



**TOWN OF NEW CHICAGO**

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**April 12, 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 Swallow made motion to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2023 Meeting, seconded by Member Anderson; 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 March, 2023, seconded by Member Swallow; motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence**

- A. Employee Handbook & Salary Ordinance – Clerk Treasurer presented Council with information regarding our Employee Handbook and Salary Ordinance that is missing and should be included.

Ordinances - None

Resolutions - None

Departments:

Police

- 185 tickets issued, 162 of those tickets were local and 17 tows.
- When Chief Mayo returns from Academy on April 21, 2023, we need to have his new contract ready.
- Officer Bunyon will finish the Academy on April 21, 2023 and will be moving into a Part-Time paid position.
- All Police shifts will be covered. The Police will have 4 paid officers and the chief.

Fire

- Chief Eakins discussed a call for a fire at 3025 Clay St. The resident was burning leaves on a Red Flag Day. The resident's fence caught on fire. The fire spread to the neighbor's garage. The garage was burnt bad and the person lost 2 garbage cans.
- Chief Eakins stated it was a busy couple of days and the New Chicago Fire Department has done a good job.

Town Manager

- The Town Manager discussed NIRPC meeting. Hobart, Lake Station and New Chicago did not receive money from NIRPC for 37<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- The Town Manager met with Abonmarche.
- The Town Manager is going to find out what portion of 37<sup>th</sup> Ave belongs to New Chicago.

Parks Board

- Signed resolution from Lloyd to submit 5 Year Master Plan to DNR.
- Parks Board thanked the Council for bringing the Easter Bunny to the Easter Egg Hunt.
- Morgan McCabe will be conducting Oral History at the Library on April 29<sup>th</sup>, May 6<sup>th</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup> and May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Humane Indiana will be hosting a Free Pet Clinic on April 30<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 2pm at Twin Oaks Park for New Chicago Residents.
- Humane Society workers will be in town walking around April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> to speak to residents about the Free Pet Clinic.
- Morgan McCabe has submitted grants to T-Mobile for mulch, American Water for Aerators and to Centier Bank to work on free lunches for River Forest students and sports equipment.

#### Plan Commission

- Plan Commission approved Lynnetta Stewart to open a business office for Comforting Hands Home Health Care. This will be a business office only.
- Plan commission approved a duplex at 123 Arthur Ave subject to all approvals (fire, electrical, water, building).

#### Sewer

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

#### Streets

- Hobart Township Trustee is working with the New Chicago Streets to buy a pallet of crack seal in 50 bags. These bags do not have expiration dates and will last forever if not used.
- If we have help we may be able to crack seal all or part of Ridge Road and Michigan.

#### Sanitation – None

#### Water

- Fixed where the meter was damaged on Mississippi.

#### Stormwater

- MS4 Annual Report was submitted by mail.

#### New Business - None

#### Old Business - None

#### Legal Report

- Lien filed has to be corrected and the Town Manager gave Attorney Mullen three (3) more liens to file.

#### Announcements - None

#### 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 Swallow; motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Signed,

Sharon Szvedo  
Town Council President

ATTEST:

Dorothy R Zimmer  
Clerk Treasurer