



**TOWN OF NEW CHICAGO**

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**March 8, 2023**

**Town Council Meeting**

6:00 pm

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to Order with the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for our troops.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Minutes:**

Member Anderson made motion to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2023 Meeting, seconded by Vice President Gibson; motion carried unanimously

**Payment of Bills:**

Vice-President Gibson made motion to approve the bills, seconded by Member Grecco; motion carried unanimously.

**Fund & Appropriation Reports:**

Member Anderson made motion to accept the Fund & Appropriation reports for January, 2023, seconded by Member Swallow; motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence**

- A. ILMCT Conference - Vice President Gibson made motion to approve Clerk Treasurer and Deputy Clerk Treasurer to attend ILMCT Conference in Muncie, seconded by Member Swallow; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances - None

Resolutions - None

Departments:

Police

- There were 211 calls for service.
- Several police cars have to be repaired.
- Office Mathews and Officer Bunyon are doing well at Academy.
- Just hired 6-7 Reserves.
- Officer Rivera promoted to Detective.
- Still waiting on tasers and Flock Cameras.

Fire

- Chief Eakins discussed fundraiser that was held for an ill firefighter.
- Special thank you to Samantha & Scott Vargas for shirts and hoodies.
- Collected \$2,000 in cash for the family.
- Chief Eakins has information about Meal Train for anyone interested in helping out.

Town Manager

- Indiana American sent notice about distribution charge increase; date is not set for the increase. Current fee is \$158.85 and is increasing to \$402.96, if approved by IURC.
- Sprint rental is going away
- Recommending Town Council to attend the AIM Roundtable at Tiebel's on April 13th.

Parks Board:

- Filling Easter Eggs on 3/29 at 6:00pm.
- Parks Board is on track to have their 5-year Master Plan completed and submitted by 4/15/23.
- Public Hearing scheduled for 3/28 @7:00pm.
- Rummage in the Park is accepting registrations as of April 3rd.
- Shakespeare in the Park on July 28<sup>th</sup> and Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Park Board is planning to have a Cornhole Tournament. There will be 16 teams. Cost will be \$30 a Team, \$200 1<sup>st</sup> prize, \$50 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, date to be determined.
- Moving ahead on working for purchase for American Legion Building.
- Parks Board Member McCabe has been working on several grants (T-Mobile, American Water & CDBG).
- Pending approval from School Board, Parks Board wishes to appoint Steve Bucko as Official Liasson between Park & School.

Plan Commission – No report

Sewer

- Superior Pumping is waiting on more parts and major upgrade to sewer pumping station.

Streets

- Bids will take place at the end of this week for repaving Garfield, Cleveland and Jefferson.

Sanitation – No Report

Water

- Possible rate increase due to Indiana American Increase plans and loss of Sprint rental.
- Lost a tree on North Lake Park Ave. Tree pulled up services on North Lake Park Ave.
- Working on a main break today.

Stormwater - No report

New Business - None

Old Business - None

Legal Report - None

Announcements - None

Other Business to Come Before the Council – Tammy Bucko will be sworn in as Deputy Clerk Treasurer.

Open Forum – Chief Eakins reminded everyone that the New Chicago Fire Department has a 3-year agreement with the county to provide Fire Services to unincorporated Hobart Township, N Lake Park (3100-3700) & Viking Village.

Comments from Board Members - None

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm.

Signed,

Sharon Szwedo  
Town Council President

ATTEST:

Dorothy R Zimmer  
Clerk Treasurer