

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
October 25, 2016

Present were council members Greg Stinson, Erik Wagner, Bill Lopez, Attorney Greg Sobkowski, Police Chief James Spanier, Public Works Director Brenda Brueckheimer, Building Commissioner Mike Barry and Park Director Brian Bugajski. Fire Chief Louie Craig and Ross LeBleu were absent.

PUBLIC HEARING – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR PARK DONATIONS

Stinson opened the public hearing at 7:03 and asked if there were opponents or proponents for the additional appropriations for Park Donations. No one spoke for or against. The public hearing was closed at 7:05.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Wagner made a motion to approve the October 11, 2016 minutes as written and Lopez made the second, vote 3-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND SEWER ADJUSTMENTS

Wagner made a motion to approve the claims and sewer adjustments as presented, Lopez made the second, vote 3-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Joan Burke of Porter Beach asked the council if the town had a lawn mower that works. Burke stated that she asked numerous times to have the grass cut along the roads at Porter Beach so vehicles can see when pulling out of roads. Stinson said he would look into the matter.

CLERK TREASURER REPORT

Pomeroy announced that November 8th is election day and the Town Council can't meet for their meeting. Stinson suggested just having one meeting in November on the 15th, since the second council meeting is November 22nd which is right before Thanksgiving. Pomeroy announced that the Stormwater Board at their meeting earlier also made their meeting for November 15th. Wagner said the Redevelopment Commission will meet on the 15th as well. Stinson announced that the Stormwater Board will meet at 5:00, Police Commission will meet at 6:00, Redevelopment Commission will meet at 6:30 and the Town council will meet at 7:00. The council agreed by consensus.

ATTORNEY REPORT

None

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Spanier reminded residents that October 31st from 5:30 to 7:30 is Trick-or-Treat and to be careful.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

None

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Public Works Director Brenda Brueckheimer said that they are starting leaf pickup. Residents who want to know when their area will be picked up may call 926-4212. Brueckheimer also stated that Porter received a NIPSCO grant for 15 sugar maple trees and they will be planted along Franklin Street and Waverly Road. She also thanked Building Commissioner Mike Barry and Park Director Brian Bugajski for their help receiving this grant.

PARK DEPARTMENT REPORT

Park Director Brian Bugajski reminded residents that October 30th from noon to 2:00 will be the Boo Bash at Hawthorne Park. On November 20th, Brian stated there will be a dedication ceremony for the two new benches made from bottle caps collected this past year by Brownie Troop 30352. Bugajski stated that he received quotes for playground equipment for Hawthorne Park and he recommended the lowest bidder Sinclair Recreation for \$45,557. Wagner made a motion to accept the quote from Sinclair Recreation for \$45,557 and Lopez made the second, vote 3-0. The Council instructed Bugajski to move forward with purchasing playground equipment.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT

Building Commissioner Barry presented seven new contractors for approval, Lopez made a motion to accept the seven new contractors and Wagner made the second, vote 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2016-12 – Additional Appropriation for Park Donations

Stinson did first reading of Ordinance 2016-12 by title only. Stinson explained that since there were only three council members present they could not suspend the rules and have final reading on Ordinance 2016-12. Stinson asked Pomeroy to place this on the next agenda.

RESOLUTION 2016-09 – APPROVING SECTION 125

Stinson read Resolution 2016-09 by title only. Wagner made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-09 and Lopez made the second, vote 3-0. (What is Section 125?)

LIABILITY INSURANCE RENEWAL

James Anton of Anton Insurance presented the council with quotes for new liability insurance. Anton recommended U.S. Specialty for \$80,641 which is \$17,000 less than the current policy. Anton noted that part of the decrease is because of lower claims this year. He stated that this year the claims were 16% less because employees are working safer. Anton also recommended a cyber liability coverage at a cost of \$2,246 for \$1,000,000 of coverage and \$3,050 for \$2,000,000 of coverage. Lopez made a motion to accept U.S. Specialty liability insurance and also the \$2,000,000 cyber coverage and Wagner made the second, vote 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 2016-11 – 2017 BUDGET

Stinson read Ordinance 2016-11 by title only for the second reading. Wagner made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-11 and Lopez made the second, vote 3-0.

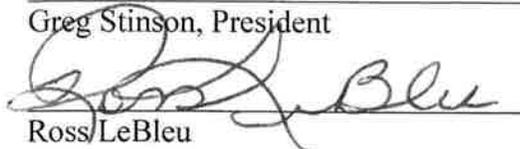
COUNCIL COMMENTS

Stinson announced that the Town of Porter Christmas party will be December 9th at the Spa on Mineral Springs Road for employees and board members. The time is 6:00-9:00pm.

Wagner made a motion to adjourn and Lopez made the second, vote 3-0.

Dated this 15TH date of November, 2016.

Greg Stinson, President



Ross LeBleu



Erik Wagner, Vice President



William Lopez

ATTEST:



Carol Pomeroy, Clerk Treasurer