

TOWN OF NEW CHICAGO
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May 11, 2022

Town Council Meeting

6:00 pm

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call:

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

Minutes:

Member Anderson made motion to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2022 meeting, seconded by Member Swallow; motion carried unanimously.

Member Swallow made motion to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2022 meeting, seconded by Member Grecco; motion carried unanimously.

Payment of Bills:

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

Fund & Appropriation Reports:

Member Swallow made motion to accept the Fund & Appropriation reports for April, seconded by Member Grecco; motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

- A. Tom Brown from Brown Insurance Group was recognized and made presentation for the Town's Liability Insurance and Cyber Insurance.
- B. DWSRF Request for Payment #9 to Abonmarche for \$5,000. Member Swallow made motion to approve, seconded by Member Grecco; motion carried unanimously.

- C. Christmas Decorations from Christmas Décor. Member Swallow made motion not to renew contract with Christmas Décor, seconded by Member Anderson; motion carried unanimously.
- D. Legacy Foundation Grant. Member Swallow made motion to put the grant money received from the Legacy Foundation into a separate Fund account, seconded by Member Grecco; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances:

- A. Ordinance 2022-07 – Increase the monthly garbage & recycling rates to \$18.00 (second reading). Member Anderson made motion to approve, seconded by Member Swallow; motion carried unanimously.
- B. Ordinance 2022-09 – Water reduction (approximately 1.4%) due to the elimination of the Utility Tax Receipts by the General Assembly. Member Swallow made motion to approve, seconded by Member Grecco; motion carried unanimously.

Departments:

Police

- Chief Needham stated that 2 reserve officers were released due to non-compliance.
- Chief Needham stated that 8 interviews are scheduled for reserves.

Fire - No report

Town Manager

- Vern Beck, Vice-President of NIPSCO union called and is looking into getting answers from NIPSCO regarding updating of our streetlights to LED.
- Air conditioning was out at Town Hall. Town Manager contacted Eddie's and they were able to repair it the same day they came out. We will have to replace the A/C units because they are not repairable going forward.

Parks Board:

- Park Board would like to thank everyone that came out and helped with the Easter Egg Hunt.
- No quote on the Concession Stand replacement.
- The license plate readers are not working, so plans are to contact A/C Low Voltage to have them adjust them as soon as possible.
- Quote received for a new sign for the Park was extremely high so they will continue to look for others.
- Park requesting Council approval for 2 new pop-up canopy tents, one 10'x10' and one 10'x20'. Member Swallow made motion to approve, seconded by Member Grecco; motion carried unanimously.
- Park member Morgan McCabe will be the point of contact for the Park Board until such time that the Park Board President is no longer working nights.
- Rummage in the Park is scheduled for June 4, 2022 beginning at 9:00 am.

- Muriel project is underway. Contacts have been made at River Forest Jr and Sr High Schools. Website has been and will continue to be updated to keep everyone informed.
- Shakespeare in the Park is scheduled for August.
- RQAW made a \$250.00 donation to the Park.
- Park Board was reminded that they need to notify the police department about any and all planned activities.

Plan Commission

- 222 Harrison was approved for a shipping container.

Sewer – No report

Streets – No report

Sanitation – No report

Water – No report

Stormwater – No report

New Business - None

Old Business - None

Legal Report:

Attorney Mullen will be writing an Ordinance for Shipping Containers standards for Town.

Announcements:

Hobart Township Trustee donated \$1500.00 to the Fire Department.

After discussion regarding the use of Golf Carts within the Town limits and requirements for inspections, insurance, etc., Attorney Mullen will be updating the Town Ordinance.

Any Other Business to Come Before the Council:

Citizen, Morgan McCabe, requested that "Child at Play" signs be posted on Van Buren and Tyler. Officers will do extra patrol and Citizen McCabe will follow up with the Water Manager.

Citizen McCabe had another item to cover, which was addressing the amount of litter at the following address: 734 Van Buren, 3109 Wisconsin, and the corner of Michigan & Tyler. Officers will be following up with this concern.

Open Forum - None

Comments from Board Members – None

Member Swallow made motion to Adjourn, seconded by Member Anderson; motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

Signed,

Sharon Szwedo
Town Council President

ATTEST:

Dorothy R Zimmer
Clerk Treasurer