

**TOWN OF MUNSTER
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 9, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Munster Town Council convened at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2015, at the Munster Town Hall. Town Councilors John W. Edington, Andy Koultourides, David B. Nellans, John P. Reed, and Joseph A. Simonetto were present. President Koultourides presided. Also present were Town Manager Dustin Anderson, Town Attorney Eugene M. Feingold, Chief of Police Stephen F. Scheckel, Police Sergeant Thomas Kuhlenschmidt, Police Sergeant Daymon Johnston, and Deputy Clerk Robin Butler. The news media were represented by Jim Masters of *The Times* and Ron Johnson of *Northwest Indiana News Bureau*, an online news service.

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

GRADE SEPARATION REPORT

Robinson Engineering representative Joe Nordman reported that the environmental document related to the grade separation project has been completed and reviewed and will be completely uploaded tomorrow. Plan production for stage 2 submittal is well underway. They will be meeting with the design team Wednesday to start integrating the structural and roadway plans together.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Ron Johnson of *Northwest Indiana News Bureau* asked if the Council will be legally pursuing any of the recently separated employees with regard to the Centennial Park structural issues. President Koultourides responded that nothing is planned at this time but, as previously stated, an attorney will try to determine what happened that resulted in the building being in its present condition.

Mr. Mike Dujmovic, 1833 Tulip Lane, asked about the surplus radios on the agenda.

There being no one else rising to claim the floor, the floor was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 26, 2015

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHER REGISTERS

Confirmation of Voucher Register #15-1M dated 1/23/15 totaling \$580,485.38
Confirmation of Voucher Register #15-1N dated 1/23/15 totaling \$413,896.98
Confirmation of Voucher Register #15-1O dated 1/23/15 totaling \$151,359.19
Confirmation of Voucher Register #15-1P dated 1/23/15 totaling \$130,495.63
Confirmation of Voucher Register #15-1Q dated 1/29/15 totaling \$137,362.13
Confirmation of Voucher Register #15-1R dated 1/29/15 totaling \$196,022.00
Confirmation of Voucher Register #15-1S dated 1/31/15 totaling \$327,149.79
Approval of Voucher Register #15-2A dated 2/9/15 totaling \$48,742.04
Confirmation of Voucher Register #15-2B dated 2/6/15 totaling \$338,666.13
Confirmation of Voucher Register #15-2C dated 2/6/15 totaling \$292,651.92
Confirmation of Voucher Register #15-2D dated 2/5/15 totaling \$809,460.44

WATER BILL ADJUSTMENT 2015-04, 2015-05, 2015-06 AND 2015-07

Staff received a request for an adjustment under the leak adjustment policy adopted by the Town Council on April 8, 2013. The customers have completed the required form and the requests meet all the criteria for adjustments as follows:

Adjustment Number	Average Usage	Actual Usage	Length of Time	Original Bill	Requested Adjustment Amount	Adjusted Bill
2015-04	4,000	62,000	1 month	\$ 168.75	\$ 156.21	\$ 12.54
2015-05	8,000	44,000	1 month	\$ 122.91	\$ 98.37	\$ 24.54
2015-06	5,000	34,000	2 months	\$ 101.38	\$ 70.02	\$ 31.36
2015-07	13,000	32,000	1 month	\$ 91.78	\$ 52.47	\$ 39.31

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

NEW BUSINESS

DESIGNATION OF RADIOS AS SURPLUS

The Munster Police Department is in the process of installing new radios in the squad cars in anticipation of converting to centralized dispatch at the Lake County Government Center. They purchased new portable and mobile radios to be used for this new system and would like to ask the Council to declare the old radios as surplus in order to sell them as such.

Councilor Simonetto moved, with a second by Councilor Edington, to designate 28 Motorola radios as surplus so that the Town may move forward in its sale. Motion carried *viva voce*.

PROCLAMATION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEATRE AT THE CENTER

2015 is the 25th anniversary season of the excellent series of dramatic plays, comedies, and musicals produced at The Center for Visual and Performing Arts by the Theatre at the Center. More than a mere community theatre, the Theatre at the Center has earned an outstanding reputation as an Equity Theatre offering family-oriented artistic performances on a par with any of the top-named Chicagoland theatres. A Proclamation has been crafted to recognize the Theatre at the Center as they celebrate 25 years of high-quality entertainment.

Councilor Reed moved, with a second by Councilor Nellans, to adopt a Proclamation commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Theatre at the Center. Councilors Edington, Nellans, Reed, Simonetto, and Koultourides voted in favor; none voted against. The motion carried.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR 45TH STREET GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT FOR INDEPENDENT REVIEW

This supplemental agreement will allow Beam, Longest and Neff, an Indianapolis based engineering firm with deep experience with INDOT, to serve as technical review support for Robinson Engineering for phases 2 and 3 of the 45th Street grade separation project and will allow them to sit with the Town in any future discussions with INDOT and Robinson Engineering.

Councilor Simonetto moved, with a second by Councilor Edington, to approve the Supplemental Agreement #2 with Robinson Engineering to continue moving forward with the 45th Street grade separation project. Motion carried *viva voce*.

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

This proclamation is adopted retroactively in order for the Town to receive IDEM grant funds. The funds are used for our Emerald Ash Borer tree replacement program.

Councilor Simonetto moved, with a second by Councilor Edington to adopt a Proclamation declaring April 25, 2014 as Arbor Day. Councilors Edington, Nellans, Reed, Simonetto, and Koultourides voted in favor; none voted against. The motion carried.

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, February 23, March 9 and March 23, 2015. The Redevelopment Commission will hold regular meetings immediately following the Town Council meetings.

President Koultourides wished his daughter a happy 18th birthday.

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 7:20 p.m.

Andy Koultourides, President

ATTEST:

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