



Town of Merrillville
Town Council Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2023
6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: President Bella called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE: A brief invocation was given along with a moment of silence by Pastor Robert Szoke of Impact Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Andrew Sylwestrowicz.

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)

All Seven Present (7)

**PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, AND
REMONSTRATIONS:**

Women's History Month Proclamation presented by Lauri Keagle

President Bella described Lauri Keagle's work achievements, skills, and experience before he presented her to the council to read the Women's History Month Proclamation.

A motion from Councilman Minchuk was made to approve the Women's History Month Proclamation as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Uzelac.

Motion carries by voice vote 7-0.

Roadway Grant Agreement Approval

President Bella asked Town Manager Reardon if there were any more details on the grant agreement.

Town Manager Reardon informed the council that this grant agreement was discussed at the RDC meeting. He informed the council that a Road Easement Agreement is included in the packet.

Town Manager Reardon asked Director Shine to elaborate on the agreement.

Director Shine informed the council that the first part of the Road Easement Agreement is for the Missner Group to be approved by the council. The second part of the agreement would have to be advertised and an ordinance has to be written.

Director Shine also informed the council that Robinson Engineering has reviewed the agreement.

Councilman Pettit elaborated more on the easement.

Attorney Svetanoff informed the council that he and Robinson Engineering has reviewed the agreement. Attorney Svetanoff also stated that he would encourage the council to approve the access easement in its true and proper form.

A motion from Councilman Pettit was made to approve the Road Easement Agreement for East 93rd Avenue, seconded by Councilwoman Uzelac.

Councilman White asked about the price.

President Bella stated there isn't a price. The council is granting an easement.

Motion carries by voice vote 7-0.

Announcement of Town's pursuit of Block Grant Opportunity

Town Manager Reardon informed the Town Council and Citizens of Merrillville that we have been notified by Lake County Economic Development Department that the Town of Merrillville is a recipient of approximately \$147,448.00 for its 2023-2024 allocation from block rent revenues.

Town Manager Reardon also informed the council that staff recommended that a public hearing be held to further elaborate on how the grant can be used. Town Manager Reardon also stated that we would like to have the public hearing meeting two weeks from this evening.

President Bella stated that the public hearing will be held on March 14, 2023.

Councilman White asked Town Manager Reardon have we targeted how the Block Grant funding will be used.

Town Manager Reardon stated no. He informed the council, in the past, we have utilized the funding to target dilapidated structures and to bridge financial gaps in road projects.

President Bella informed the council that he received a letter from Town Manager Reardon in response to the recommendation for the Municipal Recycling and Waste contract. He reminded the council that the Town's existing contract with Waste Management of Indiana LLC sunsets on Friday, March 31, 2023.

President Bella also informed the council that it is our opinion that the Town continues with Waste Management by opting into our option year three which would be April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024, and option four which would be April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025, effectively agreeing to a two-year contract extension. The Town's contract with Waste Management states that extensions are in two-year increments. The annual cost will increase by 3% from \$21.95 to \$22.61 per month and a 3.4% increase in the following year.

President Bella informed the council that the contract does provide for continuity of Service Plus and immediate access to Waste Management officials. Additionally, we continue to benefit from Waste Management's annual marketing grant of \$17,000.00. This grant pays for the Town's newsletter.

President Bella informed the council that a Council Workshop Executive Session will be held on March 7, 2023, at 4:30 pm to discuss the contract with Attorney Svetanoff so it can be voted on at the next Town Council meeting on March 14, 2023.

CONSENT AGENDA

Accts. Payable Register Voucher Approval for February 28, 2023.

Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2023.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Uzelac to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Vice-President Hardaway.

President Bella asked Madam Clerk-Treasurer Kelly White Gibson about the ARP bonuses listed on the Accounts Payable Register Voucher in Payroll Fund 1600 for 2,023.32.

Madam Clerk-Treasurer Kelly White Gibson reviewed the Accounts Payable Claim list and Accounts Payable Voucher for the amount questioned. After reviewing the information, she informed the council that she would contact the Payroll Administrator for the details.

President Bella stated the council will come back to the Consent Agenda.

Councilman White asked if the amount of \$ 31,000.00 for Robinson Engineering was a retainer.

Town Manager Reardon stated that Robinson Engineering functions as the Town's engineering firm and the dollar amount of 31, 000.00 would suggest that a higher volume of work than normal was done for the Town.

The council came back to the Consent Agenda.

Madam Clerk-Treasure Kelly White Gibson informed the council that vendor 1600 Payroll Fund in the amount of 2,023.32 is the amount of the ARP bonuses that were approved at the last council meeting on the second reading of Ordinance 23-03. The Ordinance had to be corrected because of a misspelled word before it could be signed. It was approved so the Police Officers who were accidentally left off the list in 2022 could get their bonuses this year. The word is still misspelled on the latest reversion of the ordinance. The ordinance needs to be corrected before the council can sign it.

President Bella thanked Madam Clerk-Treasure Kelly White Gibson for clearing up the matter regarding the bonuses.

A motion was made by Vice-President Hardaway to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman White.

Councilman White asked about the food and beverage tax going to the House of Representatives.

Attorney Svetanoff elaborated on the food and beverage tax going to the House of Representatives.

No further questions or comments from the council.

Motion carries by voice vote 7-0.

STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES REPORTS

BUDGET & FINANCE- HARDAWAY – Vice-President Hardaway informed the council that he has nothing to report at this time.

COUNCIL AFFAIRS- PETTIT – Councilman Pettit informed the council that several ordinances are on the agenda for the second reading tonight.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES - MINCHUK – Councilman Minchuk informed the council that Director King is working with the committee on the communication situation with the new radios, and plans have begun for Spring Cleanup with Director King.

ELECTIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS, & TOWN BEAUTIFICATION-PETTIT- Councilman Pettit informed the council that Crossroads Regional Chamber of Commerce is hosting its Business Excellence Award night on Thursday, March 9, 2023, at the Dean and Barbra White Community Center inside the Mike Anderson Event Center.

Councilman Pettit also stated that the council is sponsoring the longevity award being handed out by President Bella at the event.

Councilman White inquired why a reporter was hired as the Content Manager without him knowing about it.

President Bella stated that the Content Manager isn't an employee. He's contractually doing contractual work for the Town. President Bella also reminded Councilman White that he approved the salary ordinance that listed the position.

Councilman White indicated that he is uncomfortable with Chaz White the Content Manager.

President Bella instructed Town Manager Reardon to get Councilman White a copy of the Content Manager Job Description.

Town Manager Reardon informed the council that he talked at length with Councilman White about the position and will follow up with him.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS- WHITE - Councilman White asked Councilwoman Uzelac did she have anything to add to the report.

Councilwoman Uzelac informed the council according to local and national news reports Covid-19 virus has leaked out of China. She also encouraged the council and public to get their shots and boosters.

Councilman White informed the council about the COVID-19 status in Lake County. The status is currently at a low level in Lake County. We still must be vigilant because the virus is still out there.

PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS – HARDAWAY- Vice-President Hardaway informed the council that he has nothing to report at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY- MINCHUK- Councilman Minchuk informed the council that the Fraternal Order of Police's contract is still in transition because of contract verbiage. We look forward to having it approved at one of the Town Council meetings in March.

President Bella asked Councilman Minchuk where the contract is stalled is it our office or the Fraternal Order of Police?

President Bella stated his office just received the contract from the Fraternal Order of Police. At this time his office is reviewing it and will get it back to them for another reading.

Councilman White asked Chief Nuses about license plate readers.

Chief Nuses informed Councilman White that the license plate readers will be installed in March.

Councilman Minchuk informed the council that a citizen gave him a letter regarding the service of one of the officers, and the letter will be turned over to Chief Nuses.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-PETTIT – Councilman Pettit informed the council that a Redevelopment Commission meeting occurred before the Town Council Meeting. The major item of action was the awarding of the C & O Trail phase III project to Gariup Construction for \$1,300,000.00. This is an 80/20 grant from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. The Town of Merrillville is only responsible for 20% of the cost which is approximately \$275,000.00. The Town's 20% will come out of the various TIFF districts.

Councilman Pettit asked Town Manager Reardon for confirmation regarding the Town's 20% funding source.

Town Manager Reardon confirmed that the Town's 20% would come from the TIFF districts.

Councilman Pettit also informed the council that a Redevelopment Commission Workshop will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 5:00 pm.

PARKS & RECREATION- UZELAC – Councilwoman Uzelac informed the council that she will be checking all the parks because spring is fast approaching. She also informed the council that last year all of the parks were rehabbed.

Councilwoman Uzelac also stated she is waiting on bids from Director Price regarding the shelter's roof at Rosenbaum Park. She plans to meet with Director Price to discuss the issue.

ABANDONED -BLIGHTED PROPERTIES-HARDAWAY – Vice-President Hardaway informed the council that we have a lot of vacant lots and fallen trees in the Town. The owners aren't maintaining their property.

Vice-President Hardaway also stated he is going to get with Code Enforcement and Director Bunnell to identify the owners of the property. Letters will be sent to the owners to encourage them to address these issues.

President Bella stated that we have an ordinance on the agenda that will address this issue.

Councilman White inquired about a vacant building being added to abandoned-blighted properties.

Vice-President Hardaway informed Councilman White that as long as the owner of the property pays their taxes there is nothing, we can do about the property being vacant.

DEAN & BARBARA WHITE COMMUNITY CENTER-MINCHUK & PETTIT – Councilman Pettit informed the council that Attorney Svetanoff and the Boys and Girls Club have put together a Dean and Barbara White partial facility usage agreement. The Boys and Girls Club is using the facility for its after-school program.

Councilman Pettit made a motion to approve the Dean and Barbara White Community Center Partial Facility Usage Agreement that will pay the Town \$2,000.00 from August 22, 2022, through the last day of school, second by Vice-President Hardaway

Attorney Svetanoff informed the council that he has nothing to add and encourage the council to accept the agreement as written.

No further questions or comments from the council.

Motion carries by voice vote 7-0.

Councilman Pettit also informed the council that he and Attorney Svetanoff will be finalizing the sale of three acres to the Boys and Girls Club. The Redevelopment Commission in previous actions has committed \$250,000.00 for 10 years on a lease payment to the Boys and Girls Club as our contribution to them for building a standalone facility on the property. We are hoping to finalize the transaction in the next 60 to 90 days.

Councilman Pettit informed the council that he is going to meet with Director Price to schedule a Dean and Barbara White Community Center Committee meeting.

Vice-President Hardaway asked did President Bella get the email regarding Pierce Middle School expanding from 30 to 60 students.

President Bella inquired if Pierce Middle School will be at capacity.

Vice-President Hardaway confirmed that Pierce Middle School will be at capacity.

SPECIAL PROJECTS (F & B TAX, DIVERSITY, 4TH of JULY CELEBRATION-

HARDAWAY - Vice-President Hardaway informed the council that he would like to thank everyone who attended the Black History Celebration on February 23rd. At the event, we had three hundred attendees. The reviews regarding the event were mixed.

Vice-President Hardaway also informed the council about the upcoming events for the Town of Merrillville:

Municipal Day May 9th

Vice-President Hardaway stated he is having conversations with the Principal of Merrillville Intermediate School regarding the event.

Juneteenth June 17th

Vice-President Hardaway stated that the planning for this event is open to all residents. Interested residents should contact Director Shine in the Building and Planning Department.

President Bella informed the council about the Town of Merrillville's food and beverage tax. The Indiana State Senate passed Merrillville's and Jasper's request to authorize a food and beverage tax of up to 1%. It now moves to the House of Representatives before it goes to the Governor's desk for approval.

President Bella also informed the council that the food and beverage tax isn't automatic. The council is authorized to use the tax at their discretion by passing an ordinance and having a public hearing to decide what will be done with the revenue.

President Bella informed the council that estimates from London Witte show that \$1,300,000 annually could be generated for the Town. This revenue would support our parks, recreation programs, and other town endeavors.

Council Pettit informs the council that this tax is only for restaurants and bars. This tax doesn't apply to groceries.

President Bella informed the council we are going back to the Consent Agenda.

DEPARTMENT & COMMISSION REPORTS

LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT-WHITE – Councilman White informed the council due to a medical issue he able to attend the past meetings. He will be attending the meeting in March.

NORTHERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION-HARDAWAY – Vice-President Hardaway informed the council that he has no report, but the next meeting is on the third Thursday in March.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT RESOURCES-LAKE – Director Lake was absent from the meeting.

SOUTHSHORE VISITORS AND CONVENTION AUTHORITY – Town Manager Reardon informed the council that much of the focus has been on the two bills in the Indiana General Assembly. The two bills are the Food and Beverage Tax, and the bill relating to the establishment of a Convention Center.

FIRE TERRITORY BOARD-MINCHUK – Councilman Minchuk informed the council he has nothing to report at this time

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/TOWN MANAGER

Lisa Roberts from the Parks Department informed the council of several events that will take place at the Dean and Barbara White Community Center. The events for March are as follows:

- Card & Collectible Expo - Saturday and Sunday, March 11th - 12th
- Elite Fighting (MMA) - Saturday, March 18th
- Gymnastics Competition - Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, March 24th – 26th

Chief Nuses informed the council that the Police Department is currently working on establishing new Standard Operating Procedures now that Code Enforcement is part of the Department. The Code Enforcement employees will be trained so that they can operate more efficiently.

Chief Nuses also informed the council the department is in the process of hiring someone for animal control. The job posting will be going up on March 9th. In the meantime, the department has been in contact with different shelters and the Humane Society for assistance with animal control.

Chief Nuses elaborated on other endeavors the Police Department is working on in the community.

Director Shine informed the council that she has nothing to report until the BZA section of the agenda.

President Bella asked Town Manager Reardon do he have anything to add.

Town Manager Reardon stated he has nothing to add at this time.

GENERAL ORDERS

A. Ordinances

First Readings: (Discussion and Roll Call Vote)

Ordinance 23-11 (Discussion and Roll Vote)

An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, Authorizing Additional Appropriations in the 2023 Budget.

A motion from Councilman Pettit was made to approve Ordinance 23-11, seconded by Councilman Minchuk.

No further questions or comments from the council.

Motion carries by roll call vote 6 -Yes and 1-Abstain

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

Ordinance 23-02 (Discussion, Public Comment, and Roll Vote)

An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Authorizing Additional Appropriations in Various Funds for the 2023 Budget.

A motion from Councilwoman Uzelac was made to approve Ordinance 23-02, seconded by Councilman Pettit.

No further questions or comments from the council or the public.

Motion carries by roll call vote 7-0

Ordinance 23-03 (Discussion, Public Comment, and Roll Vote)

An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County Indiana Amending Ordinance 22-29a, the 2023 Salary Ordinance, and Amendment Ordinance 23-01 and Authorizing Transfer of Appropriations.

A motion from Councilman Pettit was made to approve Ordinance 23-03, seconded by Councilman White.

Madam Clerk-Treasurer informed the council that Ordinance can't be signed tonight because of misspellings.

Attorney Svetanoff stated that Ordinance 22-03 will be approved, but it won't be signed until the misspellings are corrected.

No further questions or comments from the council or the public.

Motion carries by roll call vote 7-0

Ordinance 23-04 (Discussion, Public Comment, and Roll Vote)

An Ordinance Amending Town Code Sections: 12-91 Entitled "Parking In Yards" and 12-188 Entitled "Definitions" and Repealing All Town Code Sections and Ordinances, or Parts Thereof, in Conflict Herewith.

President Bella asked Attorney Svetanoff did he have anything to add.

Attorney Svetanoff informed the council that we are tightening up the definition of "Parking In Yards" to include vehicles, motorized vehicles, off-road vehicles, and machinery. The definition section of the ordinance was also expanded to include those vehicles.

Attorney Svetanoff also asked that Ordinance 23-04 be approved on the second reading.

A motion from Councilwomen Uzelac was made to approve Ordinance 23-04, seconded by Councilman White.

President Bella informed the council that Ordinance 23-04 now covers a lot of different types of vehicles.

Councilman Minchuk elaborated on the meaning of Parking in a Yard. Residents can't routinely or permanently park vehicles in their yards.

No further questions or comments from the council or the public.

Motion carries by roll call vote 7-0.

Ordinance 23-05 (Discussion and Roll Vote)

An Ordinance Amending Town Code Section: 6-327 Entitled "Standard for Maintenance" and Repealing All Town Code Sections and Ordinances or Parts Thereof, in Conflict Herewith.

President Bella asked Attorney Svetanoff to give a brief synopsis of Ordinance 23-05.

Attorney Svetanoff informed the council that this is a "Standard of Maintenance" which states that all buildings which are abandoned have to be not only secured but boarded up. Ordinance 23-05 provides the method and methodology on how to board up the buildings and make sure everything is secure in the Town.

Attorney Svetanoff also asked that Ordinance 23-05 be approved on the second reading.

A motion from Councilwoman Uzelac was made to approve Ordinance 23-05, seconded by Councilman Minchuk.

No further questions or comments from the council or the public.

Motion carries by roll call vote 7-0

Ordinance 23-06 Discussion and Roll Vote)

An Ordinance Amending Town Code Sections: Sections: 21-172 Entitled “Zoning – Off Street Parking” and Repealing All Town Code Sections and Ordinances or Parts Thereof, in Conflict Herewith.

President Bella asked Attorney Svetanoff to give a brief synopsis of Ordinance 23-06.

Attorney Svetanoff informed the council that Ordinance 23-06 has to do with storage container dumpsters, semi-trailer containers, and cloth ports. This ordinance established a definition section for those items, and they're located on the property. It also established how long the items can be located on the property.

Attorney Svetanoff also stated Ordinance 23-06 has a lot of details and asked that the ordinance be approved on the second reading.

A motion from Councilwoman Uzelac was made to approve Ordinance 23-06, seconded by Councilman Pettit.

President Bella announced to the audience that the council is trying to clean up the Town with these ordinances which help the property values in the community.

No further questions or comments from the council or the public.

Motion carries by roll call vote 7-0

Ordinance 23-07 Discussion and Roll Vote)

An Ordinance to Promote the General Welfare of the Citizens and Prohibiting Donations Boxes Within the Town, and Repealing All Town Code Sections and Ordinances, or Parts Thereof, in Conflict Herewith.

Attorney Svetanoff informed the council this is a problem that's been identified in the Town specifically with donation drop boxes. The donation drop boxes are sometimes put on the property without getting the owner's permission. The drop boxes are overflowing and not emptied timely. Ordinance 23-07 will allow us to prohibit the donation drop boxes or put a process in place where approval from the Town is needed to have a drop box on the property.

Attorney Svetanoff also asked that the ordinance be approved on the second reading

A motion from Councilwoman Uzelac was made to approve Ordinance 23-07, seconded by Councilman Pettit.

No further questions or comments from the council or the public.

Motion carries by roll call vote 7-0

Ordinance 23-08 Discussion and Roll Vote)

An Ordinance Amending Town Code Section 13-2 Entitled “Nuisances-Illustrative Enumeration,” and Repealing All Town Code Sections and Ordinances, or Parts Thereof, in Conflict Herewith.

Attorney Svetanoff informed the council that Ordinance 23-08 deals with the famous problem of basketball hoops. The basketball hoop can't be pulled out onto the street but must be located on the property.

Attorney Svetanoff asked that Ordinance 23-08 be approved on the second reading.

A motion from Councilwoman Uzelac was made to approve Ordinance 23-08, seconded by Councilman White.

No further questions or comments from the council or the public.

Motion carries by roll call vote 7-0

Ordinance 23-09 Discussion and Roll Vote)

An Ordinance to Promote the General Welfare of the Citizens and Limit the Number of Animals Residing Within a Household Within the Town, and Repealing All Town Code Sections and Ordinances, or Parts Thereof, in Conflict Herewith.

Attorney Svetanoff informed the council that Ordinance 23-09 limits the number of animals residing in a household to three animals. The ordinance also details what counts as an animal.

Attorney Svetanoff asked that Ordinance 23-09 be approved on the second reading.

A motion from Councilman Pettit was made to approve Ordinance 23-09, seconded by Councilwoman Uzelac.

President Bella inquired of Director Shine that the limit has always been three animals.

Director Shine stated that the wording was changed in the ordinance to be more specific.

No further questions or comments from the council or the public.

Motion carries by roll call vote 7-0

Ordinance 23-10 Discussion and Roll Vote)

An Ordinance Establishing a Parking Regulation Promoting Unencumbered Access to Mailboxes, and Repealing All Town Code Sections and Ordinances, or Parts Thereof, in Conflict Herewith.

President Bella asked Attorney Svetanoff to give a brief synopsis of Ordinance 23-10.

Attorney Svetanoff informed the council that the Town has had for year problems with people blocking other people's access to mailboxes. With Ordinance 23-10, this will no longer occur. The details are outlined in the ordinance along with a fine schedule.

Attorney Svetanoff asked that Ordinance 23-10 be approved on the second reading

A motion from Councilwoman Uzelac t was made to approve Ordinance 23-10, seconded by Councilman White.

No further questions or comments from the council or the public.

Motion carries by roll call vote 7-0

B. Resolutions: (Discussion and Voice Vote)

None

C. American Rescue Plan

AP Voucher Register Summary for ARP Purchases for February 28, 2023

Vice-President Hardaway informed the council that the ARP Voucher summary is \$7,385.89.

Vice-President Hardaway made a motion to approve \$7,385.89, seconded by Councilman Pettit.

Councilman White asked for a balance in the ARP funding.

No further questions or comments from the council.

Motion carries by voice vote 7-0.

D.BZA & LARGE GATHERING ACTIONS

Petitioner: Andy Tylka
Owner: Lake County Trust #2100 Janis Qualizza Beneficiary
Request: Special Exception Approval
Purpose: To have an Auto Repair Shop with outside storage
Location: 401 West 82nd Place
Zoning: C-3, Highway Commercial Zoning District

Planning and Building Director Shine elaborated on the BZA Action.

President Bella asked the Petitioner to review the address with the Post Office.

A motion was made by Councilman Pettit to approve the BZA, seconded by Councilman White.

Councilman Pettit asked the Petitioner what is the investment in the project.

The Petitioner stated that the investment is estimated to be a \$120,000.00

President Bella asked the Petitioner about the number of employees.

The Petitioner stated that the business will have five employees.

No further questions or comments from the council.

Motion carries by voice vote 7-0.

Petitioner: Divine Goddess Dance Studies
Owner: Tiger Group, LLC
Request: Special Exception Approval
Purpose: To have a Dance Studio
Location: 7870 Broadway
Zoning: C-2, Community Commercial Zoning District

Planning and Building Director Shine elaborated on the BZA Action.

A motion was made by Councilman Pettit to approve the BZA, seconded by Vice-President Hardaway.

Councilman Pettit asked the Petitioner for confirmation of the location.

The Petitioner confirmed the address was a suite in the Ross Township Accessor building.

Councilwoman Uzelac asked the Petitioner how much are they paying per month.

The Petitioner stated they are paying \$1,300.00 per month.

No further questions or comments from the council.

Motion carries by roll call vote 7-0.

Petitioner: Merrillville Community School Corp
Owner: Merrillville Community School Corp
Request: Special Exception Approval
Purpose: Building addition on an existing building
Location: 276 East 68th Place
Zoning: R-2, Residential Zoning District

Planning and Building Director Shine elaborated on the BZA Action.

A motion was made by Councilman Pettit to approve the BZA, seconded by Vice-President Hardaway.

President Bella asked about the Petitioner about the section of the parking lot that the Town uses for the July 4th fireworks display.

The Petitioner confirmed that the section of the parking lot that was used by the Town will be available this year for the July 4th fireworks display.

No further questions or comments from the council.

Motion carries by roll call vote 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman White elaborated on Black History Month.

Vice-President Hardaway elaborated on the Black History Celebration.

OLD BUSINESS

None

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Council Workshop Executive Session will be held on March 7, 2023, at 4:30 pm
- Town Council Meeting March 14, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.

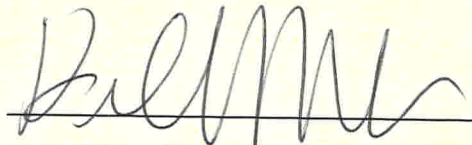
ADJOURNMENT:

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

