



TOWN OF NEW CHICAGO

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July 10, 2024

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 June 12, 2024 Meeting, seconded by Member Grecco; motion carried unanimously.

Payment of Bills:

Member Anderson made motion to approve the June 2024 bills, seconded by Vice President Gibson; motion carried unanimously.

Fund & Appropriation Reports:

Member Grecco made motion to approve June 2024 Fund & Appropriation Reports; seconded by Member Anderson; motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence/Clerk Treasurer

- The Plan Commission recommended to remove the Lifetime Ban of Carlisle Utility Company to work in Town. Carlisle Utility is required to provide a \$50,000.00 Surety Bond, enter into a Restoration Agreement, and allow a Town Representative to be on

site at all times only to observe and not to instruct anyone on the job site; the Town Representative is to be paid by Carlisle Utility when on the job site with Carlisle Utility. The amount agreed upon for pay for the Town Representative on site was \$22.00 per hour. A Nipsco Representative will be on the job site at all times also. Member Anderson made a motion to remove the lifetime ban of Carlisle Utility; Member Swallow seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously. Member Swallow made a motion to approve Carlisle Utility for a Contractor License to work in the Town of New Chicago; Member Anderson seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances - None.

Resolutions

- Resolution 2024-02 – (Renewal of CDBG) – Member Swallow made motion to approve; seconded by Member Anderson; motion carried unanimously.
- Resolution 2024-03 – Project Proposal for Community Development Block Grant Funds – Vice President Gibson made motion to approve; seconded by member Swallow; motion carried unanimously.

Departments:

Police

- For the month of June there were 152 citations, 92 were local ordinances and 43 were tows.
- Car 4 is in the shop.
- There was a shooting suspect that was captured quickly.
- The SRT Team served a warrant on Huber Blvd.
- The Lake County Commissioners donated \$440,00.00 to the NCPD. New Police Radios will be purchased with \$120,00.00 of that money; State Police donated 12 police radios. The remaining \$280,00.00 will be spent on other projects designated by Police.
- The Police Chief stated New Chicago Police is looking at grants to purchase Electric Cars. If approved for the grant, it would be an 80/20 split; meaning the Town would have to pay 20% of the cost of the cars, 80% of the cost will be covered by the grant. The program for the grant will install charging stations for the cars.

Fire

- There were 180 calls for Emergency Service.
- The Fire Chief asked for permission from the Town Council to purchase the oil and filters to perform maintenance on the fire trucks. – Vice President Gibson made motion to approve; seconded by Member Swallow; motion carried unanimously.
- The Fire Chief asked for Town Council's approval to purchase 10 links of attack line for the fire hose. The cost will be approximated \$2,500.00; the attack line will be purchased from the Public Safety Fund. Member Swallow made motion to approve; seconded by Member Grecco; motion carried unanimously.

Town Manager

- Ravinia Pines notified the Town Manager that there will be a Spec Home on their property for people to view to decide if they would like to purchase one. Ravinia Pines will need to contact the Inspector for an inspection but no permit is required for the model home.
- July 17, 2024 the County Commissioners will sign the agreement for money given to the Police Department.

Parks Board

- The Park Board is moving forward with replacing the Snack Shack.
- The Resolution that was signed at the meeting was needed for CDBG. The Park Board will be able to move forward towards the purchase of a new Swing Set.
- Shakespeare in the Park will be July 27, 2024 at 7:00pm at Twin Oaks Park. The Historical Fencing Guild at the event again this year at 5:00pm. Popcorn will be available to purchase. Rehearsal for the Play will be July 22, 2024 at Twin Oaks Park; no time has been specified yet.
- The Parks Department is moving forward on figuring out pricing for businesses to advertise on banners on the fence around Twin Oaks Park. Pricing will be a tiered system; also discounts will be offered depending on the agreement chosen by vendor. A contract will be sent to the Town Attorney to review.
- The Parks Board is moving forward with the Ambassador Program.
- The Legacy Foundation will be at the Lunch and Learn on July 16, 2024 from 11:00am – 12:00pm.
- The Indiana Department of Natural Resources Woods on Wheels Interactive Display will be at Twin Oaks Park on July 27, 2024 all day.

Plan Commission – None.

Sewer

- The Pump Stations are working.

Streets – Reith Riley is expected to start doing Blacktop on July 22, 2024.

Sanitation – None.

Water

- There are a few pits that have to be done.
- The Utility Supervisor checked on a previous break in Hobart on 32nd Avenue. There is a lot of standing water at the area. The water was tested and is coming back as ground water; the water is not coming from New Chicago's Main.

Stormwater

- The drains were cleaned today.

- The Town of New Chicago was accepted by the Clean Community Act for Indiana. The Town will receive a notification and will go on a Charter for the entire state. This will enable the Town to be eligible to receive more grants by being a part of this Act.
- The EPA called and passed a new law that will begin in January 2025. The Town will be required to conduct a test on a sample at the Town's main entry point which is the main pump station. The test will have to be submitted to the EPA at certain times each year.

Old Business – None.

New Business – None.

Legal Report

- The Town Attorney drafted the Roadway Restoration Agreement for Contractors to sign when obtaining a Contractor License.
- The Police Chief is doing a wonderful job.

Announcements

- The Baptist Church will be having a give-a-way for kids. The church will be giving away new clothes and shoes.
- The Hobart Township Trustee Office will be hosting a Back-to-School Drive and will be accepting donations July 1-August 2, 2024.

Other Business to Come Before the Council – None.

Open Forum

Comments from Board Members – None.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Signed,

Sharon Szwedo
Town Council President

ATTEST:
Tammy L Bucko
Clerk Treasurer