



**Town of Merrillville**  
**Town Council Special Meeting Minutes**  
**January 17, 2023**  
**4:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Bella called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** A brief moment of silence by President Bella.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Vice-President Hardaway.

**ROLL CALL** – Roll Call was taken by Madam Clerk Treasurer Kelly White Gibson.

Present were: Vice-President Hardaway- (Ward 2)

Councilman Minchuk- (Ward 3)

Councilwoman Uzelac- (Ward 4)

Councilman White - (Ward 7)

Councilman Spann- (Ward 1)

Councilman Pettit- (Ward 6)

President Bella- (Ward 5)

Seven Present (7)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Accts. Payable Register Voucher Approval for January 10, 2023.

President Bella asked that one item in question be removed from the claim list. The item is warrant number 59627 dated December 28, 2022 in the 1600 Payroll Fund General. The amount of the warrant is \$14,478.94.

A motion was made by Councilman Minchuk to approve the Consent Agenda Accts Register Voucher minus warrant number 59672 in the amount of \$14,478.94, seconded by Councilman Spann.

Councilman White asked a question about warrant number 59682 in the amount of \$12,000 that states funeral/death benefit issued to Kevin Bahus.

President Bella asked Madam Clerk Treasurer Kelly White Gibson for details regarding the warrant.

Madam Clerk Treasurer Kelly White Gibson asked Bookkeeper Santos to speak on this issue.

Bookkeeper Santos stated she knows the request came from the Police Department. Bookkeeper Santos also stated that Payroll Administrator Johnson worked with the Chief's Administrative Assistant Sanfratello.

President Bella asked Attorney Svetanoff and Financial Advisor do they have any information on warrant number 59682 in the amount of \$12,000.00.

Financial Advisor Hudson stated she only noticed the last name is the same and maybe Kevin Bahus is the beneficiary.

Attorney Svetanoff stated he has no information on this matter.

No further questions or comments from the council.

Motion carries by voice vote 7-0.

**GENERAL ORDERS**

**A. Ordinances**

**First Readings: (Discussion and Roll Call Vote)**

None

**Second Readings: (Discussion, Public Comment, and Roll Call Vote)**

None

**B. Resolutions: (Discussion and Voice Vote)**

**Resolution 23-01 (Discussion and Voice Vote)**

A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, Retroactively Transferring Monies Within the 2022 Budget.

A motion from Vice-President Hardaway was made to approve Resolution 23-01, seconded by Councilman Spann.

No further questions or comments from the council.

Motion carries by voice vote 7-0.

**Resolution 23-04 (Discussion and Voice Vote)**

A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, Retroactively Transferring Monies Within the 2022 Budget.

A motion was made by Councilman Spann to approve Resolution 23-04, seconded by Vice-President Hardaway.

Financial Advisor Hudson stated these matters came to light in working with Bookkeeper Santos.

No further questions or comments from the council.

Motion carries by voice vote 7-0.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Town Council Meeting January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.

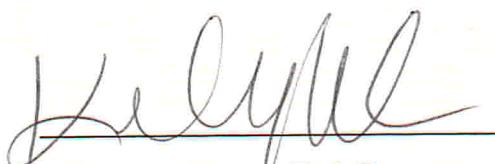
**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion and a second were made and passed by voice vote.

Meeting Adjourned.



**Rick Bella, President**



**Kelly White Gibson, Clerk-Treasurer**

**Minutes Submitted By Angela Lewis**