

The Regular Town Council Meeting of the Town of Schererville, IN was called to order by President Robin Arvanitis at 6:04 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, Park Superintendent John Novacich, IT Robbie Hansen, Town Engineer Neil Simstad, Director of Operations Jim Gorman, Town Manager Robert Volkmann, Clerk-Treasurer Michael Troxell and Recording Secretary Robin Thiel.

THEREUPON, Claims NONE

THEREUPON, Reports

Mr. Gorman stated that the Town Council, back in October extended the Coronavirus Relief Act to the employees. He stated that this expires on December 31, 2022. Mr. Gorman stated he was looking to see if the Council would consider to extend this until March 31, 2023.

Mr. Schmitt made a motion to extend the Coronavirus Relief Act for our employees until March 31, 2023, seconded by Mr. Guetzloff. All in favor (5-0).

Mrs. Arvanitis stated she would like to announce the appreciation for our retiring Town Manager, Bob Volkmann. She stated that the Council and the Town of Schererville thank him.

Mr. Volkmann stated that it has been a lot of fun. He stated that he has been involved in Schererville for 40 years. He stated that he got involved with Elections and started coming to Council Meetings in 1982. He stated that his wife Lynn, has put up with him and all of the meetings. Mr. Volkmann stated that it is kind of a bittersweet farewell. He stated that it is time, but he has regrets for all of the things that are still coming that he didn't get to see come to fruition. Mr. Volkmann thanked the citizens of Schererville for allowing him to hold this position for as long as he has. He stated that if it wasn't for the residents, none of us would be here, because we wouldn't be needed. He also thanked the Town Council, he said Schererville has been blessed for having fantastic Town Councils. He stated that they work together regardless of their political affiliations. He stated it has always been five people doing the right thing for our community. Mr. Volkmann stated he would like to personally thank Mike Troxell for all of the mentoring he has done over the years in providing him guidance, fellowship and actually a good friend. Mr. Volkmann stated he would like to thank our staff, starting with the Department Heads. He stated we have fantastic Department Heads, they are very professional. Mr. Volkmann stated that the Fire Department has grown tremendously, from volunteer and paid on call department to a full-time department with twenty-one full time firefighters. Mr. Volkmann gave credit to Chief Patterson for his leadership and the growth in that Department over the year. Mr. Volkmann stated that we have a great Engineering staff, he has worked with Mr. Simstad of NIES Engineering for twenty three years. Mr. Volkmann stated he would like to thank his wife for all of the years putting up with meetings and the late nights. Mr. Volkmann thanked Jim Gorman, he stated that he knew Jim when he was working at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He stated that Mr. Gorman has worked with him over the last four years and he feels real comfortable with Jim taking over as Town Manager. He stated that Jim is loyal to our community, he has raised his family here and Schererville will be first to Jim Gorman. Mr. Volkmann asked for a round of applause for Mr. Gorman. Mr. Volkmann also thanked Police Chief Sormaz, he said the Police Department is by far the best

Department in Lake County, probably one of the best in the State of Indiana. Mr. Volkmann thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

THEREUPON, Presentation

Dedication of a Plaque for the Pennsy Greenway Trail
Honoring Don Powers

Mr. Connelly stated he would like Mr. & Mrs. Fesko up and accept a plaque and accept plaque for honoring Mr. Don Powers. Mr. Connelly read the inscription on the plaque. Mr. Powers was a Developer, Civil Leader, Philanthropist and an Impact on the Region. The plaque will be placed on the Pennsy Greenway Trail.

THEREUPON, Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items NONE

THEREUPON, Old Business NONE

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Troxell stated he has reviewed the Proofs of Publication and find them to be in order.

Ordinance #1991, An Ordinance Providing for an Additional Appropriation in the Park Non-Reverting Fund of the Town Of Schererville for year 2022, and All Matters Related Thereto.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
NO COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR
CLOSED TO THE FLOOR FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Troxell stated that this Additional Appropriation is for the Park Non-Reverting Fund. It is a total of \$135,000.00. He stated that these are appropriations that the money has been received already this past year, and it is for expenses we need to incur to cover those expenses.

Mr. Schmitt made a motion to consider on 1st reading, Ordinance #1991, seconded by Mr. Johnson. All in favor (5-0).

Mr. Guetzloff made a motion to adopt Ordinance #1991, seconded by Mr. Schmitt. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM B. Ord. #1989A, An Ordinance Amending Town 2023 Salary Ordinance No. 1989 Regarding the Salaries and Wages for Officials and Employees of the Town of Schererville, Lake County, Indiana, and Repealing all Town Ordinances or Parts Thereof, in Conflict herewith

Mr. Gorman stated that this is an amendment to the Salary Ordinance that the Town Council approved earlier this month. An employee that was paid hourly, that changed to salary, there's a part-time employee who is in that same line item. The part-time employee cannot be salary, so we added a line to the Salary Ordinance.

Mr. Schmitt made a motion to consider on 1st reading, Ordinance #1989A, seconded by Mr. Guetzloff. All in favor (5-0).

Mr. Guetzloff made a motion to adopt Ordinance #1989A, seconded by Mr. Schmitt. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM C. Res. #2022-20, A Resolution to Transfer Funds within a Category of Appropriations

Mr. Troxell stated that this is the Transfer of Funds for the end of the year to zero out some of our balances to close out the end of the year.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt Resolution #2022-20, seconded by Mr. Schmitt. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM D. Res. #2022-21, A Resolution Authorizing 2022 Encumbered Appropriations to be Carried into Budget Year 2023

Mr. Troxell stated that is an annual item to encumber some of our items to the next year.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt Resolution #2022-21, seconded by Mr. Schmitt. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM E. Consider Acceptance of LPA - Consulting Contract between The Town of Schererville and DLZ Indiana, LLC for the Kennedy Avenue Project - Phase 3

Mr. Gorman stated that through the request for proposal process with the Indiana Department of Transportation, DLZ Engineering scored the highest and they were chosen to design Phase 3 and Phase 4 of the Kennedy Avenue road construction project. The contract on the agenda this evening is only for Phase 3.

Attorney Austgen stated that the contract is in standard form, it is a State form document and it has been completed in according to the terms by which the next Phase is going to work.

Mr. Connelly made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Schmitt. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM F. APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Arvanitis read the list of 2023 Appointments as follows:

Town Council President - Thomas Schmitt
Town Council Vice President - Robin Arvanitis
Utility Board President - Robin Arvanitis
Utility Board Vice President - Caleb Johnson
Redevelopment Commission President - Kevin Connelly
Redevelopment Commission Vice President - Thomas Schmitt
Waterworks Appointment (D) - 3 year term - Robin Arvanitis
Waterworks President- Rob Guetzloff
Waterworks Vice President - Robin Arvanitis

Town Manager - Jim Gorman

Attorney - Town; Redevelopment Commission; Waterworks Board; Utility Board; Town Council; EDC; and Town Court - David Austgen from Austgen Kuiper and Jasaitis

Attorney Plan Commission; Board of Zoning Appeals; and Park Board - Alfredo Estrada from Burke, Constanza and Carberry

Attorney - Board of Safety - Alfredo Estrada from Burke, Constanza and Carberry

Town Engineer - NIES Engineering

Plan Commission Appt. (R) - 4-year term - Gary Immig
Plan Commission Staff Member Appt. (1) - 1 year term - Tom Anderson
Plan Commission Staff Member Appt. (2) - 1 year term - Chris Rak
Plan Commission Staff Member Appt. (3) - 1 year term - Myles Long

BZA Appt. - a Plan Commission Member - 4 year term - Tom Kouros
BZA Appt. - a Plan Commission Member - 4 year term - Bill Jarvis

Park Board Appt. (R) - 4 year term - Edward Bassick
Board of Safety Appt. (R) - 3 year term (1) - Dave Eeningberg
Board of Safety Appt. (D) - 3 year term (1) - Eric Graf

Southcom PSAP Executive Board Member 1 year term - Jim Gorman
Southcom PSAP Executive Board Member - 1 year term - Mike Troxell

Shared Ethics Advisory Commission - 4 year term - Sandra David
Liaison to Park Board, Park Foundation, Park Dept.- Robin Arvanitis
Liaison to Public Works - Tom Schmitt
Liaison to Board of Safety, (Fire & Police Dept) - Tom Schmitt
Liaison to Wastewater Treatment Plant - Caleb Johnson
Liaison to Plan Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals -
Robin Arvanitis
Planning Commission (NIRPC) Appt. - Robin Arvanitis
Lake County Solid Waste Management District Appt. - Tom Schmitt
Liaison to Lake Central School Board - Mike Troxell
Liaison to Lake County Drainage Board - Rob Guetzloff
Liaison to Schererville Chamber of Commerce - Mike Troxell

Economic Development Commission - Jeff Kuhn and Robert Volkmann

Mr. Guetzloff made a motion to accept the 2023 appointments as read, seconded by Mr. Schmitt.

Mrs. Arvanitis asked Mr. Troxell for a roll call vote.

Mr. Johnson asked if they are voting on all of these appointments at once, is the intent. Mrs. Arvanitis advised yes.

Mr. Johnson - Yes; Mr. Connelly - Yes; Mr. Schmitt - Yes; Mr. Guetzloff - Yes; Mrs. Arvanitis - Yes (except for the Board of Safety Appointments she will vote present).

Motion carries (5-0), (4-0-1) on the Board of Safety.

THEREUPON, Business from the floor

Meeting adjourned.

ROBIN ARVANITIS
TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT

MICHAEL A TROXELL, IAMC, CPFIM, CMO
TOWN CLERK-TREASURER

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