

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 26, 2016

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

LeBleu made a motion to approve the April 12, 2016 minutes as written and Lopez made the second, vote 5-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND SEWER ADJUSTMENTS

Wagner made a motion to approve the claims and sewer adjustments as presented, Conroy made the second, vote 5-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None

CLERK TREASURER REPORT

None

ATTORNEY REPORT

None

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Spanier presented an assemblage permit from Discovery Charter School for May 20th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. They will block Canonie Drive at that time. Chief Spanier stated that they have had this event in previous years without any incidents. Spanier also said their insurance is up to date. Conroy made a motion to accept the assemblage permit and LeBleu made the second, vote 5-0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Craig stated that he placed the Porter Volunteer Firefighters yearly report in their boxes.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Director Brenda Brueckheimer stated that May 9th will be the last day for Spring cleanup and reminded residents to separate the piles of leaves, sticks and grass. She also stated that the public works department attended a confined space class and a general liability class at Hawthorne Park, which was taught by a representative from the town's liability insurance company. Brueckheimer said that she will have other classes every other month for town employees.

PARK DEPARTMENT REPORT

Park Director Brian Bugajski thanked the Duneland Breakers traveling baseball team and Northwest Indiana Geocachers for their work at Hawthorne Park on April 16th. The two groups

cleaned the ball field, rebuilt the pitcher's mound, painted a bench, did a park-wide trash and limb pickup and planted 100 saplings that were donated by Indiana Representative Chuck Moseley. He also announced that Porter's parks and trails will soon be available on Google maps. Thanks to a partnership with Google through the Indiana Park & Recreation Association he was able to use a backpack camera to document over 20 miles of 360 degree views along the Porter Brickyard, Orchard & Dunes-Kankakee Trails. Other locations documented included all town parks, four trails at Indiana Dunes State Park and the Bailly-Chellberg Trail in the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. Updates to the maps are expected later this year. Porter is one of eighteen municipalities in Indiana taking part in this project. Bugajski also announced that Rebuilding Together Duneland is scheduled to be at Hawthorne Park and Porter Cove Park this Saturday, April 30th. Bugajski advertised for a summer park director and two park assistants. The deadline for applications is May 2nd at 3:00pm. Bugajski also thanked Mike Barry for attending the Chesterton-Duneland Kiwanis meeting on April 22nd. The Chesterton-Duneland Kiwanis donated \$300 to the playground equipment fund. He also thanked Pinkerton Oil for donating towards playground equipment.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER REPORT

Building Commissioner Mike Barry presented 16 new contractors, Lopez made a motion to accept the 16 new contractors and Conroy made the second, vote 5-0. Barry stated that earlier in the year the Council approved a general service contract with SEH of Indiana and he feels it is in the best interest of the town to terminate the contract and hire another consultant. Wagner made a motion to terminate the 2016 contract with SEH of Indiana and LeBleu made the second, vote 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2016-06 – Amending 2016 salary ordinance.

Stinson performed 1st reading of Ordinance 2016-06 by title only and asked Pomeroy to place this Ordinance 2016-06 on the next agenda.

CEDIT - \$100,000 for Wagner Hills drainage issues.

Stinson explained that the town needs to fix infrastructure for drainage issues. He noted that there are undersized pipes that were placed by the developer. Conroy asked who did the work and Barry responded that the company no longer exists. Stinson stated that the storm water board did a study last year and the cost to repair the swales and pipes is approximately \$156,000. The Storm water fund does not have the money to fix this and Stinson asked the council to approve CEDIT paying for \$100,000 of the repairs. Lopez made a motion to use CEDIT to pay for \$100,000 of the repairs for Wagner Hills and Wagner made the second, vote 5-0.

WESTCHESTER FIRE CONTRACT

LeBleu made a motion to accept the Westchester Fire contract and Conroy made the second, vote 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2016-06 GEO-caching at HAWTHORNE PARK

Stinson read Resolution 2016-06 by title only and Wagner made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-06 and Conroy made the second, vote 5-0.

Wagner made a motion to adjourn and Lopez made the second, vote 5-0.

Dated this _____ day of May, 2016.

Greg Stinson, President

Erik Wagner, Vice President

Ross LeBleu

William Lopez

Tim Conroy

ATTEST: _____
Carol Pomeroy, Clerk Treasurer