

Mrs. Arvanitis stated before we start the Town Council meeting she would like a moment of silence for Karen Lauerman. She was President and CEO of the Lake County Economic Alliance.

Mr. Connelly stated that Karen Lauerman at the age of 52, she was a tremendous human being, great business accrument. He stated that worked with us as we were exploring options for the old Illiana Speedway. He stated that she had such a great vision, not only for us but for Lake County. Mr. Connelly stated he would like to thank the Lake County Commissioners for providing the Economic Alliance to us. Mr. Connelly stated he would like to extend our sympathy's to her husband Scott.

The Regular Town Council Meeting of the Town of Schererville, IN was called to order by President Robin Arvanitis at 7:13 p.m. in the Schererville Town Hall, 10 E. Joliet Street Schererville, IN.

Attendance was taken with the following Council Members present: Caleb S. Johnson, Kevin Connelly, Thomas Schmitt, Rob Guetzloff and Robin Arvanitis. Staff members present: Attorney David Austgen, Fire Chief Robert Patterson, Deputy Fire Chief David Meyer, Deputy Police Chief Steve McNamara, Park Superintendent John Novacich, IT Robbie Hansen, Town Engineer Neil Simstad, Director of Public Works Andy Hansen, Director of Operations James Gorman, Clerk-Treasurer Michael Troxell and Recording Secretary Robin Thiel.

THEREUPON, Approval of the minutes. Mr. Guetzloff made a motion to approve the claims of the October 12, 2022 Public Meeting, seconded by Mr. Johnson. All in favor (5-0).

THEREUPON, Claims

- A. APV #105083 - APV #105577 on the General Docket, Totaling \$11,997,670.45
- B. APV #105084 - APV #105578 on the MVH Docket, Totaling \$148,506.38
- C. APV #105087 - APV #105530 on the Payroll Docket, Totaling \$1,138,703.50
- D. Various Funds, First National Bank of Omaha, Credit Card Charges, \$14,089.64
- E. Various Funds, Enterprise Leasing, Statement, \$3,346.64
- F. Various Funds, Menards, Parts/Supplies, \$2,811.31
- G. Various Funds, Auto Wares, Parts, \$13,845.85
- H. Various Funds, Napa Auto Parts, October Parts, \$488.46
- I. Park Bond, Series 2018 Fund, DLZ LLC, Invoice #704938, \$10,221.39
- J. Park Non-Reverting Fund, Big Tent Events, Craft Fair Tent, \$10,000.00
- K. Park Non-Reverting Fund, RSI Truck & Bus Service, \$120.00
- L. Various Funds, Lithographics, November Utility Bills, \$6,843.71
- M. Promotional Fund, Strack & Van Til, Supplies, \$68.94
- N. Solid Waste Fund, Republic Services, Trash Service, \$3,290.60
- O. 2016 Taxable G.O. Bond Debt Svc. Fund, Huntington National Bank, Invoice #48374, \$500.00
- P. Park Bond, Series 2018 Fund, Homer Tree Service, Invoice #16468, \$4,500.00
- Q. Public Safety Fund, Millies Engineering Group, Invoice #922198, \$1,400.00
- R. Park Bond, Series 2018 Fund, Milestone Contractors, Invoice #228702-4, \$450,320.66
- S. Park Non-Reverting Fund, Andrew Spencer, Program Services, \$2,400.00

Mr. Schmitt made a motion to accept the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Guetzloff. All in favor (5-0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence NONE

THEREUPON, Reports

Chief Patterson reported that for the month of October the Fire Department responded to 267 EMS related calls and 49 Fire related calls, for a total of 316 calls for the month.

Chief Patterson stated that the Schererville Fire Department and the Union will be hosting our annual Food Drive. He stated it

will be on Saturday, December 20th from the hours of 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. He stated that this year it will be held in the Strack and Van Til parking lot.

Chief Patterson stated that they have three new firefighters that were sworn in at the Board of Safety meeting last week, Nick Minkema, Alex Bruskoski and Tim Jenkins. He stated that all three are firefighter/EMT and will be enrolling in the Paramedic program.

Mr. Novacich stated that this Friday, November 11th they will have the Annual Veteran's Day Remembrance Ceremony at the Schererville Town Court at 6:00 pm.

THEREUPON, Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items NONE

THEREUPON, Old Business NONE

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. Res. #2022-16, A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Schererville, Lake County, Indiana, Approving An Order of the Schererville Plan Commission Approving A Certain Declaratory Resolution and Economic Development Plan Adopted by the Town of Schererville Redevelopment Commission

Mr. Gorman stated that this is a Resolution for the Town Council that came from the Schererville Planning Commission. He stated that this the third Resolution of a four Resolution series. He stated that once this is approved tonight it will go back to the Redevelopment Commission for approval at a Public Meeting, which will be at the next public meeting. Mr. Gorman stated that Attorney Austgen's law firm will be advertising for this Public Hearing.

Attorney Austgen stated that this is the initiative to establish the Illiana Route 30 East Economic Development Area for purposes of TIF and allocation area establishment. Attorney Austgen stated that there will be a Public Hearing next month, and he will have for the Council, in advance, the tax statement for their review.

Mr. Schmitt made a motion to adopt Resolution #2022-16, seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM B. Res. #2022-17, A Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds from the "Administration-Other Equipment" General Fund Account into the Rainy-Day Fund Account Of the Town of Schererville Established by Town Ordinance #1889, and all matters related thereto

Mr. Troxell stated that back in August of 2016 the Town passed Ordinance 1889, which allowed the establishment of a Rainy-Day fund for any unused encumbered funds. He stated that Resolution, 2022-17 would allow us to put some money into this fund. He stated that the funds that are coming out of the Administrative Other Equipment General Fund Account, were raised by the General Tax Levi and accumulated over the years. Mr. Troxell stated he is asking the Council to consider this Resolution, if they would like to transfer some of those funds, \$100,000.00 worth into this particular Rainy-Day Fund.

Mr. Johnson commended Mr. Troxell and thanked him for bringing this to the Council. Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt Resolution #2022-17, seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM C. Consider Extension of Mowing Contracts for R & R Yard Design and Goodalls Lawn Care for the 2023 Mowing Season

Mr. Gorman stated that both of our mowing contractors, who take care of our Town Property, are willing to extend their contract into 2023 with the 2022 prices.

Mr. Guetzloff made a motion to approve the Extension of Mowing Contracts, seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM D. Consider Renewal of Solid Waste Contract (4-Year Agreement: March 1, 2023 to February 28, 2027) Between the Town of Schererville and Stuhlmacher Soil Services, Inc. **(From Utility Board Agenda)**

Mr. Connelly made a motion to approve the Renewal of the Solid Waste Contract between the Town of Schererville and Stuhlmacher Soil Services, seconded by Mr. Schmitt. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM E. Consider Approval to Purchase Property Located at 140 W. Highway 30, Schererville, IN from Immanuel Presbyterian Church in the Amount of \$46,610.00 And to Authorize the Town Manager, Director Of Operations, Clerk-Treasurer and Town Attorney To Finalize Executive of Documents

Mr. Gorman stated that this is the property that is just north of the Immanuel Presbyterian Church on Route 30 that we are looking to purchase for future development.

Mr. Connelly made a motion to approve the purchase of property at 140 W. Highway 30, seconded by Mr. Schmitt. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM F. Consider Approval to Purchase Property Located at 149 w. Joliet Street, Schererville, IN from Immanuel Presbyterian Church in the Amount of \$55,656.00 And to Authorize the Town Manager, Director Of Operations, Clerk-Treasurer and Town Attorney To Finalize Executive of Documents

Mr. Gorman stated that this is the property just north of the Immanuel Presbyterian Church property. This is being purchased for future development.

Mr. Connelly made a motion to approve the purchase of property at 149 W. Joliet Street, seconded by Mr. Schmitt. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM G. Consider Donation to Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation for the "Great Gold Rush" Race

Mr. Gorman stated that this was a request by the Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation a couple months ago. He stated the request was not processed right away. He stated that the race was held in September, so they are asking us if we can donate \$2,000.00 to their cause.

Mr. Schmitt made a motion to approve the donation of \$2,000.00 to Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation, seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM H. Consider Donation of Police Department Obsolete Motorola VHF Portable Radios, Chargers and Miscellaneous Items to the Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum located in North Judson, Indiana.

Mr. Gorman stated that the Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum is requesting a donation of some of our old radios that our Police Department no longer uses. He stated that they are asking for a

total of 18 radios, along with the chargers that go with them and any miscellaneous accessories.

Mr. Gorman stated that we have approximately 50-60 obsolete radios in our inventory. He stated that the Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum would use them for their operations.

Mr. Johnson asked Deputy Chief McNamara if we know a value at this point. Deputy Chief McNamara stated that these are obsolete radios are 10 to 15 year old radios and they are not being used.

Attorney Austgen asked Deputy Chief McNamara if the items we are talking about are obsolete, unused and unusable. Chief Deputy McNamara stated that is correct.

Mr. Schmitt made a motion to donate 18 obsolete Motorola VHF radios to the Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum located in North Judson, Indiana, seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor (5-0).

- Mrs. Arvanitis stated that if anyone would like to donate winter coats, she is having her annual coat drive on November 26, 2022 from 9:00am - 12:00 pm in Andorra parking lot.

THEREUPON, Business from the floor NONE

Meeting adjourned.

ROBIN ARVANITIS
TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Michael A. Troxell, IAMC, CPFIM, CMO
TOWN CLERK-TREASURER

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