



**Town Council of Merrillville**  
**Town Hall**  
**7820 Broadway**  
**Merrillville, IN 46410**  
**Town Council Meeting Minutes**  
**November 14, 2023**  
**6:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Councilor 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 Dennis Walton of Faith Temple of Christ Church.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by a veteran in the audience.

**ROLL CALL** – Present at the meeting were Councilors Richard Hardaway, Jeffrey Minchuk, Shawn Pettit, Rhonda Neal, Margaret Uzelac, and Rick Bella. Madam Clerk-Treasurer Kelly White Gibson was present to memorialize the proceedings. A quorum was attained.

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

**RDG Comprehensive Plan Update – Marty Shukert**

Marty Shukert gave an update on the Town of Merrillville Comprehensive Plan. He gave a general overview of the following key goals of the plan:

- Community Cohesion and Common
- Population Growth and Housing Development
- Economic Opportunity
- Connectedness
- Public Space and Asset Development
- Neighborhood Preservation

The details will be posted on the Town of Merrillville website at [merrillville.in.gov](http://merrillville.in.gov).

**Letter from IDOT-Community Crossing Grant Award**

Councilor Bella read the following award letter from the Indiana Department of Transportation.



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

100 North Senate Avenue
Room N758
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

PHONE: (855) 463-6848

Eric Holcomb, Governor
Michael Smith, Commissioner

November 03, 2023

Merrillville
Rick Bella
7820 Broadway
Merrillville, IN 46410

RE Community Crossing Matching Grant Fund 2023-2

Dear Rick Bella

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has completed the review and selection of projects for funding in the 2023-2 Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund Program. Your community has preliminarily been awarded \$1,000,000.00 in Community Crossings Matching Grant Funds based upon your estimates from your project application(s). INDOT will be transmitting an award letter in the upcoming weeks.

The Community Crossings Matching Grant Funds, which are administered by INDOT, will be used for funding up to 50 percent of the construction of your project or the purchase of materials. These grant dollars will enable you to help build and improve Indiana's infrastructure.

The state of Indiana looks forward to partnering with all Hoosier communities, both urban and rural, to invest in road and bridge infrastructure projects. Improvement to local roads and bridges will bring about economic development, create jobs, and strengthen local transportation networks for all of Indiana.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Eric J. Holcomb

Eric J. Holcomb, Governor

Handwritten signature of Michael Smith

Michael Smith, INDOT Commissioner

Councilor Bella reported that the project list for the \$1,000,000.00 is for the following Concrete and Pavement Restoration Project:

- 61st Avenue from Broadway to Taft Street
• 83rd Avenue from Ohio Street to Indiana Street
• Ohio Street from 83rd Avenue to 85th Avenue
• 85th Avenue from Ohio Street to Indiana Street

Councilor Bella thanked Director King and staff for putting the documents together that helped the Town obtain the \$1,000,000.00 grant.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Accts. Payable Register Voucher Approval for November 14, 2023.
Approval of Amended Town Council Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2023.
Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2023.
Approval of ARPA Committee Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2023.
Approval of Budget & Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2023.

It was moved by Councilor Uzelac and seconded by Councilor Pettit to approve the consent agenda. Upon a voice vote the consent agenda was approved. The motion passed.

STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES REPORTS

BUDGET & FINANCE- HARDAWAY – Councilor Hardaway had nothing to report at this time.

COUNCIL AFFAIRS- PETTIT – Councilor Pettit had nothing to report at this time.

STREET DEPARTMENT- MINCHUK – Councilor Minchuk reported that the leaf collection is continuing and phase two will end. After that time, the program will be reevaluated to determine if any additional collection is needed. He also reminded resident about winter weather and cars needs to be in driveways to allow the snowplows access to the street.

It was moved by Councilor Hardaway to purchase forty-two sets of speed bumps including installation at a cost not to exceed \$250,000.00 to be paid out of ARPA funding, seconded by Councilor Pettit. Upon a voice vote the purchase was approved. The motion passed.

***ELECTIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS, & TOWN BEAUTIFICATION - NEAL-*** Councilor Neal reported the following:

**Trunk or Treat**

The event was a huge success. It was estimated that over 300 children attended the event. Plans are in the works for the 2024 Trunk or Treat event.

**Tree Lighting and Decorating Contest**

This event will be held at the Dean and Barbara White Community Center on December 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. The contest will involve all five elementary schools in Merrillville. We will have Santa, hot chocolate at this event. You can find information regarding this event and contest on the Town's website at merrillville.in.gov.

**Holiday Home Decorating Contest**

The home decorating contest has returned to Merrillville. You can find all the information regarding the contest on the Town's website and a link for the application. Applications are due December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Town Slogan**

We have about 40 submissions for our Town's slogan. We will continue to take submissions until the end of December.

***ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS- WHITE*** - Councilor White was absent from the meeting.

***PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS – HARDAWAY-*** Councilor Hardaway had nothing to report at this time.

***PUBLIC SAFETY- MINCHUK-*** Councilor Minchuk had nothing to report at this time.

***ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-PETTIT*** – Councilor Pettit had nothing to report at this time.

***PARKS & RECREATION- UZELAC*** - Councilor Uzelac reported that the parks will be mowed one more time before the temperature drops to cold weather.

***ABANDONED -BLIGHTED PROPERTIES-HARDAWAY*** – Councilor Hardaway had nothing to report at this time.

***DEAN & BARBARA WHITE COMMUNITY CENTER-PETTIT*** – Councilor Pettit reported that a meeting was held with Core Construction regarding minor repair work for the Dean and Barbara White Community Center. The other area being looked at with Circle R Mechanical is the rooftop diffuser to help with the heating and lowering of our NIPSCO.

***SPECIAL PROJECTS (F & B TAX, DIVERSITY, 4<sup>TH</sup> of JULY CELEBRATION-HARDAWAY*** – Councilor Hardaway reported that the Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee met twice in October and once in November. On October 19<sup>th</sup>, the committee met to discuss the purpose of the committee, watched a PowerPoint DEI, and completed a survey. Councilor Hardaway elaborated on the meetings. The next committee meeting will be on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**DEPARTMENT & COMMISSION REPORTS**

***LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT-WHITE*** – Councilor White was absent from the meeting.

***NORTHERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION-HARDAWAY*** – Councilor Hardaway had nothing to report at this time.

***STORMWATER MANAGEMENT RESOURCES-LAKE*** – Director Lake reported on the following updates on projects:

**Taney Ditch/Kaiser Lateral Ditch**

This project is almost completed. All that is left to complete is a little curb and riprap work.

**Lift Station Conversion**

This project is Southeast corner of Connecticut Street and 69th Avenue. The school board did sign the easement and it was recorded. The bids for this project are under advisement. The amount is over \$100,000.00. We already applied to Little Calumet River for 50% of the construction cost.

**Adams Street**

We are still doing drainage work along the road.

Director Lake elaborated on several other projects of the department.

***SOUTHSHORE VISITORS AND CONVENTION AUTHORITY-PATENA*** - Deann Patena wasn't present at the meeting.

***FIRE TERRITORY BOARD-MINCHUK*** – Councilor Minchuk reported that a meeting occurred last week. The Fire Department is trying to update its fire equipment. The joint Fire Department Training Center between the Town of Merrillville and the City of Crown Point is almost complete. Upon completion of the facility, there will be a grand opening.

The other upgrade is the Fire Department's portable radios. This upgrade is similar to the one we did for the Police Department. The cost is going to be a large sum using American Rescue Plan Act funding (ARPA).

**It was moved by Councilor Minchuk and seconded by Councilor Hardaway to award \$250,000.00 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to the Fire Department to be used for the replacement of their radios. Upon a voice vote the motion was approved. The motion passed.**

The November's employee of the month was inadvertently left off the agenda. Interim Town Manager Griffin and Captain Westbury presented Firefighter/EMT Jeff Jurcak to the council and audience as Employee of the Month for the Town of Merrillville. Firefight/EMT Jurcak will receive a certificate of recognition and a gift card on behalf of the Town of Merrillville.

***DEPARTMENT REPORTS/INTERIM TOWN MANAGER***

**Chief Nuses – Police Department**

Chief Nuses addressed the closing of Broadway for repairs and asked everyone to be patient, Crime suppression is still going on in problem areas of the Town and the results have caused vehicle break-in incidents to all but disappear. The department is still working on enforcing the ordinances. The department is also looking to host a Women's Self-Defense seminar in January or February of 2024.

**Director Shine – Building and Planning**

Director Shine had nothing to report at this time.

**Director King – Street Department**

Director King reported that the Broadway closure at the railroad crossing is a project of the Indiana Department of Transportation weather permitting they hope to be done by Friday. After the project is completed, Broadway will open back up. The Christmas decorations are being hung at the north end of Town. The leaf pickup will continue as long as the weather permits, and preparation has started for the snowplow season.

Councilor Pettit inquired about the longevity of the material being used on the railroad project. Director King elaborated on the railroad project.

**Interim Town Manager Griffin**

Interim Town Manager Griffin reported on the Town Talk and thanked Chief Nuses and his staff including the K-9 Taga for their participation in this event. The first training on Capital Assets will be on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. John Peterson will be dosing this Phase I training to help streamline our Capital Assets reporting of new, disposed, or no changes in assets.

**GENERAL ORDERS**

**A. Proof of Publication:**

Madam Clerk-Treasurer Kelly White Gibson read the notice into the record.

**NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 23-20**  
Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, that the proper legal officers will consider the following additional appropriation in excess of the budget for the current year during the regular Merrillville Town Council Meeting at the Merrillville Town Complex, 7820 Broadway, Merrillville, IN, at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28, 2023.  
AMOUNT  
Fund 4402 CCD Fund \$40,000.00  
Taxpayers appearing at such meeting shall have a right to be heard thereon. The additional appropriation that will be made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (Department). The Department will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the action taken.  
Kelly White Gibson, Clerk-Treasurer  
November 14, 2023  
11/10 - 63374

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Attorney Svetanoff commented that the proof of publication has been reviewed as in proper form and is ready to proceed.

**It was moved by Councilor Uzelac seconded by Councilor Pettit, to approve the notice. Upon a roll call vote, there were six affirmatives and no negatives. With Councilors Hardaway, Minchuk, Pettit, Neal, Uzelac, and Bella voting in the affirmative, the motion passed. The notice was approved.**

**B. Public Hearings**

- Public Hearing Re: Ordinance 23-20 Authorizing Additional Appropriation

**C. Ordinances: (Discussion and Voice Vote)**

***First Reading:*** Discussion and Roll Call Vote)

**Ordinance 23-20 (Discussion and Roll Call Vote)**

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

**It was moved by Councilor Pettit and seconded by Councilor Uzelac, to approve Ordinance 23-20.**

Financial Advisor Hudson elaborated on the amended Ordinance 23-20. She also requested that the rules be suspended for amended Ordinance 23-20 and it be moved to a second reading.

**Upon a roll call vote, there were six affirmatives and no negatives. With Councilors Hardaway, Minchuk, Pettit, Neal, Uzelac, and Bella voting in the affirmative, the motion passed. The ordinance was approved on the first reading**

**It was moved by Councilor Pettit and seconded by Councilor Minchuk to suspend the rules. Upon a roll call vote, there were six affirmatives and no negatives. With Councilors Hardaway, Minchuk, Pettit, Neal, Uzelac, and Bella voting in the affirmative, the motion passed. The rules were suspended to read the amended Ordinance 23-20 on the second and final reading.**

**It was moved by Councilor Pettit and seconded by Councilor Uzelac to approve the Ordinance on the second and final reading. Upon a roll call vote, there were six affirmatives and no negatives. With Councilors Hardaway, Minchuk, Pettit, Neal, Uzelac, and Bella voting in the affirmative, the motion passed. The ordinance was approved on the second and final reading.**

**Ordinance 23-25 (Discussion and Roll Call Vote)**

**TOWN of MERRILLVILLE  
APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE  
ENACTMENT No. 2023-25**

**AN ORDINANCE REDUCING APPROPRIATIONS IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR SOME DEPARTMENTS OF THE GENERAL FUND, PURSUANT TO I.C. 6-1.1-18, I.C. 36-5-3-5, ET SEQ.**

**WHEREAS**, It has been determined that it is now necessary to reduce appropriations from what was appropriated in the budget for the several identified departments of the General Fund;and,

**WHEREAS**, It has been determined that such diminished and reduced appropriations as may be approved by this enactment, will neither increase nor decrease the levy set under I.C. 6-1.1-17 and in the course of collection for FY 2023, however such reduction will work to preserve and reconcile the proposed 2024 budget, all pursuant to I.C. 36-5-3-5,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED** by the Council of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, as follows:

**Section 1.** That for the expenses of said municipality, the following appropriations of money are hereby reduced and ordered returned and reverted to the fund herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

**CORPORATION GENERAL FUND**

**Department 002 Office of TOWN COUNCIL**

1101.002.141.00	IT Director	\$	6,000.00
1101.002.391.00	INSTRUCTION	\$	4,000.00
	<b>Subtotal Departmental reductions</b>	\$	<u>10,000.00</u>

**Department 004 Building and Planning**

1101.004.117.00	Building Director	\$	11,000.00
1101.004.140.00	Special Services Officer	\$	19,000.00
	<b>Subtotal Departmental reductions</b>	\$	<u>30,000.00</u>

**Department 005 Metropolitan Police Department**

1101.005.393.00	Hardware/Software	\$	20,000.00
	<b>Subtotal Departmental reductions</b>	\$	<u>20,000.00</u>

**Department 010 Code Enforcement Department**

1101.010.144.00	P/T Part-Time Code Enforcement	\$	10,000.00
	<b>Subtotal Departmental reductions</b>	\$	<u>10,000.00</u>

**Department 011 Engineering Department**

1101.011.394.00	Enginnering Contractual	\$	30,000.00
	<b>Subtotal Departmental reductions</b>	\$	<u>30,000.00</u>

<b>Total GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>100,000.00</u></b>
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**Section 2.** That the Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized and instructed to inform the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance of this action and that these reductions be used to reinforce the available financial support for the adopted and filed budget for FY 2024, pursuant to IC 6-1.1-17;

**Section 3.** That in satisfaction and for the purposes of the provisions set out in I.C. 36-5-2-9.6, I.C. 36-5-3-5, I.C. 36-5-4-2, this enactment shall be deemed properly filed and introduced before the Town Council at a regular or special meeting, properly called and convened pursuant to I.C. 5-1.5-14 *et seq.*

Introduced and Filed on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.

**Duly Passed and Adopted** this \_\_\_\_ Day of October 2023, by the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Indiana. Having passed by a vote of \_\_\_\_ in favor and \_\_\_\_ opposed, with a duly constituted enactment, all pursuant to I.C. 36-5-2-9.6; I.C. 36-5-3-5; I.C. 36-5-4-2.

**TOWN COUNCIL of the TOWN of  
MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA**

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**Rick Bella, President (IC 36-5-2-10)**

Attest:

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**Kelly White Gibson, Esq.**  
Clerk-Treasurer (IC 33-42-4-1; IC 36-5-6-5)

**It was moved by Councilor Pettit and seconded by Councilor Uzelac, to approve Ordinance 23-25 on the first reading.**

Interim Town Manager Griffin elaborated on Ordinance 23-25

**Upon a roll call vote, there were six affirmatives and no negatives. With Councilors Hardaway, Minchuk, Pettit, Neal, Uzelac, and Bella voting in the affirmative, the motion passed. The ordinance was approved on first reading.**

**Ordinance 23-26 (Discussion and Roll Call Vote)**

An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County Indiana, Amending Ordinances 23-18, 23-16, 23-01 and 22-9A, and the Pay for Employees of the Town of Merrillville, Indiana, for the Calendar Year 2024.

**It was moved by Councilor Minchuk and seconded by Councilor Neal, to approve the Ordinance 23-26 on first reading. Upon a roll call vote, there were six affirmatives and no negatives. With Councilors Hardaway, Minchuk, Pettit, Neal, Uzelac, and Bella voting in the affirmative, the motion passed. The ordinance was approved on first reading.**

**Ordinance 23-27 (Discussion and Roll Call Vote)**

The Town of Merrillville, Indiana Stormwater Management Ordinance

Director Lake elaborated on Ordinance 23-27

**It was moved by Councilor Minchuk and seconded by Councilor Neal, to approve the Ordinance 23-27. Upon a roll call vote, there were six affirmatives and no negatives. With Councilors Hardaway, Minchuk, Pettit, Neal, Uzelac, and Bella voting in the affirmative, the motion passed. The ordinance was approved on first reading.**

***Second Reading: (Discussion, Public Hearing, and Roll Call Vote)***

None

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

**Resolution 23-43 (Discussion and Voice Vote)**

A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana Transferring Monies of the 2023 General Budget Within the General Fund.

Financial Advisor Hudson elaborated on Resolution 23-43.

**It was moved by Councilor Minchuk and seconded by Councilor Neal to approve the resolution. Upon a voice vote the resolution was approved. The motion passed. The resolution was adopted.**

**Resolution 23-40 (Discussion and Voice Vote)**

A Resolution Authorizing Temporary Interfund Loan or Transfer Pursuant to IC 36-1-8-4 of the Indiana Code to Support Cash Flow.

**It was moved by Councilor Pettit and seconded by Councilor Uzelac to approve the resolution. Upon a voice vote the resolution was approved. The motion passed. The resolution was adopted.**

**Resolution 23-41 (Discussion and Voice Vote)**

A Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Employment Agreement with Michael Griffin for the Position of Interim Town Manager.

Attorney Svetanoff commented that the resolution has been reviewed and approved by legal counsel.

**It was moved by Councilor Minchuk and seconded by Councilor Uzelac to approve the resolution. Upon a voice vote the resolution was approved. The motion passed. The resolution was adopted.**

**Resolution 23-42 (Discussion and Voice Vote)**

A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana Concerning the Holiday Schedule for the Calendar Year of 2024.

**It was moved by Councilor Uzelac and seconded by Councilor Pettit to approve the resolution. Upon a voice vote the resolution was approved. The motion passed. The resolution was adopted.**

***A. American Rescue Plan***

Councilor Hardaway reported that the AP Voucher Register Summary for ARP Purchases for November 14, 2023, is \$153,604.70.

**It was moved by Councilor Hardaway and seconded by Councilor Minchuk, to approve the ARP AP Voucher Register Summary for \$153,604.70, Upon a voice votes the ARP AP Voucher was approved. The motion passed.**

**D. BZA & LARGE GATHERING ACTIONS**

**Petitioner:** Justin Hanuscin  
**Owner:** Peach Tree Partners  
**Request:** Variance of Use Approval  
**Purpose:** Storage Facility  
**Location:** 2200 West 79<sup>th</sup> Place  
**Zoning:** C-2, Highway Commercial Zoning District

Planning and Building Director Shine elaborated on the BZA.

The Petitioner elaborated on the business.

**It was moved by Councilor Hadaway and seconded by Councilor Minchuk, to approve the BZA Action. Upon a roll call vote, there were five affirmatives and one negative. With Councilors Hardaway, Minchuk, Pettit, Neal, and Uzelac, voting in the affirmative and Bella voting in the negative, the motion passed. The BZA Action was approved.**

**Petitioner:** Tiffany Blakemore  
**Owner:** LBD Properties LLC  
**Request:** Variance of Use Approval  
**Purpose:** Fitness and Cycling Center  
**Location:** 6110 Broadway Unit 5  
**Zoning:** M-2, Limited Industrial Corridor Overlay Zoning District Commercial

Planning and Building Director Shine elaborated on the BZA.

The Petitioner elaborated on the business.

**It was moved by Councilor Pettit and seconded by Councilor Minchuk, to approve the BZA Action.**

**Upon a roll call vote, there were six affirmatives and no negative. With Councilors Hardaway, Minchuk, Pettit, Neal, Uzelac, and Bella voting in the affirmative, the motion passed. The BZA Action was approved**

**Petitioner:** 430 Legacy LLC



**Owner:** Dr. Venture III LLC  
**Request:** Special Exception Approval  
**Purpose:** Dine-In Restaurant  
**Location:** 610 West Lincoln Highway  
**Zoning:** C-3 Highway Commercial Zoning District

Planning and Building Director Shine elaborated on the BZA.

The Petitioner elaborated on the business.

**It was moved by Councilor Minchuk and seconded by Councilor Pettit, to approve the BZA Action. Upon a roll call vote, there were six affirmatives and no negative. With Councilors Hardaway, Minchuk, Pettit, Neal, Uzelac, and Bella voting in the affirmative, the motion passed. The BZA Action was approved.**

**Petitioner:** Daniel El Ashmawi  
**Owner:** LBD Properties LLC  
**Request:** Variance of Use Approval  
**Purpose:** Pet Grooming Service and Retail Store  
**Location:** 6110 Broadway Unit 3  
**Zoning:** M-2, Limited Industrial Corridor Overlay District

Planning and Building Director Shine elaborated on the BZA.

The Petitioner elaborated on the business.

**It was moved by Councilor Pettit and seconded by Councilor Minchuk, to approve the BZA Action. Upon a roll call vote, there were six affirmatives and no negative. With Councilors Hardaway, Minchuk, Pettit, Neal, Uzelac, and Bella voting in the affirmative, the motion passed. The BZA Action was approved.**

**Petitioner:** Stylesavers LLC  
**Owner:** LBD Properties LLC  
**Request:** Variance of Use Approval  
**Purpose:** Retail Store  
**Location:** 6110 Broadway  
**Zoning:** M-2, Limited Industrial Corridor Overlay District

Planning and Building Director Shine elaborated on the BZA.

The Petitioner elaborated on the business.

**It was moved by Councilor Pettit and seconded by Councilor Minchuk, to approve the BZA Action. Upon a roll call vote, there were six affirmatives and no negative. With Councilors Hardaway, Minchuk, Pettit, Neal, Uzelac, and Bella voting in the affirmative, the motion passed. The BZA Action was approved.**

**Petitioner:** Kris Simonovski  
**Request:** Large Gathering Permit  
**Purpose:** Winter Wonderland Lights  
**Location:** Approximately 7595 E. Lincoln Hwy  
**Zoning:** November 4<sup>th</sup> – December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Sun-Sat from 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Planning and Building Director Shine elaborated on the BZA.

The Petitioner elaborated on the business.

**It was moved by Councilor Pettit and seconded by Councilor Minchuk, to approve the BZA Action. Upon a roll call vote, there were six affirmatives and no negative. With Councilors Hardaway, Minchuk, Pettit, Neal, Uzelac, and Bella voting in the affirmative, the motion passed. The BZA Action was approved.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

*None*

**NEW BUSINESS**

*None*

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

*None*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Molly and Miles Dunscombe, Merrillville Indiana requested a deer crossing be installed.

**It was moved by Councilor Pettit and seconded by Councilor Uzelac to install a deer crossing sign east and west of Lincoln Mill Road. Upon a voice vote the motion was approved. The motion passed.**

2. , Honorable Judge Eugene M. Velazco Merrillville, Indiana thanked Director Lake, his staff, and the voters of Merrillville.

3. Kevin Henderson, Merrillville, Indiana voiced his concerns about speeders in his neighborhood.

4. Bryon Mesarch, Merrillville, Indiana voiced his concerns about speeders and abandoned buildings in the Town of Merryville.

5. Rameen Jackson, Merrillville, Indiana congratulated the winners of Merrillville's General Election.

6. Joe Berger, Merrillville Indiana informed the council that his driveway is still showing on the Town's map.


**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- RDC Meeting November 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm
- Town Council Meeting November 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
- Tree Lighting Family Night December 1, from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- Merrillville House Decorating Contest Applications are now available
- Town Hall is an Official Toys for Tots drop-off location through December 8th

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.



*Kelly White Gibson, Clerk-Treasurer*



*Rick Bella, President*

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*Respectfully Submitted By Angela Lewis*