr. Troxell advised the Cable TV Fund. Mr. Johnson stated that he does not want to sound callous to the victims of this event and he does feel for them and he will donate personally, but he does not believe this is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars. He stated that the Cable TV Fund is for promotion of the Town and he doesn't believe this is the right use of it.

Mr. Schmitt asked Mr. Troxell for a roll call vote. Mr. Johnson - No; Mr. Connelly - Yes; Mrs. Arvanitis - Yes; Mr. Guetzloff - Yes; Mr. Schmitt - Yes. Motion carries (4-1).

ITEM J. Consider Donation to "Dollars for Scholars" (Request \$1,200.00)

Mr. Gorman stated that this has been a yearly request from this organization and it is the same amount as last year.

Mr. Guetzloff made a motion to donate \$1,200.00 to the "Dollars for Scholars", seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor (5-0).

Mrs. Arvanitis asked Mr. Troxell to clarify what Fund this donation comes from. Mr. Troxell stated it comes from the Cable TV Fund.

ITEM K. Consider Acceptance of Donations - \$2,796.41

Mr. Troxell read the list of donations for the month of February into the record.

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

THEREUPON, Business from the floor

Mr. Anthony Ferraro, 1429 St. Andrews Drive, Schererville stated "I've got to give the Democratic majority of this Council a tip of the cap for your abstinence in the face of your decision regarding the Safety Board appointment is impressive. I've been a member of this community for 12 years now and I say often and I means it seriously I am a recovering Illinoisian. I left Cook County and I left Illinois to leave behind precisely the kind of leadership that you have perseverated in since the saga began. I thought perhaps to shame you, maybe even berate you, at the very least jog into you the fact that your task to lead this community and do what is in the best interest of the community, not reward political favors and play politics with Public Safety, but yet here we are again. It was gratifying to know it wasn't personal as the Republican minority has put forth another eminently qualified candidate that you have chosen to leave a chair empty for to reward politics. It seems that this is a theme though. I thought it was only Public Safety, but it turns out the Democratic majority has done this before. I'll bring your attention to Indiana Code 6-9-23, the Lake Shore Convention and Visitor Authority appointment that this Democratic majority disregarded the 12 industries that were allowed over another qualified candidate to reward a lawyer and another political loyalist and now yet again, because of your disregard for the law, for your disregard for what has gone on for decades is preserving the rights of the minority. I might add you're going to have another board appointment that you have to vacate, I wonder which political actor you'll reward next. Where does it end, garbage contracts, tow companies, its Cook County politics and its rank. Consider this when you move forward. Thank you"

Mr. Michael Gomez, 7816 West 7th Avenue, Crown Point, IN passed out a packet that he has prepared. Mr. Gomez gave some background of himself and stated that he would like to start a family owned and operated Laundromat business in the Town of Schererville, specifically located at 2257 US 41. He stated that he believes a successful Laundromat would be an asset to this community as well as generate incoming tax revenue for the Town. Mr. Gomez stated at this time he respectfully request a variance on the Ordinance fee associated with opening a Laundromat for each washer. He explained that with the current Ordinance it would cost him \$57,200, which he would not be able to incur that cost. Mr. Gomez went on to explain how much water a washer used back when the current Ordinance was adopted and how much water a washer would use today.

Mr. Schmitt asked Mr. Gomez if he has been in to see our Town Staff. He stated he had a phone conversation with Mr. Gorman this morning. Mr. Schmitt recommended that Mr. Gomez make an appointment with Mr. Gorman and Ms. Sulek from the Planning Department. Mr. Gorman stated that Mr. Gomez could ask for a variance, it would be the decision of the BZA. Mr. Gorman stated

he should contact Denise Sulek tomorrow and she can walk him through the process to ask for a variance.

Hajrija Aliji, 11742 Homestead Heights Drive, St. John, IN stated she is the new president of Lake Central Pop Warner, formerly known as Tri-Town Pop Warner. She wanted to come before the Council and introduce herself and let the Council know that they are currently still using the field located at 12 Kennedy Avenue, which was formally used by the Tri-Town Pop Warner. She stated that she understands that this is part of the Kennedy Avenue project, that they will be demolishing their field. She stated that they were also informed that recently the plans kind of changed and the road will lead up to or take down the building that they currently use as their office and concession stand.

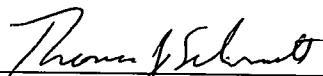
Mr. Hansen suggested that Hajrija come in and meet with him, he can walk her through the entire process and what's going to occur.


Mr. Huet, 313 King Henry Drive, Schererville, former Public Works Director, stated he would like to bring forth a little bit of knowledge that he has from the past. He stated there was a rental contract with Tri-Town Pop Warner league on the property that the Town allows them to use. He stated that if that organization has been dissolved and a new organization formed, he would think that the Town would need to secure a new agreement with them which would cover liabilities and things.

Jeff Minard, 1279 Poppyfield, Schererville, IN, stated that he thinks everybody up here knows how much he loves Schererville and he appreciated hearing what happened with the recent fire, the job by the Fire Department and Police Department, he thanked them and stated we all appreciate them. Mr. Minard stated he appreciates all the things in this Town but maybe he was naïve to see the partisanship that he has witnessed. He stated that he just hopes that they reevaluate things and really try to vote fairly. He stated to him it seems like if there's a republican appointed position it should be who the Republican part of the Town Council is suggesting or recommending for that position, but to hold out for someone else and to not keep Public Safety as an important topic for the Town really discourages him. He just hopes that all of you listen and reconsider how you handle things.

Mr. Kevin Dean, 1905 Richard Road, Schererville, IN, stated he also agrees that the partisan politics that he is witnessing reminds him of why he left Calumet City, one of the reasons he came to Schererville. He stated he is trying to get involved in Schererville because he doesn't want to see Schererville turn into Cook County or Indiana turn into Illinois.

Meeting adjourned.


THOMAS SCHMITT
TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT


Michael A. Proxell, IAMC, CMC, CPFIM, CMO
TOWN CLERK-TREASURER

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