

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
January 14, 2020

Present were council members Greg Stinson, President, William Lopez, Vice President, Erik Wagner, Brian Finley and David Phillips, Attorney Gregg Sobkowski, Police Chief James Spanier, Fire Chief Jay Craig, Building Commissioner Michael Barry, Street Superintendent Sarah Olson and Park Director Brian Bugajski.

President Stinson asked for a nomination for President, Wagner nominated Greg Stinson for President, vote 5-0. Stinson asked for a nomination for Vice-President, Finley nominated William Lopez, vote 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Finley made a motion to approve the December 30, 2019 minutes and Lopez made the second, motion passed 5-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Wagner made a motion to approve the claims as presented and Finley made the second, motion passed 5-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Reid Amones of Valparaiso, representing the Duneland Flyers baseball team, thanked the council and Park Director Brian Bugajski for approving the Duneland Flyers permission to use Hawthorne Park last year. He presented Bugajski a plaque for recognition of his support to the Duneland Flyers in its 20<sup>th</sup> year of competition. Amones asked permission to use the baseball field again this year, and Finley made a motion to permit the Duneland Flyers to use Hawthorne Park, contingent on them providing waivers and rosters to Bugajski before using the field and Lopez made the second, vote 5-0.

CLERK TREASURER REPORT

Pomeroy announced that Porter Beach permits will go on sale March 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> for Porter residents only and March 11<sup>th</sup> for everyone else, until sold out. The requirement is a valid driver's license and registration to receive a permit. In order to receive the Porter rate, residents must provide a driver's license and registration that shows residency. There is a limit of 2 permits per household. Lopez asked if residents can purchase permits for others. Pomeroy stated that they can, with proper paper work, but they will have to go back to the end of the line to purchase

additional permits unless they only purchased one permit and are buying only one permit for a friend.

Pomeroy also presented 198 new contractors for council approval, Wagner made a motion to accept the 198 contractors and Lopez made the second, vote 5-0.

#### ATTORNEY REPORT

None

#### POLICE REPORT

Chief Spanier presented an assemblage permit from Paul Stofko from Crazy Legs Race Series for a race on September 6<sup>th</sup> starting at Hawthorne Park. Spanier noted that they have never presented a problem and have their insurance. Finley made a motion to approve the Crazy Legs race on September 6<sup>th</sup> and Phillips made the second, vote 5-0. Spanier presented a second application from Stofko for a run on November 29<sup>th</sup> and presented his insurance for this race, Finley made a motion to accept the application for the November 29<sup>th</sup> race and Lopez made the second, vote 5-0.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Craig presented a change order in the amount of \$2,521.00 from Alexis for the Tanker Refurb project to upgrade the aero stick to LED, upgrade the reflective decals and mount pike poles. He said this will be paid from his fire budget. Wagner made a motion to approve the change order in the amount of \$2,521.00 from Alexis and Finley made the second, vote 5-0.

Craig also stated that he received notice from Toys for Tots that the department's collection provided toys for 2100 kids. Craig also thanked Signature Graphics for providing the graphics for their vehicles.

Craig announced that they received 608 calls for the year and 18% of the calls were a double call. He wanted to thank all his firefighters for a job well done.

#### PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Street Superintendent Sarah Olson said that they are still collecting Christmas trees but are done with collecting leaves. She also thanked Signature Graphic for their donation of graphics for trucks.

#### PARK DEPARTMENT REPORT

Park Director Bugajski thanked the Duneland Flyers for his plaque. Bugajski announced that Nic Sufana was awarded an Eppley Scholarship to attend the Great Lakes Park Training Institute in late February. The scholarship will cover a

portion of Sufana's registration costs to attend the regional training event at Pokagon State Park.

#### BUILDING COMMISSIONER REPORT

Building Commissioner Barry asked any residents interested in helping with the 2020 census to call him. Barry thanked Rob Albrecht-Mallinger and Roger Carnell for providing pictures of Porter Beach storm damage. Barry is meeting with the Army Corp. of Engineers to review the damage at Porter Beach.

#### APPOINT DEPARTMENT HEADS

Finley made a motion to re-appoint all department heads and Phillips made the second, vote 5-0, motion passed.

#### APPOINT LIAISIONS

Stinson appointed Lopez to the police department, Wagner to the fire department, Phillips to the park department, Finley to public works and himself to town hall.

#### APPOINT BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

##### BZA APPOINTMENT

Stinson, as a presidential appointment, appointed John Kremke to the BZA for four years, term ending 12/31/2023.

##### STORMWATER APPOINTMENT

Stinson, as a presidential appointment, appointed James Eriksson, R to the Stormwater Board for three years.

##### PLAN COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Stinson, as a presidential appointment, appointed Laura Madigan D, for four years.

Stinson, as a presidential appointment, appointed Rob Albrecht-Mallinger, I, for three years to finish the term of David Phillips.

Lopez, as a council appointment, appointed James Spanier, Jay Craig, and David Phillips as employee members and Finley made the second, vote 5-0.

##### RDC APPOINTMENTS

Stinson, as a presidential appointment, appointed Erik Wagner and Bill Lopez to the RDC. Phillips, as a council appointment nominated Tara Duffie and Wagner nominated Greg Stinson and Brian Finley to the RDC and Wagner made the second, vote, 5-0.

## POLICE COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Finley, as a council appointment, made a motion to appoint Mark Lynk to the Police Commission and Wagner made the second, vote 5-0.

DEDC- Duneland Economic Development Committee  
Stinson appointed William Lopez to the DEDC.

NIRPC- Northern Indiana Regional Plan Commission  
Stinson appointed himself to continuing serving NIRPC.

## APPROVE CONTRACTS

Finley made a motion to accept Haas contract and Lopez made the second, vote 5-0, motion passed.

Wagner made a motion to accept James Mandon contract and Finley made the second, vote 5-0, motion passed.

Wagner made a motion to accept MCR contract and Finley made the second, vote 5-0, motion passed.

Finley made a motion to accept Global Engineering contract and Lopez made the second, vote 5-0, motion passed.

Phillips made a motion to accept Innovative Technology Solutions contract and Wagner made the second, vote 5-0, motion passed.

Finley made a motion to accept Terra Human Resources AND Lopez made the second, vote 5-0, motion passed.

Lopez made a motion to accept Baker Tilly contract and Phillips made the second, vote 5-0, motion passed.

Lopez made a motion to accept the contract for Abonmarche and Finley made the second, vote 5-0, motion passed.

Finley made a motion to accept the contract of Butler, Fairman and Seufert and Wagner made the second, vote 5-0, motion passed.

PORTER VOLUNTEER FIRE CONTRACT

Finley made a motion to accept the Porter Fire Department volunteer contract and Phillips made the second, vote 5-0, motion passed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Phillips thanked everyone who voted for him, for him to have this opportunity to be on council.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.



Greg Stinson, President



William Lopez, Vice President



Erik Wagner



David Phillips



Brian Finley

ATTEST 

Carol Pomeroy, Clerk Treasurer