

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
August 23, 2016

Present were council members Greg Stinson, Erik Wagner, Tim Conroy, Ross LeBleu, Bill Lopez, Attorney Greg Sobkowski, Police Chief James Spanier, Fire Chief Louie Craig, Public Works Director Brenda Brueckheimer, Building Commissioner Mike Barry and Park Director Brian Bugajski.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

LeBleu made a motion to approve the August 9, 2016 minutes as written and Wagner made the second, vote 5-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND SEWER ADJUSTMENTS

Wagner made a motion to approve the claims and sewer adjustments as presented, Conroy made the second, vote 5-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Debbie Bowen, Franklin Street, said she was at the laundromat on Lincoln Street and said that there only three working washers and four working dryers. The floor had garbage on it and the trash hadn't been emptied in weeks. Stinson told her that the council can't do anything about how businesses are run unless there are hazardous conditions. Mike Barry said he would contact the owner.

Jennifer Klug, Franklin Street, asked Stinson if he was still going to have private meetings with council members about the budget instead of at a public meeting. Stinson said he will meet with council members one-on-one to explain the budget process since they are new. Stinson stated that they will not be discussing the 2017 budget in particular, that this will be done at the public hearing at a meeting. Klug also asked about the historic pictures donated from the Travel Port . She suggested giving them to the Westchester Township History Museum.

CLERK TREASURE REPORT

Pomeroy noted that the town received an insurance check for damage to a guard rail on Carlson's Corner and wanted to post it back to LR &S fund, line item 202-001-231 Materials/Signs in the amount of \$869.64. Lopez made a motion to receipt \$869.64 into the LR&S fund line item 202-001-231 and Conroy made the second, vote 5-0. Pomeroy said that Chief Spanier talked to Rick Farias from Travel Port concerning donated historic photographs to the Town of Porter. Pomeroy asked Chief Spanier to convey what was said. Spanier stated that Travel Port wanted the town to have first choice of the pictures, then the Friends of Porter, which no longer is active, then Westchester Township History Museum. Spanier said that the town will loan these pictures to the Westchester Township History Museum and the council agreed by consensus. Building Commissioner Barry suggested putting digital copies on the town's website.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Sobkowski reported that the paperwork from Indiana Department of Transportation has been corrected and now lists the Town of Porter Park Department as the owner of the property

along Highway 20. INDOT wants to buy this easement to widen the highway for a turn lane. Lopez made a motion to accept the \$10,700 for the easement along Highway 20 and Hokanson Road and LeBleu made the second, vote 5-0.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Spanier presented an assemblage permit from Paul Stofko from Crazy Legs Race Series. Spanier said everything is in order including their insurance. The race will be held at 9 am September 25. Conroy made a motion to accept the assemblage permit and LeBleu made the second, vote 5-0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

None

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Public Works Director Brueckheimer thanked the Town of Chesterton for their help during the collapsed sewer at Michigami Trail and Strongbow Trail. Brueckheimer said Porter's vacuum truck was being repaired and Chesterton loaned Porter theirs. Brueckheimer noted that there was a total of 8 inches of rain the week of August 15th. Brueckheimer also thanked Chief Spanier for the Prius donated to Public Works.

PARK DEPARTMENT REPORT

Park Director Bugajski said that on September 2nd at 6:30 pm activities will begin for the Wizard of Oz movie, to be shown at 7:30pm at the East shelter. He said that the Westchester Public Library and the Chesterton Rotary Club will be assisting him. Bugajski also reminded everyone on October 1st is Porter Perfect Pint event. He asked the council permission to auction off one rental for the Community Building, one rental of a shelter and one rental of the Gazebo. Lebleu made a motion to auction one rental of the Community Building, one shelter and one for the Gazebo and Lopez made the second, vote 5-0.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT

Building Commissioner Barry presented two new contractors. Conroy made a motion to accept the two new contractors and Wagner made the second, vote 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Kubota/ Lawn mower & 2017 Dump Truck financing

Stinson noted that the town has not received the paperwork from Horizon Bank and asked for a motion to continue the Kubota/Lawn Mower to next meeting. Stinson said that this loan would be paid out of MVH. Conroy made a motion to continue the Kubota/Lawn Mower discussion until next meeting and Wagner made the second, vote 5-0.

2017 Dump Truck discussion

Stinson noted that they have received an amortization schedule for 2017 Freightliner truck; one is for five years and the other is for seven years. Since other banks did not quote for seven years and the council decides to adopt the seven-year payment schedule, the other banks would need to be able to quote a seven-year payment schedule. Stinson noted using the seven-year schedule would lower approximately \$10,000 from the yearly premium out of CEDIT, but add an

additional \$4,500 more in interest. He noted that this would mean a little more money in CEDIT each year for additional projects. Wagner made a motion to get two more quotes for the seven year payment schedule for the 2017 Freightliner truck, motion died for lack of a second. After more discussion Conroy made a motion to accept the five-year financing schedule from Horizon Bank and pay this loan out of CEDIT and so this motion would not die Wagner made the second, Vote 4-1 with Wagner voting no.

INDOT LPA contract for signs

Barry stated that this is a NIRPC 90/10% grant that was approved earlier in the year for replacing street signs for the town. It wasn't noted that this is a reimbursable grant that the town pays the entire amount and is then reimbursed. The current cost is \$60,000 for categorizing and sign inventory. We have a bill for \$36,180 for this which is approximately 70% done. When this bill is paid Barry will submit to INDOT for 90% reimbursement and should receive payment within two months.

Wagner made a motion to adjourn and Conroy made the second, vote 5-0.

Dated this _____ date of September, 2016.

Greg Stinson, President

Erik Wagner, Vice President

Ross LeBleu

Tim Conroy

William Lopez

ATTEST: _____
Carol Pomeroy, Clerk Treasurer