

**Town of Merrillville**  
**Redevelopment Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**May 23, 2023, 6:15 pm**  
**Merrillville Municipal Complex**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Pettit at 6:15 pm.

**Roll Call**

Mr. Minchuk took roll call. Present were following members: Mrs. Uzelac, Mr. Pettit, Mr. White, and Mr. Hardaway were present. There were 5 members present, there is a quorum.

**Consent Agenda**

**Accts. Payable Register Voucher Approval for May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023.** A motion was made by Mrs. Uzelac to approve, seconded by Mr. Hardaway. There was no discussion. The motion carried with a voice vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

**Old Business: None.**

**New Business:**

Mr. Pettit read out loud the following items;

- Chicago Magnesium/Aerospace discussion regarding incentive reimbursement for equipment.

Mr. Pettit stated that as part of an incentive program Chicago Magnesium will have to purchase and pay for the equipment, those receipts will then be turned into the town for review, and after review reimbursement will be issued.

Mr. Pettit then asked town attorney Mr. Svetanoff if everything is in order and he concurred. Some discussion followed. The motion was made by Mrs. Uzelac to approve, seconded by Mr. Minchuk. There was no discussion. The motion carried with a voice vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

- Hubinger Landscaping Corp invoice for 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue planters.

President Bella stated that after a review of all invoices from Hubinger and the programs we have with them. We realized that parts of the town hall area were not included such as planters and the area by the tree these areas were not being taken care of, actually, public works were taking care of that area. It just made no sense to have them come and do everything in front and not take care of the rest of it (This will be another part included later with a separate invoice). This invoice is for new work on 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. We were not happy with the look of 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. We will now have annual plants that way we have a nice spark of color in the spring similar to the city of Chicago. We should see some really good improvements. Mr. Pettit asked President Bella if he should sign the signature of acceptance on the invoice. President Bella stated that he will sign as council president because all billing will go through us. The motion was made by Mrs. Uzelac to approve, seconded by Mr. Hardaway. There was no discussion. The motion carried with a voice vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

**General Orders:**

**A. Resolutions (Discussion & Voice Vote)**

**Resolution 23-15 (Discussion and Voice Vote)**

Resolution of the Merrillville Redevelopment Commission determining the need to capture incremental assessed valuation. Mr. Swintz gave a brief description. A motion was made by Mrs. Uzelac to approve, seconded by Mr. Hardaway. No further discussion. The motion carried with a voice vote of 5 yes and 0 no.

**Adjournment:** Mrs. Uzelac makes a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Pettit.