

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
January 8, 2019

Present were council members Greg Stinson, President; William Lopez, Vice President, Erik Wagner, Ross LeBleu and Brian Finley, Attorney Greg Sobkowski, Police Chief James Spanier, Fire Chief Jay Craig, Building Commissioner Michael Barry and Park Director Brian Bugajski. Public Works Director Brenda Brueckheimer was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Wagner made a motion to approve the December 27, 2018 minutes and Finley made the second, motion passed 5-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

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

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

John Kallen of 915 Pheasant Run, manager of the Duneland Flyers, and Hunter Griffin, a baseball player for the team, requested the use of the Hawthorne Park baseball field again this year. He noted that they will improve the ball field as in past years. Finley made a motion to allow the Duneland Flyers to use the baseball field at Hawthorne Park and LeBleu made the second, vote 5-0 motion passed.

CLERK TREASURER REPORT

Pomeroy request verification regarding purchasing the fire truck. The total cost of the fire truck is \$538,029 and Alexis Fire Equipment was the lowest bidder. The cost will be divided as follows; \$500,000 will be paid by the GO Bond which includes a prepayment of \$124,000. The remainder of \$38,029 will be paid out of the fire department budget. The fire department will do an additional appropriation in the amount of \$50,000 later in the year. This \$50,000 will cover the \$38,029 plus additional equipment. The fire truck is not expected to be complete until at least October 2019. Council agreed to the breakdown of payments,

ATTORNEY REPORT

None

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Spanier stated that Crazy Legs Race Series will sponsor their annual run on January 27th at 9:00am. He noted all paperwork including insurance has been submitted. Wagner made a motion to accept the application from Crazy Legs and Lopez made the second, vote 5-0, motion passed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Craig reported that the fire department has responded to a total of 685 calls for the year. Craig also announced that Ryan Born was voted Firefighter of the month. Craig is still asking for new volunteers to be included in the February training.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Barry announced that leaf and brush pick-up has ended, but if residents will bag their leaves the street department will pick them up. He announced again that Republic Services will pick up bundled brush if tied in bundles of less than four feet. He also asked residents to not rake leaves and brush into the streets.

PARK DEPARTMENT REPORT

Park Director Bugajski announced that the park has been awarded a \$5,000 Lake Michigan Coastal Program 50/50 grant. Bugajski stated that there is only one parking lot with only one entrance overlooking the park at Lake Pratt. His goal is to make an accessible path down to the lakefront. Bugajski asked approval from the council to release a request for quotes for this project, Finley made a motion to get quotes from an engineering firm to start work on the ramp and Lopez made the second, vote 5-0 motion passed.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER REPORT

Building Commissioner Barry presented 167 new contractors for approval, Lopez made a motion to accept the 167 contractors and Finley made the second, vote 5-0 motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Department Heads- LeBleu made a motion to re-appoint all department heads for 2019 and Lopez made the second, vote 5-0 motion passed.

Department Liaisons- Stinson announced the 2019 liaisons as; Wagner for Police, LeBleu for Fire, Lopez for Park, Finley for Street and Stinson for Town Hall.

Boards & Commission appointments-

Stinson announced that Porter, along with Chesterton and Burns Harbor, will appoint Lisa Wodrich to the Indiana Dunes Tourism board.

BZA – Wagner made a motion to appoint Jim Burge to the BZA and Finley made the second, vote 5-0 motion passed

Police Commission- Finley made a motion to appoint Jeff Huckaby to Police Commission and Wagner made the second, vote 5-0 motion passed.

Storm Water Board – Stinson made a presidential appointment of Bill Lopez to the Storm Water Board.

Redevelopment Commission – Lopez made a motion to appoint Greg Stinson to the Redevelopment Commission and Finley made a second vote 5-0 motion passed. Wagner made a motion to appoint Brian Finley and Bill Lopez to the Redevelopment Commission and LeBleu made the second, vote 5-0 motion passed. Stinson made a presidential appointment of Erik Wagner and Tara Duffie to the Redevelopment Commission.

Plan Commission – Stinson made a presidential appointment of Ken Timm to the Plan Commission. Wagner made a motion to appoint Lewis Craig Jr. (Jay) to the Plan Commission as an employee and Finley made the second vote 5-0 motion passed.

Annual Contracts

Porter Volunteer Firefighters - Finley made a motion to renew the Porter Volunteer Firefighters contract and Wagner made the second, vote 5-0 motion passed.

Financial Services - Finley made a motion to approve Umbaugh contract and Lopez made the second, vote 5-0 motion passed

Town Planner - Lopez made a motion to approve the contract of James Mandon and Wagner made the second, vote 5-0 motion passed.

Engineering - Wagner made a motion to approve Global Engineering contract and LeBleu made the second, vote 5-0 motion passed.

Lopez made a motion to approve Haas & Associates and LeBleu made the second, vote 5-0 motion passed

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

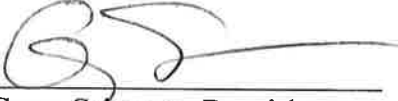
Computer IT services - Lopez made a motion to approve ITS contract and Finley made the second, vote 5-0 motion passed

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

Human Resources - Lopez made a motion to approve Terra Human Resources contract pending receiving the E-Verify language and Wagner made the second, vote 5-0 motion passed.

Lopez made a motion to adjourn and Finley made the second, vote 5-0.


Dated this 23rd day of January, 2019.



Greg Stinson, President




William Lopez, Vice President




Erik Wagner



Ross LeBleu



Brian Finley

ATTEST 

Carol Pomeroy, Clerk Treasurer