TOWN OF MUNSTER
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
AUGUST 24, 2015

A regular meeting of the Munster Town Council convened at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 24, 2015, at the Munster Town Hall. Town Councilors John W. Edington, Andy Koultourides (arrived at 7:05), David B. Nellans, John P. Reed, and Joseph A. Simonetto were present. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer David F. Shafer, Accounting Supervisor Patricia L. Abbott, Town Manager Dustin Anderson, and Town Attorney Eugene M. Feingold. The news media were represented by Jim Masters of *The Times* and Ron Johnson of *Northwest Indiana News Bureau,* an online news service.

Vice President Edington opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. President Koultourides presided during the remainder of the meeting following his arrival.

GRADE SEPARATION REPORT

Robinson Engineering representative Joe Nordman reported that an idle water well at the northwest corner of Centennial Park will be capped. (See Consent Agenda, *infra.*) Permits are being developed to enable the 45th Street extension to cross BP pipelines in the area. Transfer of the property to establish the 45th Street right-of-way is still a couple weeks away. The delay is due to Chicago Title's demand for a new survey. Road plans have been submitted to the engineering firm of Beam, Longest & Neff for review. The contract letting date has been postponed to September 2016.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Jim Tufford, 633 South Street, said he is encouraged that Hammond Sanitary District (HSD) is considering revising its administrative fee that applies to condominium owners, but the owners still oppose condominiums being classified as commercial units. President Koultourides gave assurances that the Town is working with HSD to resolve the matter.

Mr. Lou Chambers, 8010 Howard Avenue, reported that the crossing guard at Ridge Road and Columbia Avenue is not in place when his son, a student at Wilbur Wright Middle School, crosses Ridge Road at 7:15 a.m. Mr. Anderson responded that the situation will be remedied.

Mr. Ron Johnson, address not given, referenced the August 6 approval of letters of engagement of two law firms to represent the Town of Munster in the matter of litigation regarding Centennial Park building issues, and asked for details of the investigation.

Ms. Annette Wisniewski, 8750 Harrison Avenue, reported that vehicles parked on the south side of her building make it impossible for a fire truck to travel there in an emergency. She asked that the area be designated "no parking." Mr. Anderson said this was the first he heard of the situation and he will have it investigated.

No one else rose to claim the floor, and the floor was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the special meeting held on August 6, 2015
Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 10, 2015

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHER REGISTERS

Confirmation of Voucher Register #15-8G dated 08/12/15 totaling $1,005.89
Confirmation of Voucher Register #15-8H dated 08/13/15 totaling $19,787.94
Confirmation of Voucher Register #15-8I dated 08/17/15 totaling $148.36
Approval of Voucher Register #15-8J dated 08/24/15 totaling $310,805.67
Confirmation of Voucher Register #15-8K dated 08/19/15 totaling $701.90
Confirmation of Voucher Register #15-8L dated 08/19/15 totaling $26,295.93
Confirmation of Voucher Register #15-8M dated 08/20/15 totaling $478,212.84
Confirmation of Voucher Register #15-8N dated 08/20/15 totaling $24,217.75

CENTENNIAL VILLAGE WELL QUOTES

Staff received two quotes to remove pumping equipment and backfill a well at Centennial Park as follows.

Sheehy Well & Pump Company, Cedar Lake, Indiana	$756.00
Economy Well Company, Crown Point, Indiana	$750.00

The well is no longer used and lies within the intended right-of-way of the proposed 45th Street extension through the proposed Centennial Village development. Staff recommended awarding the contract to Economy Well.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Councilor Simonetto moved, with a second by Councilor Edington, to suspend the rules, waive the readings, and adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. 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

ORDINANCE 1664: 2015 MUNICIPAL BONDS

Proposed ORDINANCE 1664 is AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MUNSTER, INDIANA, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO BE APPLLIED TO THE COSTS OF DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT AND/OR EQUIPPING OF CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS WITHIN THE TOWN OF MUNSTER, INDIANA, PURCHASINIG CERTAIN EQUIPMENT AND PAYING MISCELLANEOUS COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH FOREGOING AND THE ISSUANCE OF SAID BONDS AND SALE THEREOF. Bond proceeds will be used for:

45th Street extension	$ 750,000.00
Crack sealing	$ 549,000.00
Main Street storm project	$ 301,000.00
Balance of the 2013 Street Resurfacing Program	$ 120,000.00
Sidewalk replacement	$ 100,000.00
Hydrant replacement	$ 65,000.00
Vehicle and equipment replacement:	
Mower wing	$ 45,000.00
Two Z-Track mowers	$ 20,000.00
Expenses of issuance	$ 20,000.00
Total	$ 1,970,000.00

A public hearing on the proposed bond sale is scheduled for September 14, 2015.

Councilor Simonetto moved, with a second by Councilor Nellans, to suspend the rules, waive the readings, and adopt Ordinance 1664 on first reading as presented. Councilors Edington, Nellans, Reed, Simonetto and Koultourides voted in favor; none voted against. Motion carried.

2015 SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

J & J Newell Concrete Contractors has had the contract for the Sidewalk Replacement Program for over sixteen years. They have held their prices from the bid of 2006 through 2014. A drastic increase in concrete at the beginning of 2015 prevented them from extending their prices into this year.

Public Works Staff sought quotes from seven contractors and one quote was received. J & J Newell's quote is summarized as follows.

	2015 Pricing	2006 Pricing
5" thick regular sidewalk	$7.95/square foot	$5.25/square foot
7" thick driveway sidewalk	$8.10/square foot	$6.25/square foot
ADA plates	$250.00/each	NA

Councilor Nellans moved, with a second by Councilor Simonetto, to accept the quote from J & J Newell Concrete Contractors for the 2015 Sidewalk Replacement Program which will be funded by the Municipal Bond Proceeds Fund 414 and the Riverboat Fund 446. Councilors Edington, Nellans, Reed, Simonetto and Koultourides voted in favor; none voted against. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

The Fire Department presented a listing of equipment that is either broken or non-NFPA compliant. Staff is seeking permission to dispose of the items.

Councilor Nellans moved, with a second by Councilor Edington, to declare surplus the list of Fire equipment so that it can be disposed. Motion carried *viva voce*.

QUOTES FOR PAINTING AT TOWN HALL

This item was removed from the agenda pending further analysis of bids.

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, September 14 and 28, 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 Nellans, seconded by Councilor Simonetto, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

ATTEST:

Andy Koultourides, President

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