

**TOWN OF MUNSTER
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 16, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Munster Redevelopment Commission convened at 8:06 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2020. At the time of this meeting, the country was facing a pandemic outbreak of the Coronavirus. In response, Indiana Governor Holcomb issued a series of Executive Orders which, among other things, declared a public health emergency and suspended various statutes. Executive Order 20-04 specifically addressed public meetings and the Open-Door Law. This Executive Order, along with the opinion of the Indiana Public Access counselor, allows for meetings to be held in a virtual environment. Subsequent Executive Orders have extended this practice.

The announced meeting location was Munster Town Hall. Executive Order 20-43 requires adherence to Centers for Disease Control guidelines regarding the number of gathering in one location and maintaining distance of at least six feet from another person. As a result, Councilors, Staff, and the public had the option to participate via Zoom meeting technology. Commissioners Chuck Gardiner, Lee Ann Mellon, and Ken Schoon were physically present at Munster Town Hall. Commissioner Steven Tulowitzki was present in the virtual setting. Commissioner Andy Koultourides and School Town of Munster Representative John Castro were absent.

Executive Secretary Wendy Mis, Controller Patricia Abbott, and Town Attorney David W. Westland were physically present at Munster Town Hall. Executive Director Dustin Anderson was present in the virtual setting. President Mellon presided. The public was given the information needed to access the meeting virtually and some took advantage of it. The news media were not represented.

The Redevelopment Commission has sought legal counsel and has performed its due diligence to the best of its ability in a highly unusual situation. The Redevelopment Commission believes it is acting in accordance with Indiana State law, the Governor's Executive Orders, and the interpretations and directives of other state agencies.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Because of the unique nature of this meeting, the Town of Munster accepted public comment submitted electronically. The public was informed, via the agenda posted at munster.org, that questions or comments about an item on the agenda were to be emailed to danderson@munster.org. No such submissions were received.

No one rose to claim the floor.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting on October 19, 2020

Minutes of the special meeting on November 4, 2020

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHER REGISTERS

Confirmation of Voucher Register #R20-11C dated 11/05/20 totaling \$3,995.00

Confirmation of Voucher Register #R20-11D dated 11/06/20 totaling \$4,445.40

Confirmation of Voucher Register #R20-11E dated 11/10/20 totaling \$888.70

Confirmation of Voucher Register #R20-11F dated 11/16/20 totaling \$2,161.24

Commissioner Gardiner moved, with a second by Commissioner Schoon, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioners Schoon, Gardiner, Tulowitzki, and Mellon voted in favor; none voted against. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNUAL MEETING OF REDEVELOPMENT TAXING UNITS

Indiana Code 36-7-25-8 mandates that certain information will be presented to “the governing bodies of all taxing units that have territory within an allocation area of the redevelopment commission.” The information to be presented includes the commission’s budget with respect to allocated property tax proceeds, the long-term plans for the allocation area, and the impact of each of the taxing units. Accordingly, members of the Lake County Council, the School Town of Munster, the North Township Board, the Lake County Public Library, the Hammond Sanitary District, and the Munster Town Council were invited to the meeting.

Executive Secretary Mis will forward the financial information to those unable to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, and upon a motion by Commissioner Gardiner seconded by Commissioner Schoon, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. by voice vote.

Lee Ann Mellon, President

ATTEST:

Wendy Mis, Executive Secretary