

**TOWN OF MUNSTER  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Munster Town Council convened at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2015, at the Munster Town Hall. Town Councilors John W. Edington, John P. Reed, and Joseph A. Simonetto were present. Councilors Andy Koulourides and David B. Nellans were absent. Vice President Edington presided. Also present were Town Attorney Eugene M. Feingold, Sergeant Thomas Kuhlenschmidt and Deputy Clerk Robin Butler. The news media were represented by Jim Masters of *The Times*.

Vice President Edington opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PROCLAMATION: RETIREMENT OF DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF WILLIAM J. O'BREIN**

Councilor Simonetto read A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF WILLIAM J. O'BRIEN, DEPUTY CHIEF, AND HONORING HIM FOR 49 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF MUNSTER, INDIANA.

Without objection, the Proclamation was adopted as presented.

**GRADE SEPARATION REPORT**

Robinson Engineering representative Joe Nordman was not present but gave a short report to Town Attorney Eugene Feingold to read. The Engineering Department was preparing to submit stage 2 peer review plans to Beam, Longest and Neff. A meeting to review/approve the plans will be held on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Paul Rotatori, 8118 Kraay Avenue, addressed the statement given by Council President Koulourides at the last meeting. He mentioned several options to support this human rights cause. He again requested the Council pass a human rights ordinance.

Ms. Christiane Rucinski, 306 Beverly Place, also spoke in favor of the Council passing a human rights ordinance.

Mr. Michael Steinberg, 1151 Bluebird Lane, Director of the Jewish Federation, also spoke to encourage the passing of a human rights ordinance.

Rev. Quincy Worthington, 9756 Crimson Tree Lane, of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, continued the discussion in favor of the human rights ordinance.

Ms. Amy Sandler, a Munster resident, spoke of President Koulourides's statement from the previous Town Council meeting. She cited three specific examples of how her family was discriminated against in Munster, none having to do with the schools. She stated how these examples are only a few of the reasons a human rights ordinance is needed here in Munster.

Ms. Ann Bochnowski, 10203 Cherrywood Lane, gave examples to the Council of how adopting a human rights ordinance could benefit Munster more favorably as a place to live and attract top talent.

The floor was closed. Councilor Simonetto thanked the speakers and addressed Ms. Bochnowski regarding the opinion he shared with her in an e-mail and gave permission for her to share the e-mail and expressed willingness to meet with any person interested in meeting with him.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 14, 2015  
Approval of the Minutes of the 2015 GO Bond Bid Opening on September 16, 2015

### ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHER REGISTERS

Confirmation of Voucher Register #15-9K dated 09/15/15 totaling \$51,723.54  
Confirmation of Voucher Register #15-9L dated 09/15/15 totaling \$39,670.23  
Confirmation of Voucher Register #15-9M dated 09/17/15 totaling \$71,150.57  
Confirmation of Voucher Register #15-9N dated 09/18/15 totaling \$352,608.82  
Confirmation of Voucher Register #15-9O dated 09/18/15 totaling \$279,319.41  
Confirmation of Voucher Register #15-9P dated 09/16/15 totaling \$4,610.09  
Confirmation of Voucher Register #15-9Q dated 09/21/15 totaling \$481.04  
Approval of Voucher Register #15-9R dated 09/28/15 totaling \$201,754.76  
Confirmation of Voucher Register #15-9S dated 09/23/15 totaling \$24,217.75  
Confirmation of Voucher Register #15-9T dated 09/24/15 totaling \$541,577.83  
Confirmation of Voucher Register #15-9U dated 09/24/15 totaling \$156.70

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The August 2015 Treasurer's Report was presented for acceptance.

Councilor Reed moved, with a second by Councilor Simonetto, to suspend the rules, waive the readings, and adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilors Reed, Simonetto, and Edington voted in favor; none voted against. The motion carried and the Consent Agenda was adopted as presented.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Unless stated otherwise, all meetings of the Town Council begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Munster Town Hall.)

The Town Council will hold regular meetings on Monday, October 12 and 26, 2015. The Redevelopment Commission will hold regular meetings immediately following the Town Council meetings.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, and upon a motion by Councilor Simonetto, seconded by Councilor Reed, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

ATTEST:

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John W. Edington, Vice President

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David F. Shafer, IAMC, MMC, CMO, Clerk-Treasurer