

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
March 26, 2019

Present were council members Greg Stinson, President; William Lopez, Vice President; Erik Wagner and Ross LeBleu and 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 and council member Brian Finley were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes and Wagner made the second, Stinson noted that the date was wrong for council minutes Lopez revised his motion to read March 12<sup>th</sup> minutes and Wagner did also, motion passed 4-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

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

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Nancy Cairns of Portage stated that her group the String-A-Long Quilt Guild meets at Hawthorne Park Community Building monthly and asked the council for permission to host a fundraiser. This fundraiser will benefit the First United Methodist Church of Michigan City for stained glass restoration. Wagner made a motion to approve the fundraiser for the String-A-Long Guild to sell chocolate Easter eggs and LeBleu made the second, vote 4-0, motion passed.

CLERK TREASURER REPORT

None

ATTORNEY REPORT

None

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Spanier presented a permit for the State Park Little League annual parade on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. He noted insurance was in order. Wagner made a motion to approve the parade for State Park Little League and LeBleu made the second, vote 4-0, motion passed. Spanier also presented a peddler's permit for Pedal Power annual rental of bicycles at Indiana Dunes Tourism. He noted that insurance was in order and Pomeroy did background checks on employees. Lopez

made a motion to approve the peddler's permit and Wagner made the second, vote 4-0, motion passed.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

None

#### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Barry stated that spring cleanup is April 15<sup>th</sup> thru May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Barry also announced the town received a grant from INDOT Community Crossings grant for \$623,697.30 to be used for paving projects.

#### PARK DEPARTMENT REPORT

None

#### BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Barry presented 12 contractors, Wagner made a motion to accept the 12 contractors and Lopez made the second, vote 4-0 motion passed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Westchester Township Fire Contract. Wagner made a motion to accept the Westchester fire contract and LeBleu made the second, vote 4-0, motion passed.

#### Ordinance 2019-04 – Amending Salary Ordinance

Stinson read ordinance 2019-04 by title only and asked for a motion to suspend the rules to have second reading since the ordinance is effective March 31<sup>st</sup>. Wagner made a motion to suspend the rules and have second reading of ordinance 2019-04 and Lopez made the second, vote 4-0 motion passed. Stinson noted that there were two new positions created. Stinson perform second reading or ordinance 2019-04 and Lopez made a motion to adopt ordinance 2019-04 and LeBleu made the second, motion passed 4-0.

#### Ordinance 2019-05 – Ordinance for Returned Checks

Stinson read Ordinance 2019-05 by title only and asked Pomeroy to place on next agenda for second reading.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS


Lopez announced that he attended Riley's Railhouse for a presentation of the State of Tourism and noted that it was very informative.

Stinson stated that the council received the TIF annual report on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Stinson also wanted to make residents aware that on May 7<sup>th</sup> election day there will be voting at Porter voting places for the Duneland Schools referendum only. Since all running council candidates and the clerk treasurer are unopposed in the May election, to save money the town opted not to have an election for candidates.

Wagner made a motion to adjourn and Lopez made the second, vote 4-0 motion passed.

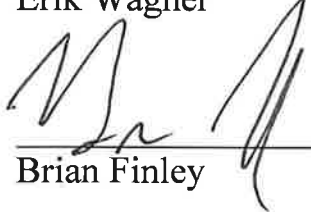
Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

  
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William Lopez, Vice President

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Carol Pomeroy, Clerk Treasurer