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TOWN OF MUNSTER
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
JUNE 15, 2015

Vice President Edington convened a special meeting of the Munster Town Council at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2015, at the Munster Town Hall. President Koultourides presided during the remainder of the meeting following his arrival at 6:50 p.m. Town Councilors John W. Edington, Andy Koultourides, David B. Nellans, John P. Reed, and Joseph A. Simonetto were present. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer David F. Shafer, Town Manager Dustin C. Anderson, and Town Attorney Eugene M. Feingold. The news media were represented by Devin Shinkle of *Northwest Indiana News Bureau,* an online news service.

Vice President Edington announced that the special meeting had been called for the sole purpose of considering a contract for construction on the Pennsy Greenway Trail, a bike path adjacent to Calumet Avenue in Munster.

PENNSY GREENWAY TRAIL CONSTRUCTION

Town Manager Anderson reported that Pepsi has begun work on the improvements to the entrance of its facility. Hasse Construction ("Hasse") and Rock Solid Paving and Excavating ("Rock Solid") were working toward the new plan as approved by the Plan Commission at its April 2015 meeting. The approved construction of Starbucks Store and Potbelly Sandwich Shop at the Lake Business Center is contingent upon this new entrance.

There are several issues with the commenced construction:

1. The final engineered plans for the agreed upon entrance are neither complete nor approved;
2. The building permit under which work was being done was for another set of plans approved in 2013 (also not complete);
3. Hasse's contract for the improvements extended only to the stop-line interior to the site, not to Calumet Avenue.

Mr. Anderson also reported that conversations with all interested parties resulted in the following action steps to move forward.

1. Hasse and Rock Solid will cease construction on the site. Some work will continue throughout the day, but this will only be to facilitate the safe ingress/egress of regular truck traffic on the site. There will be no improvements. This action will ensure that traffic on Calumet Avenue is not negatively impacted;
2. Final engineered plans will be drafted as soon as possible. Simborg Group, through its attorney Philip L. Goldberg, offered to pay for this expense;
3. Once final engineered plans are complete the Town will review them expeditiously. A second building permit fee will not be charged;
4. Upon receipt of approved plans and a building permit, Hasse and Rock Solid will resume construction on the agreed upon entrance;
5. Simborg, through Mr. Goldberg, instructed Hasse, through its project manager Chris Crisan, to move forward with the construction extending east past the contract line that Hasse currently has with Pepsi. This would be done after a building permit has been issued;
6. The Town will pay for the improvements to the bike path as well as the landscaping to the immediate east and west of the path. By extending the bike trail north, the Town will be improving the safety of its residents. Rock Solid quoted this cost at $12,230.00.

Following discussion, Councilor Reed moved, with a second by Councilor Edington, to authorize Town Manager Anderson to enter into a contract with Rock Sold Paving and Excavating for $12,230.00 to complete the bike path along Calumet Avenue. TIF Allocation funds will be used for this project. Motion carried *viva voce.*

On the topic of TIF Allocation, Councilor Reed suggested removing from the TIF District Franciscan Hospital and the union hall of Laborers International Union Local 41. He explained that these two entities recently were granted tax-exempt status, and as such would work to the detriment of the District. No formal action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, President Koultourides adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Andy Koultourides, President

ATTEST:

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

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