

## TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

MAY 10, 2022

Present were council members Greg Stinson, Brian Finley, David Phillips, William Lopez, Laura Madigan, Attorney Laura Frost, Police Chief Todd Allen, Public Works Superintendent James Spanier, Park Director Brian Bugajski, and Building Commissioner Michael Barry. Fire Chief Jay Craig was absent.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Finley made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Phillips made the second. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

### APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Lopez made a motion to approve the claims and sewer adjustments as presented and Finley made the second. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

### COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Laurie Franke-Polz presented a letter of concern to the council regarding a hazardous situation created by Mark 1 Construction who is the developer at the corner of Knoelke Drive and Waverly Road. She noted that the felled trees, stumps and brush creates a dangerous situation for the residents and children of the neighborhood. She also noted that flooding has increased due to developer's lack of maintenance. There wasn't a silt fence and brush was washing onto Waverly Road, she noted that the builder did install it on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Barry stated that Mark 1 will clean up lots and remove logs.

Jennifer Klug, asked who appoints a school board member to the RDC and Stinson said that Duneland School appoints them.

Linda Schmidt, Main Street stated that her property backs up to the National Lakeshore woods and there are an abundance of ticks and she would like to get a few guinea hens. After much discussion the council agreed by consensus to have the Plan Commission revise the zoning code R1 and R2. Once this is complete the council can revise the animal code.

### CLERK TREASURER REPORT

None

### ATTORNEY REPORT

None

## POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

None

## FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

None

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Public Works Superintendent Spanier noted that the new Grapple truck was arriving Thursday and also the “Hot Box” was coming Monday.

## PARK DEPARTMENT REPORT

Park Director Brian Bugajski thanked the organizers of Rebuilding Together Duneland and the Chesterton Firefighters Union for helping to paint the dugouts and concession stand at Hawthorne Park on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Bugajski also reported that a representative from the Red Cross had reached out to the Town with the hopes of partnering on monthly blood drives at the Community Building at Hawthorne Park. The first such of these drives would take place on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Finley motioned to approve the Red Cross using the Community Building once a month, free of charge and Lopez made the second. Madigan asked if there is already a non-profit rate in place for use of the Community Building. Bugajski indicated that there is a non-profit rental rate of \$50 for each use of the building, but he recommends waiving the fee in this case as it was a service to the community. There were no further questions and the motion passed 5-0.

Bugajski noted that 2 years ago the Council had approved the purchase of four trail counters through NIRPC using an 80/20 grant. The funding for one of those trail counters is currently available through NIRPC, and he requested that the Park Department be allowed to move forward with the purchase of one trail counter at a cost not to exceed \$750, with funding coming from the Park Department operating budget. The total unit cost is estimated to be \$3,700, 80% of which would be paid by NIRPC. Lopez motioned to approve the purchase and Phillips made the second and the motion passed 5-0.

## BUILDING COMMISSIONER REPORT

Building Commissioner Barry presented 6 new contractors for approval, Finley made the motion to approve the 6 new contractors and Phillips made the second, vote 5-0, motion passed.

Barry also presented a contract from Haas & Associates for \$161,865 for engineering costs for Marquardt Drive and Waverly Road, Phillips made a motion to approve the contract from Haas & Associates for \$161,865 and Finley made the second, vote 5-0, motion passed. This would serve residents north of US Highway 20 to Lake Michigan which includes Indiana State Park.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### WESTCHESTER FIRE CONTRACT

Stinson read contract by title only and Finley made a motion to approve Westchester Fire Contract and Lopez made the second, vote 5-0, motion passed.

##### ORDINANCE 2022-04 Correct spelling of Brockmeier


Stinson read Ordinance 2022-04 by title only and asked Pomeroy to place on next agenda.


##### STREET LIGHTS AT PARC AUX VACHES DRIVE AND WAGNER ROAD


Barry explained that the children in this subdivision walk to Wagner Road to be picked up by a school bus and it is very dark there in the morning. Barry noted that there is a utility pole already there and would like to place a street light on it. Council agreed by consensus to contact NIPSCO to place a street light there.

Finley made the motion to adjourn Phillips made the second, vote 5-0 motion passed.

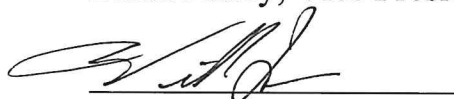
Dated this 24<sup>TH</sup> day of MAY, 2022.


  
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Greg Stinson, President

  
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David Phillips

  
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Laura Madigan

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Brian Finley, Vice President

  
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William Lopez

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Carol Pomeroy, Clerk Treasurer