

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

MAY 24, 2022

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Phillips made the second. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Phillips made a motion to approve the claims and sewer adjustments as presented and Madigan made the second. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

President Maura Mundell of the Chamber of Commerce asked council to donate in kind \$2,500 for fire and police protection for the Lakefront fireworks on June 29, 2022 with a rain date of June 30th. Madigan made a motion to approve the in kind donation of \$2,500 for police and fire protection for fireworks at National Lakeshore and Lopez made the second, vote 4-0, motion passed.

CLERK TREASURER REPORT

Pomeroy reminded residents not to fill their swimming pools until June 16th when the Summer Sprinkling credit is in effect.

ATTORNEY REPORT

None

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

None

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

None

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

None

PARK DEPARTMENT REPORT

Park Director Brian Bugajski reported that the Duneland Seniors will be holding a dedication for their Memorial Garden at Hawthorne Park on Wednesday, May 25th at 1:00pm. The garden is in remembrance of all Duneland Senior members who have passed away over the club's last 10 years.

The Memorial Day Program at Hawthorne Park will take place on Monday, May 30th at 1:00pm at the Community Building. Bugajski has confirmed that representatives from the Towns of Burns Harbor, Chesterton and Porter will be in attendance.

Bugajski reported that the first Red Cross Blood Drive at the Community Building in Hawthorne Park on May 17th was a success. There were 12 donors at the event, which resulted in a \$120 Amazon Gift Card being donated to the Park Department from the Red Cross - \$10 for each donor that came in. The next monthly blood drive will take place on Monday, June 6th from 9am-3pm, and the Park Department will again receive \$10 in Amazon Gift Cards for each person that successfully donates blood on that date.

Bugajski announced that the Kids MS4 Fishing Derby at Indian Springs Park is making a return this year on June 16, 2022. The event will be re-branded the Stormwater Safety Kids Fishing Derby, and will receive monetary support from the Town of Porter Stormwater Board, and in-kind donations from InHealth Integrated Care, D2 Land & Water Resource, Siltworm, Northwest Indiana Paddlers Association, Northwest Indiana Steelheaders, and Butler, Fairman & Seufert Engineering

BUILDING COMMIONERS REPORT

Building Commissioner Barry presented six new contractors for approval, Lopez made the motion to approve the six new contractors and Phillips made the second, vote 4-0, motion passed.

Barry also presented to the council a set of drawings for a “loop road” at Porter Beach from Duneland Drive, Dabbert to Bote on the East side of Waverly Road and would like permission to go out for bid on this project. This would include some paving, two fences and gates plus a folding stop sign. Madigan made a motion to get bids on paving, two fences and gates and a folding stop sign and Phillips made the second, vote 4-0, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 2022-03 Creating a PUD

Stinson preformed second reading and asked for a motion to approve or reject. Phillips made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-03 and Madigan made the second, vote 4-0, motion passed.

ORDINANCE 2022-04 Correct spelling of a street at Porter Beach

Stinson also did second reading of Ordinance 2022-04 and asked for a motion to approve or reject and Lopez made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-04 and Madigan made the second, vote 4-0, motion passed

NEW BUSINESS

4TH FEST

Jim Anton, representing the Chesterton-Porter Rotary Club, announced that the club had been in talks to take over sponsorship of the Family 4th Fest and Parade following the dissolution of the previous sponsor, Duneland Business Initiative Group (DuneBIG). Jim stated that Rotary International, who provides the club’s liability and event insurance, does not allow for a local club to directly contract with a pyrotechnician to put on a fireworks show. The club has made a donation of \$4,500 to the park department, that when combined with an already pledged \$1,500 in park donation funds, will pay for professional pyrotechnic firm BJR Fireworks of Valparaiso to put on a show for the event in the amount of \$6,000. The club is requesting that the Town sign the contract with BJR Fireworks to host the show for the Family 4th Fest event. As the Town’s insurance provider, Anton confirmed that the Town’s current liability and casualty coverage would be sufficient for the show/contract. Council President Greg Stinson asked for a motion to approve the request, pending contractual changes as suggested by Town

Attorney Laura Frost. Madigan made the motion and Lopez provided a second, and the motion passed 4-0.

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

Dated this 14th day of June, 2022.

Greg Stinson, President

David Phillips, Vice President

William Lopez

Laura Madigan

ATTEST Carol Pomeroy
Carol Pomeroy, Clerk Treasurer