

TOWN OF NEW CHICAGO
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February 9, 2022

Town Council Meeting

6:00 pm

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to Order by the Clerk Treasurer with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Member Anderson	present
Vice-President Gibson	present
Member Grecco	present
Member Swallow	present
President Szwedo	present

Payment of Bills:

Member Anderson made motion to approve the bills, seconded by Member Swallow; motion carried unanimously.

Fund & Appropriation Reports:

Member Anderson made motion to accept the Fund & Appropriation reports for January, seconded by Vice-President Gibson; motion carried unanimously.

Minutes:

Member Swallow made motion to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2022 meeting, seconded by Member Grecco; motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

- A. DWSRF Request for Payment #6 to Abonmarche for \$2,400: Member Swallow made motion to approve, seconded by Member Grecco; motion carried unanimously.
- B. Advanced Sewer Services, Inc.: Vice President Gibson made motion to extend their contract for two (2) more years until 12/31/2023, seconded by Member Grecco; motion carried unanimously.
- C. Cumulative Capital Development: Discussion took place regarding increasing the current rate to the maximum of five cents. Vice-President Gibson made motion to re-establish CCD at the five cents rate, with no one willing to second, President Szwedo put down the gavel and seconded the motion; motion passed with Member Swallow opposing.

- D. Sanitation: Discussion took place regarding the current sanitation rates charged to residents vs. the current sanitation rates charged to the town. This is the last year of the contract with Total Disposal. Decision was made for Council to think this over and then discuss next month at the Council meeting.
- E. ILMCT Conference: Clerk Treasurer requested Council approved to attend the annual conference in Muncie, IN in March. Vice-President Gibson made motion to approve the Clerk Treasurer attending, seconded by Member Swallow; motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances - None

Departments:

Police

- Chief Senzina stated that the police department has 6 officers, including the Chief.
- Chief Senzina stated the police had 80 citations, of which 73 were local ordinances and 7 were warning tickets.
- Since the department currently has no officer qualified to do FTO training, Sgt. Mayo volunteered to attend the State Certified FTO Training 2/28/2022-3/2/2022 and the Chief is seeking Council approval. Vice-President Gibson made motion to approve the training, seconded by Member Grecco; motion carried unanimously.

Fire:

- Chief Eakins stated the Fire Department has had 47 calls for service.
- Chief Eakins stated that they have 14 firefighters, with a new applicant expected this coming Sunday, February 13, and a possibly one more applicant soon.

Town Manager

- Looking for donation of \$10,000 to help pay for replacing the stolen chipper.
- Town Manager attended the Forum at the Glen last Saturday, February 5, 2022. Michael Griffin is our new State Senator. Charlie Brown is our new State Representative.

Parks Board:

- Needs new trash cans for the park. They found garbage cans that can be secured and yet easy to handle by Park Board members. They would like to purchase 8 of them at \$79.00 each and looking for Council approval. Member Anderson made motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Member Swallow; motion passed unanimously.
- Park Board would like to amend the 2008-07 Ordinance which would make all Deposits \$100 across the board, and lowering funding for fundraising groups and free for non-profit groups. Council agreed and Park Board was told to proceed. New amended Ordinance should be prepared to next month's meeting.

- Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for the Saturday before Easter, April 16, 2022. Park clean-up is scheduled to occur the weekend prior.

Plan Commission – No report

Sewer – No report

Streets:

- Cold patching will be done tomorrow, February 10, 2022, if it doesn't rain tonight.
- Vemeer has a used chipper for purchase that only has 911 hours of use for a price of \$28,700.00. Seeking Council approval to purchase. Member Anderson made motion to approve, seconded by Vice-President Gibson; motion passed unanimously.

Sanitation – No report

Water:

- Pre-construction meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2022 with H&G Underground Utilities & Abonmarche.

Stormwater:

- House Bill being discussed may affect stormwater flood plain and wetlands.

New Business – None

Old Business

Department heads need to update their assets as soon as possible.

Legal Report

Reminder about the role and responsibilities of the Town Manager shared with all department heads.

Announcements - None

Any Other Business to Come Before the Council – None

Open Forum - None

Comments from Board Members - None

Vice-President Gibson made motion to Adjourn, seconded by Member Anderson; motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.

Signed,

Sharon Szvedo
Town Council President

ATTEST:

Dorothy R Zimmer
Clerk Treasurer