

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
February 26, 2019

Present were council members Greg Stinson, 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. Vice President William Lopez and Public Works Director Brenda Brueckheimer were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Finley made a motion to approve the February 12, 2019 minutes and LeBleu made the second, motion passed 4-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Wagner made a motion to approve the claims as presented and Finley made the second, motion passed 4-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None

CLERK TREASURER REPORT

Pomeroy presented outstanding checks that need to be deleted since they are over two years old. They are as follows: Sewer \$247.34, Police \$802.02, Town Hall \$75.00, Insurance \$271.71 and Park \$585.00. Finley made a motion to delete the above outstanding checks and Wagner made the second, vote 4-0 motion passed.

Pomeroy said that trash prices are increasing in the amount of \$.96 per bill or \$.48 monthly, starting with the March bill that will be due April 15th

She also reminded Porter residents that beach permits will go on sale on March 11th and 12th and for residents to double check their driver's license and vehicle registration to make sure they say Porter, not Chesterton. She also stated that a person may buy for two people; two permits for themselves and two permits for someone else.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Sobkowski reported that the town has a lawsuit pending involving Henderson vs the Town of Porter. The town insurance company wants to settle out of court for \$1,000 and needs council approval. Sobkowski noted that there is no

admission of guilt or liability for the town by settling out of court. Sobkowski said the police officer who was also named in the lawsuit has been removed from the case. Finley made a motion for the insurance company to pay \$1,000 and LeBleu made the second, vote 4-0 motion passed.

POLICE REPORT

None

FIRE REPORT

Chief Craig reported that the fire department responded to 62 calls for the month of January. He also stated that the fire station was fully staffed for the four days that had record low temperatures. Craig reported that he received five new applications to enroll in the District 1 fire academy. Craig announced that Glen Zaideman is firefighter of the month. Craig proudly announced that Jakob, the volunteers search and rescue dog, had his first found rescue this week.

PARK DEPARTMENT REPORT

None

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

None

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT

Building Commissioner Barry reported 15 new contractors for approval, Finley made a motion to approve the 15 new contractors and LeBleu made the second, vote 4-0 motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2019-02 – Declaring a Dormant Fund

Stinson read Resolution 2019-02 by title only and explained that Fund #301 Debt/Lease-Police has a balance of \$86,144.84 left over from building the police station and that bond has been paid off and this money needs to be transferred to Fund 245 Rainy Day Fund. Wagner made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-02 and move the remaining money to Rainy Day fund and Finley made the second, vote 4-0 motion passed 4-0.

Ordinance 2019-03 Additional Appropriations for General Obligation Bonds

Stinson read Ordinance 2019-03 by title only and asked Pomeroy to set a public hearing for the next meeting. Stinson said that this ordinance establishes fund amounts and these amounts are not set in stone. He noted, for example, the

amount for park equipment is for \$75,000 but this amount has not yet been decided. Stinson said if amounts are not established for each fund, the town would have to do an additional appropriation later.

Dated this 12TH day of March, 2019.



Greg Stinson, President




Erik Wagner



Ross LeBleu



Brian Finley

ATTEST: 
Carol Pomeroy, Clerk Treasurer