**The Town Council of Winona Lake, Indiana met in a regular session on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. – some attending in person, others by zoom (video conference).**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Swaim, James Lancaster, Austin Reynolds

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT (ZOOM): Dennis Duncan, Heather James

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Craig Allebach, Laurie Renier, Adam Turner, Aaron Carl, Joe Hawn,

Kevin Gelbaugh, Tim Goshert, Holly Hummitch

OTHERS PRESENT (ZOOM):

**Opening -** Rick opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Election of Officers –** *President* - Jim made the motion for Rick to be President for 2022 and Austin seconded. Motion passed. *Vice President* - Rick made the motion for Dennis to be Vice President for 2022 and Jim seconded. Motion passed.

**Recognition and Welcome to Clerk Treasurer Laurie Renier**

* Rick welcomed Laurie. Laurie was sworn in last night after the caucus by Austin Rovenstine.

**Public Recognition – Jefferson School Crossing Guard**

* Joe Hawn & Joe Bumbaugh recognized Christine Koontz for helping protect students from harm. There have been two incidents of vehicles driving through the crosswalk with children crossing.

**Approval of Minutes**

* Rick called for additions or corrections to the December 21, 2021 Regular Session minutes and December 28, 2021 Special Session minutes. Motion to approve Regular minutes and Special Session made by James and Austin seconded. Hearing no additions/corrections, the minutes stand approved as presented.

**Approval of Claims**

* Approval for December 21, 2021 End of Month claims in the amount of $62,635.57 and

January 18, 2022 claims in the amount of $425,481.34. Austin moved to approve the claims as presented and Dennis seconded. Motion passed.

**“Winona Happenings”**

* January 29, 7:00 a.m. – Pajama Party Sale in The Village at Winona.
* February 6, 2:00 p.m. – Groundhog Day 5K at Green Earth Multisport.

**Resolution 2022-1-1 Transfer of Funds**

* The resolution transfers money from a dormant account Senior Center Fund and transfers the balance of $953.05 into the Winona Lake Park Donation Fund.
* James made the motion to approve the transfer of the money and Heather seconded.

Motion passed.

**Wayne Township Parks & Recreation Agreement**

* Wayne Township is providing support to the park in the amount of $20,000 for summer recreation programs for 2022. This is to cover costs for Wayne Township residents to utilize our parks.
* Austin made motion to approve, and Heather seconded. Motion passed.

**Fire Department Bunker Gear Purchase**

* Fire Chief Kevin Gelbaugh is requesting permission to purchase two sets of bunker gear for the fire department and twenty protective hoods.
* James made the motion to approve the bunker gear and protective hood purchases and Dennis seconded. Motion passed.

**Board Appointment**

* Craig said after the last meeting, Oxana Mullins decided to step down from the Park Board. Recommendation for Park Board: Ashley McGinnis.
* Austin moved to approve the appointment as presented and Jim seconded. Motion passed.

**Report from Town Engineer**

* Working on waterline along 250 E with contractor.
* Working on turn lanes on Pierceton Rd.
* Working on sidewalk and drop-off at Jefferson.

**Report from Town Attorney**

* Working on closings of sale of properties.
* Working easements and vacations.

**Reports from Supervisors**

* Park Dept./Holly Hummitch – The Limitless Park received a Community Foundation Grant of $17,500.00.
* Street Dept./Tim Goshert – Salt has been put on the streets.
* Police Dept./Joe Hawn – Residents can request a traffic speed board be placed in their addition or street.

**Floor Topics**

* Craig gave an update on McKinley Street stormwater project. Thursday there is a meeting with NIPSCO about gas line. The condominium association has concerns about any liability with an easement.
* Indiana Department of Transportation released the bids last week for the roundabout and there was only one that was high by at least a million dollars. IDT is administering the bid process because of the town receiving an 80/20 grant for the project. The project will need rebid for the Argonne Road, Winona Avenue roundabout. The estimated completion date will be the end of 2022.

**Meeting was adjourned –** James motioned to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

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RICK SWAIM LAURIE RENIER

PRESIDENT CLERK-TREASURER