



# CUMBERLAND TOWN COUNCIL

November 18th, 2015 at 7:00 pm

## Minutes

The meeting of the Town Council for November 18th, 2015 was **CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:00 pm and the **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Council President Joe Siefker.

### **ROLL CALL**

- Roll was taken by Clerk Treasurer, Erica Salmon. Present were Council President Joe Siefker, Vice President, Anna Pea; Council Members Mark Reynold, Brian Gritter and Nicole Bell. Also, present were the Chief of Police, Michael Crooke; Director of Public Works, Steve Yagelski; Director of Planning, Christine Owens; Streets Superintendent, Ben Lipps; Renee Michael, Director of Communications & Events and Town Attorney, Dan Taylor.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- The Claims Register and the following Town Council Minutes were presented; October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015, October 21<sup>st</sup> 2015 and November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Councilman Brian Gritter entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Councilwoman Nicole Bell seconded the motion – passed 5-0.

### **CITIZENS COMMENTS (*Maximum 5 minutes*)**

- No Citizens in attendance/no comments

### **STAFF REPORTS**

- Fire Department – No representative in attendance
- Indianapolis Mayors Liaison – No Liaison in attendance
- Weihnachtsmarkt Update – Renee' Michael, Director of Communications and Events provided the update for the Festival. Joe Siefker, Council President requested a breakout of the festival expenses and budget. This was provided.

### **INSURANCE**

- Jeff Fox, with HJ Spier presented highlights of the past 2015 self-funded plan and explained the differences between the 2015 and proposed changes for 2016. It was encouraged to stay on the self-funded program at least another year. Councilman Brian Gritter entertained a motion to approve all recommendations for the self-funded 2016 along with all of Jeff Fox's suggestions. Councilwoman, Nicole Bell seconded – passed 5-0

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- No old business presented

### **NEW BUSINESS**

\*The Cumberland Town Council selected April Fisher as the new Town Manager and authorized the Council President to negotiate the contract between the Town and April Fisher. A motion was entertained by Brian Gritter, Councilor and seconded by Nicole Bell, Councilwoman – passed 5-0.

\*Ben Lipps, Superintendent and Renee Michael, Director of Communications & Events presented an option to have Indiana Sign and Barricade facilitate the St Road 40 Road Closure for the Weihnachtsmarkt Festival. There was discussion. Brian Gritter, Councilor entertained a motion to

approve the Contract with Indiana Sign and Barricade for \$6300.00. Nicole Bell, Councilor seconded the motion – motion passed 5-0.

- The following Ordinances were introduced and will be placed on the December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 agenda for consideration:
  - 2015-15 – Salary Ordinance
  - 2015-16 – Title VI Policy
  - 2015-17 – ADA Policy
  - 2015-18 – Board of Police Commissioners
  - 2015-19 – P Card Credit Card
  - 2015-20 – Employee Handbook
  - 2015-21 – Sanitary Rate
  - 2015-22 –Blanket Bonds
  - 2015-14 – Tax Abatement
- In addition Consideration of Resolution 2015-10 a (2) year towing contract with Garner’s Towing Service – Brian Gritter, Councilman entertained a motion to approve the Garners Towing contract for two years, Nicole Bell, Councilwoman seconded – passed 5-0.

### **COUNCILOR COMMENTS**

- Council President, Joe Siefker asked a question about the Board of Police Commissioners, he wanted an overview of what this board would consist of. Dan Taylor, Town Attorney stated the board was normally (3) persons appointed by the Town Council with political diversity, appointees would be town residents and this board would meet at least once a year. The board would be paid at \$100.00 per meeting per member. This board can be increased to (5) members if in the future the Council deems it necessary. This board can hire, fire, reprimand, and can be called upon as needed. The Marshall of the Town of Cumberland will have the title of Police Chief instead of Town Marshall under this Board of Commissioners. Appointments to this board will need to be made by the Cumberland Town Council by no later than January 1, 2015.
  - Vice President, Anna Pea stated the staff had been doing a very nice job in the absence of a Town Manager, continuing to do a very nice job and she appreciated it.
  - Councilman, Mark Reynold asked if a policy could be adopted that the Town Councilman could become eligible and participate in PERF and if the option of retroactive could be entertained. Dan Taylor, Town Attorney stated he would look into it.
  - Councilor Mark Reynold explained the Gable Lighting plan to make sure the lighting was also included when the Gabe Sign was received. Ben Lipps, Street Superintendent stated the lights have been received and we will need to get an electrician for the installation.
- ❖ Chief Crooke stated the Letter of Support sent from the Council to the NASA program was successful. Hancock County received the \$10,000 grant to be distributed to help in the fight against Heroine dealers.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- It was decided that the following would be placed on future agenda’s
  - \*Right of first refusal public parking, per Councilman Reynold
  - \*Resolution for interlocal agreement, per Dan Taylor
  - \*Additional resolutions to be presented for PD, per Dan Taylor, Town Attorney
  - \*Ordinances 2015-14 thru 2015-22

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 – Executive Session immediately followed the Adjournment of the Town Council meeting.

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