TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
February 11, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Wagner made a motion to approve the January 28, 2020 minutes and Phillips 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
Beth Serafin from H Life asked council approval to have fundraisers at their February 27th to raise funds promoting research and support for families coping with pediatric brain cancer and September 19th meeting that is held at the Community center at Hawthorne Park to raise funds to support the H Life Group. Lopez made a motion to approve the fundraising for February 27th and September 19th at the community center and Phillips made the second, vote 5-0, motion passed.

CLERK TREASURER REPORT
None

ATTORNEY REPORT
None

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT
Chief Spanier thanked Officer John McMahon for 22 years of service for the town. He retired February 1, 2020. There is a retirement party scheduled at Hawthorne Park on February 21, 2020 at 6:00pm, all are invited. Officer McMahon would like to buy his service revolver. The town has received appraisals for this revolver from Copper Custom in the amount of $250.00 and from Armour Arms for

$299.95. Finley made a motion to sell the revolver to McMahon for $250.00 and Wagner made the second, vote 5-0, motion passed.
Spanier also asked permission to get quotes for three new vehicles next month. Spanier noted that he is looking at either SUV's or Dodge Chargers. Finley made a motion to have Spanier get quotes for three police vehicles and Wagner made the second, vote 5-0, motion passed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT
Chief Craig said that all the training for the new fire truck is almost complete. When all training is complete the truck will be inservice.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT
None

PARK DEPARTMENT REPORT
Park Director Bugajski, stated that he was contacted by Porter United Methodist Church (PUMC) and they are requesting the council to waive the fee to rent the Gazebo on April 12, 2020 for Easter Sunday Sunrise service. Bugajski said they have used the gazebo for years without incident. Phillips made a motion to waive the fees for the gazebo for PUMC and Lopez made the second, motion passed 5-0.

Bugajski reported that the Lake Michigan Coastal Program Grant submitted last year for the Indian Springs Accessible Walkway Project has been awarded to the Town in the amount of $65,000. The grant has been conditionally approved by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IN DNR) and is currently under environmental review by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). A grant agreement is expected in late August/early September 2020, with construction taking place in the Spring of 2021.

BUILDING COMMISSION REPORT
Building Commissioner Barry presented 26 new contractors for approval, Finley made a motion to approve the 26 contractors and Lopez made the second, motion passed, vote 5-0.
Barry presented a contract from Global Surveying to survey culverts, sewers, inlets and manholes, to update the GIS map. The task order number is 20001.01 not to exceed a total of $40,000, $20,000 from Stormwater and $20,000 from sewer. Finley made a motion to accept the contract not to exceed $40,000 to locate culverts, sewers, inlets and manholes and Wagner made the second, motion passed, vote 5-0.

Barry also stated that the town is awaiting approval from INDOT for paving roads. The roads scheduled to be paved are Oak Hill Road from State Highway 49 to Waverly Road, Cardinal Court, Stevens Road, Sievert, Hokanson, Hunter's Glen Ash Street, Cedar and Birch Streets. Next year the town will start on large subdivision like Porter Cove and Porter Beach. The town pays 25% and the State 75%.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2020-03 Amending Town zoning

Stinson read the Ordinance 2020-03 by title only and said that the Plan Commission has already reviewed all changes and has sent a favorable letter to approve this ordinance. Phillips made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-03 and Wagner made the second, Ordinance 2020-03 was approved by a 5-0 vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Stinson noted that at the last meeting an Economic Development Committee was being formed and that the Council picked one resident, the Council President picked a resident and the Porter County Council picked one resident. The Porter County Council has 15 days after receiving our request to pick a resident. The Porter County Council also meets on February 25th, as does the Town Council. He is hoping that the Porter County Council can let the Town Council know as soon as possible and maybe the Chesterton Tribune reporter that covers both meetings can let the Town Council know when she comes to report our meeting.

Finley made a motion to adjourn and Phillips made the second, motion passed.

Dated this 25TH day of ~~January~~ FEBRUARY, 2020.

Greg Stinson, President

William Lopez, Vice President

Erik Wagner

David Phillips

Brian Finley

ATTEST

Carol Pomeroy, Clerk Treasurer