

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
January 22, 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

Finley made a motion to approve the January 8, 2019 minutes and LeBleu made the second, motion passed 5-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

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

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Chris Winkler of Valparaiso and Nate Swetalla of Chesterton stated that they have played volleyball with a group at Porter Beach every summer for many years. They did not get beach passes because the council changed the rules and let Porter residents only buy permits for the first two days. They were in line on the third day but only one received a permit. They asked the council to purchase more permits. They noticed that people in front of them were buying five and six permits. Stinson said that this year the town will place a limit on the number of permits a person may buy. Each person may buy up to two permits for their resident, and can purchase permits for up to two other residents, with a maximum number of four permits per person. If they want more than four permits, they will need to go back to the end of the line. Pomeroy said that she already ordered the permits and will need to check if she can order more. The council agreed by consensus to have Pomeroy order 100 more permits if possible.

CLERK TREASURER REPORT

None

ATTORNEY REPORT

None

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Spanier said that he received two parade applications and he will present at the next meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Craig warned residents of scam callers requesting donations for the fire department. Craig said no one from the department is calling and fundraising at this time.

Craig asked if the council would sign a contract with AT&T FirstNet. This contract allows firefighters to purchase phones at a reduced rate, enables them to have access to their emergency network and can also be used as a back-up radio. Volunteers are responsible for paying for the phones and the town is not committed to any expenditures by signing the contract. Craig noted that Attorney Sobkowski reviewed the contract. Wagner made a motion to sign the contract with AT&T, with a stipulation that the town does not purchase phones. Finley made the second, vote 5-0 motion passed.

PARK DEPARTMENT REPORT

Park Director Bugajski stated that while cleaning the community center basement, they found historical items belonging to the Royal Neighbors of America. The organization held meetings at the community center in 2006 and the group dissolved in 2007. Bugajski asked Serena Sutcliff of Westchester Township Historical Museum if they would be interested in receiving these items; a framed group charter, an assortment of meeting pins and ribbons, a cookbook and a bible with meeting prayers. Serena indicated that the museum would be happy to accept these items. Finley made a motion to donate the above items to the local museum and LeBleu made the second, vote 5-0, motion passed.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER REPORT

Building Commissioner Michael Barry presented 34 new contractors for approval. Lopez made a motion to accept the 34 new contractors and Finley made the second, vote 5-0, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: Salary Ordinance 2019-01

Stinson did second reading on Ordinance 2019-01 by title only. Stinson stated that this ordinance corrects the 2019 salary in which an employee was overlooked and was not given a raise. Wagner made a motion to adopt ordinance 2019-01 and LeBleu made the second, vote 5-0, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS;

Resolution 2019-01 Create New MVH Restricted Fund etc.

Stinson read Resolution 2019-01 by title only. Lopez made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-01 and LeBleu made the second, vote 5-0, motion passed.

Ordinance 2019-02 Beach permits

Stinson did first reading of Ordinance 2019-02 by title only. Stinson asked Pomeroy to place on the next agenda.

Global contract – Manholes and Inlets

Stinson stated that the council needs to approve this contract. The Storm Water board has already approved it. The 50/50 maximum cost of \$40,000 is being shared by Storm Water and the Sewer funds. Lopez made a motion to approve the Global contract for manholes and inlets for a maximum cost of \$40,000 and Finley made the second, vote 5-0, motion passed.


Appointment to Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Committee was Greg Stinson and appointment to Duneland Economic Development Company was Bill Lopez.

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


Dated this 12TH day of February, 2019.



Greg Stinson, President



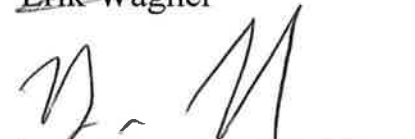
William Lopez, Vice President



Erik Wagner



Ross LeBleu



Brian Finley

ATTEST 

Carol Pomeroy, Clerk Treasurer