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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Invocation/Moment of Silence:**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by any veteran in attendance
- 4. Roll Call of Council**
- 5. Petitions, Communications  
Acknowledgements & Remonstrations**
  - National Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation read by Helen Hennessy, President of Prevent Child Abuse Lake County.
- 6. Consent Agenda**

Accts. Payable Register Voucher Approval for April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- 7. Standing & Special Committees Reports**
  - A. Budget & Finance** – Chairman Mr. Hardaway  
*Members Mr. Pettit, Mr. Minchuk*
  - B. Council Affairs** – Chairman Mr. Pettit  
*Members Mr. Minchuk, Mrs. Uzelac*
  - C. Street Department** – Chairman Mr. Minchuk  
*Members Mr. Spann, Mrs. Uzelac:*
  - D. Elections, Public Relations, Town Beautification** – Chairman Mr. Pettit  
*Members Mr. Hardaway, Mr. Minchuk*
  - E. Environmental Affairs** – Chairman Mr. White  
*Members Mr. Spann, Mrs. Uzelac*
  - F. Personnel Policy & Employee Benefits** – Chairman Mr. Hardaway  
*Members Mrs. Uzelac, Mr. Pettit-*
  - G. Public Safety** – Chairman Mr. Minchuk  
*Members Mr. Spann, Mrs. Uzelac*
  - H. Economic Development** – Chairman Mr. Pettit  
*Members Mr. Hardaway, Mr. Minchuk, Deann Patena, Jennifer Doffin*
  - I. Parks & Recreation** – Chairwoman Mrs. Uzelac  
*Members Mr. Spann, Mr. White*
  - J. Abandoned-Blighted Properties** – Chairman Mr. Hardaway  
*Members Vicki Bunnell, Adra Breclaw-Csanyi*
  - K. Dean & Barbara White Community Center**-Chairman Mr. Pettit  
*Member Mr. White, Mr. Minchuk*
  - L. Special Projects (F & B Tax, Diversity, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration)**  
*Chairman Mr. Hardaway, Members Mr. Pettit, Mr. Minchuk*
- 8. Department & Commission Reports**
  - A. Lake County Solid Waste Management-** Mr. White
  - B. Northern Indiana Regional Planning Commission-** Mr. Hardaway
  - C. Stormwater Management Resources-** Director Matt Lake



# Town of Merrillville PROCLAMATION

## State of Indiana

### The Town Council of Merrillville Designating the Month of April as "National Child Abuse Prevention Month"

Whereas, every child deserves to live in a safe and loving household; yet, for hundreds of thousands of children across our Nation, abuse and neglect are a tragic reality. During National Child Abuse Prevention month our county stands as one to condemn and combat child abuse in all of its forms - including physical, emotional, and sexual abuse, as well as on-line sexual exploitation; we raise awareness about the risk factors that can lead to child abuse and neglect; and we highlight the importance of supporting families to prevent child maltreatment. As a Town, we must work together to prevent and address child abuse and ensure that every child can grow up in a safe environment and live a happy, prosperous life; and,

Whereas, in the Federal fiscal year 2019, 4.4 million reports were made to child protective services; and,

Whereas, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and,

Whereas, our children are our most valuable resource and will shape the future of the Town of Merrillville; and,

Whereas, American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation, and more importantly in Merrillville; and,

Whereas, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and,

Whereas, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and,

Whereas, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and,

Whereas, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and,

Whereas, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment;

Whereas, the Merrillville Lions Club has brought this important issue to our attention we recognize the importance of bringing this matter to the attention of our residency;

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Indiana, does hereby proclaim the month of April 2023 as "National Child Abuse Prevention Month" and call upon the residents of Merrillville to dedicate ourselves to recognize, observe, discuss and educate others with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and other activities to improve the quality of life for all children and families throughout the Town of Merrillville, Indiana.

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Rick Bella, Council President

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Margaret A. Uzelac, Councilwoman

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Donald Spann, Councilman

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Shawn Michael Pettit, Councilman

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Richard Hardaway, Vice President

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Leonard White, Councilman

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Jeff Minchuk, Vice President

ATTEST:

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Kelly White Gibson, Clerk-Treasurer



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APV Register Batch - APRIL11, 2023 TC MEETING

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//	1401	NIPSCO	LRS/STREET	4585.56			STREETLIGHTS/ELECTRIC
//	79	AL WARREN OIL COMPANY	SW/DIESEL	128.03			STORMWATER DIESEL
//	1401	NIPSCO	LRS/STREET	137.67			STREETLIGHTS/ELECTRIC
//	79	AL WARREN OIL COMPANY	FD/DIESEL GAS	1966.08			FIRE DIESEL
//	1401	NIPSCO	LRS/STREET	2441.35			STREETLIGHTS/ELECTRIC
//	79	AL WARREN OIL COMPANY	LRS/DIESEL	4692.49			LRS DIESEL
//	1401	NIPSCO	LRS/STREET	4514.33			STREETLIGHTS/ELECTRIC
//	79	AL WARREN OIL COMPANY	GENERAL/GASOLINE	372.81			CODE ENFORCEMENT UNLEADED
//	1401	NIPSCO	LRS/STREET	7424.44			STREETLIGHTS/ELECTRIC
//	79	AL WARREN OIL COMPANY	SW/GASOLINE	624.59			STORMWATER UNLEADED
//	1315	MENARDS	FD/BUILDING SUPPLIES	29.99			MISC. SUPPLIES
//	1401	NIPSCO	LRS/STREET	3691.47			STREETLIGHTS/ELECTRIC
//	79	AL WARREN OIL COMPANY	FD/UNLEADED GASOLINE	203.80			FIRE UNLEADED
//	1315	MENARDS	FD/BUILDING SUPPLIES	212.21			MISC. SUPPLIES
//	1401	NIPSCO	LRS/STREET	713.58			STREETLIGHTS/ELECTRIC
//	79	AL WARREN OIL COMPANY	GENERAL/GASOLINE	332.61			TOWN HALL & TOWN COURT
//	693	BARNES & THORNBURG LLP	BDWY TIF/CONTRACTUAL	1207.50			RDC
//	673	CARD SERVICE CENTER	GENERAL/TOWN ADMIN	62.06			COFFEE FOR STREET WORKERS
//	1315	MENARDS	FD/BUILDING SUPPLIES	25.67			MISC. SUPPLIES
//	1401	NIPSCO	LRS/STREET	1091.25			STREETLIGHTS/ELECTRIC
//	79	AL WARREN OIL COMPANY	PARKS/GASOLINE	644.91			PARKS UNLEADED
//	325	ALLEGiant FIRE PROTECTION	FD/CONTRACTUAL	270.00			STATION #74 ANNUAL SPRINKLER
//	693	BARNES & THORNBURG LLP	BDWY TIF/CONTRACTUAL	1529.50			RDC
//	673	CARD SERVICE CENTER	GENERAL/TOWN ADMIN	148.25			SANDWICHES FOR STREET CREW
//	34	MAVIS TIRE SUPPLY LLC	GENERAL/REPAIRS TO	26.00			BALANCE TIRE #412
//	1315	MENARDS	FD/BUILDING SUPPLIES	82.19			MISC. SUPPLIES
//	1153	MY FLEET CENTER.COM	GENERAL/REPAIRS TO	49.18			OIL CHANGE #133
//	1401	NIPSCO	LRS/STREET	1047.46			STREETLIGHTS/ELECTRIC
//	79	AL WARREN OIL COMPANY	GENERAL/GASOLINE	13015.74			POLICE & EMA UNLEADED
//	325	ALLEGiant FIRE PROTECTION	FD/CONTRACTUAL	270.00			STATION #72 ANNUAL SPRINKLER
//	693	BARNES & THORNBURG LLP	BDWY TIF/CONTRACTUAL	241.50			RDC
//	673	CARD SERVICE CENTER	LRS/G&M SUPPLIES	611.68			GARBAGE BAGS
//	420	DELTA III, INC.	SW/CONTRACTUAL SERV	12810.00			SW 83RD & RANDOLPH R&R 12"
//	278	DOLAN CONSULTING GROUP,	GENERAL/INSTRUCTION	95.00			TRAINING 331 INV. OF SEXUAL
//	1164	J & L FASTENERS	LRS/G&M SUPPLIES	71.15			SHOP STOCK PARTS
//	1057	JOHN GIORDANO	GENERAL/INSPECTORS	52.40			80 MILES IN THE MONTH OF MARCH
//	898	JOHN L. POWERS	GENERAL/TRAVEL	39.96			61 MILES IN THE MONTH OF MARCH
//	1132	JOHN WALSDORF	GENERAL/TRAVEL	60.27			92 MILES IN THE MONTH OF MARCH
//	34	MAVIS TIRE SUPPLY LLC	GENERAL/REPAIRS TO	56.00			INSTALL 4 TIRES #426
//	1315	MENARDS	FD/BUILDING SUPPLIES	121.97			MISC. SUPPLIES

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//	1146	MIKE LASKARIN	GENERAL/TRAVEL	29.48			45 MILES IN THE MONTH OF MARCH
//	1153	MY FLEET CENTER.COM	GENERAL/REPAIRS TO	49.95			OIL CHANGE #409
//	1401	NIPSCO	LRS/STREET	2759.93			STREETLIGHTS/ELECTRIC
//	237	NORTHWEST INDIANA AUTO	LRS/REPAIR PARTS	135.80			LUBE FILTERS
//	1201	PAUL H. ANDERSON	GENERAL/TRAVEL	105.46			161 MILES IN THE MONTH OF MARCH
//	67	SIRCHIE ACQUISITION	GENERAL/FREIGHT	37.41			SHIPPING
//	193	SOUTHEND BODY SHOP	POLICE EQUIP/REPAIRS	1005.84			REPAIRS TO #103'S 10-50
//	15	TERRY GUTHRIE	GENERAL/TRAVEL	50.44			77 MILES IN THE MONTH OF MARCH
//	95	THE LAZZARO COMPANIES,	BDWY TIF/CONTRACTUAL	840.00			DOORS AND GLASS
//	168	ACME PRINT COPY DESIGN	GENERAL/STATIONERY &	435.00			CRASH CARDS
//	83	ACORN FENCE	SW/CONTRACTUAL SERV	2500.00			sSW BARRIER GATE AT
//	79	AL WARREN OIL COMPANY	LRS/GASOLINE	1546.14			LRS UNLEADED
//	325	ALLEGIAN FIRE PROTECTION	FD/CONTRACTUAL	830.00			STATION #71 ANNUAL SPRINKLER
//	1175	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	CUML FIRE EQPT/BLDG	223.50			200 FT LED CABLE IN WALL SPEAKER
//	314	AMERICAN COMPLETE AUTO	GENERAL/REPAIRS TO	830.91			R&R WHEEL HUB RR #201
//	69	ASIANN JACKSON	PNR/SUB-CONTRACTORS	180.00			MAKEUP ARTIST
//	1059	AXON ENTERPRISE, INC.	POLICE	688.50			BODY CAM ADDITIONAL LICENSE
//	763	B&H TECHNICAL SERVICES,	SW/COPIER	202.50			SW MAPS 36X48
//	693	BARNES & THORNBURG LLP	BDWY TIF/CONTRACTUAL	80.50			RDC
//	209	BRANDY'S SAFE & LOCK, INC.	GENERAL/BLDG. &	11.80			CONFERENCE ROOM KEYS
//	210	BUTLER, FAIRMAN &	MISS ST	3312.50			
//	673	CARD SERVICE CENTER	GENERAL/MEETING	3088.69			ED MEETING LUNCH
//	24	CHRISTOPHER T. WESBY	PNR/SUB-CONTRACTORS	300.00			PHOTOGRAPHER
//	1071	CHUCK'S COMPRESSORS INC.	FD/CONTRACTUAL	250.00			AIR QUALITY TEST, LABOR & TRAVEL
//	1230	CINTAS CORPORATION 2	PNR/JANITORIAL	3393.34			CLEANING SUPPLIES
//	1098	CIVICPLUS LLC	PNR/CONTRACTUAL	10108.33			CONTRACT
//	776	COMCAST	FD/TELEPHONE	254.74			CABLE AT STATION #71
//	451	CORE CONSTRUCTION	BDWY TIF/CONTRACTUAL	1555.43			CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT
//	958	COTG	GENERAL/REPAIRS TO	165.00			COPIER REPAIR
//	364	DAVID BARRON	PNR/SECURITY	665.00			SECURITY
//	420	DELTA III, INC.	SW/CONTRACTUAL SERV	12980.00			SW MARSHALL & US 30 R&R 12"
//	278	DOLAN CONSULTING GROUP,	GENERAL/INSTRUCTION	95.00			TRAINING 331 INV. OFF DUTY
//	689	EMERALD PLANT SERVICES	PNR/CONTRACTUAL	400.00			PLANT CONTRACT
//	850	GARY PUBLIC	CC/CONTRACTUAL	11130.00			1ST QUARTER SHUTTLE TRANSPORT
//	1194	GRACE THROUGH FAITH	GENERAL/CLOTHING	472.90			UNIFORMS AND CLOTHING
//	818	INDEPENDENCE HILL	FD/SEWER	20.00			WASTEWATER FOR MARCH
//	700	INDIANA AMERICAN WATER	PNR/WATER & SEWER	385.56			WATER BILL
//	1164	J & L FASTENERS	LRS/G&M SUPPLIES	779.67			SHOP STOCK PARTS
//	904	JENSTAR ASPHALT LLC	MVRESTRICTED/HOTASPH	2425.00			COLD PATCH MIX
//	1057	JOHN GIORDANO	GENERAL/INSPECTORS	400.00			16 INSPECTIONS IN THE MONTH OF

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//	898	JOHN L. POWERS	GENERAL/INSPECTORS	425.00			17 INSPECTIONS IN THE MONTH OF
//	1132	JOHN WALSDORF	GENERAL/INSPECTORS	2525.00			101 INSPECTIONS IN THE MONTH OF
//	1206	KOPKA PINKUS & DOLIN, PC	BDWY TIF/CONTRACTUAL	192.50			RDC MATTERS
//	86	LA FORCE HOLDING, INC	PNR/JANITORIAL	432.00			ADDITIONAL KEYS
//	971	LEWIS SHINE II	PNR/SUB-CONTRACTORS	150.00			EMCEE
//	99	MACQUEEN EMERGENCY	CUML FIRE EQPT/OTHER	635.00			HURST E DRAULIC & 110v charger
//	1224	MARCHELLE AKINS	PNR/SUB-CONTRACTORS	2000.00			KARATE TOURNAMENT
//	34	MAVIS TIRE SUPPLY LLC	GENERAL/TIRES	649.24			4 new tires for #426
//	1315	MENARDS	FD/BUILDING SUPPLIES	360.76			MISC. SUPPLIES
//	189	MICHAEL L. DEPPE, P.C./	GENERAL/ATTORNEY	2687.50			COURT/DPD ATTORNEY FEES MARCH
//	1320	MIDWESTERN ELECTRIC	CASINO/CONTRACTUAL	4075.84			56TH AVE & DELAWARE
//	1145	MIKE LASKARIN	GENERAL/INSPECTORS	825.00			33 INSPECTIONS IN THE MONTH OF
//	1005	MORTON SALT	LRS/SALT EXPENSE	17205.61			SALT
//	1153	MY FLEET CENTER.COM	GENERAL/REPAIRS TO	74.96			OIL CHANGE #428
//	1401	NIPSCO	LRS/STREET	3081.30			STREETLIGHTS/ELECTRIC
//	237	NORTHWEST INDIANA AUTO	LRS/REPAIR PARTS	33.95			PARTS TRUCK 23
//	1510	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS,	GENERAL/OFFICE	621.18			OFFICE SUPPLIES- NETWORK CABLE
//	1201	PAUL H ANDERSON	GENERAL/INSPECTORS	900.00			36 INSPECTIONS IN THE MONTH OF
//	165	PETRO CHOICE	LRS/OIL	3813.41			OIL
//	446	PRIDE TRUCK WASH	SW/REPAIRS TO	50.00			SW CHEVY TRUCK WASH/WAX
//	482	PUBLIC AGENCY TRAINING	CE/INSTRUCTION	425.00			FORENSIC PATHOLOGY #326
//	1339	PULSE TECHNOLOGY	SW/OFFICE SUPPLIES	19.78			SW MISC OFFICE SUPPLIES
//	84	RAY O'HERRON CO, INC	CUML FIRE	2038.00			3-BODY ARMOR & CARRIERS
//	1821	ROBINSON ENGINEERING	SW/CONTRACTUAL SERV	5756.25			SW 2023 DETENTION POND UPDATES-
//	81	SERVICE SANITATION INC	PARKS/CONTR. SERVICE	1138.62			CONTRACT SERVICE
//	1061	SIGN SOURCE ONE GROUP,	BDWY TIF/CONTRACTUAL	7092.81			TOWN SEAL COURT ROOM
//	67	SIRCHIE ACQUISITION	GENERAL/B OF I SUPPLIES	216.10			EVIDENCE SUPPLIES
//	193	SOUTHEND BODY SHOP.	POLICE EQUIP/REPAIRS	539.19			REPAIRS TO #392
//	563	STAPLES BUSINESS CREDIT	FD/BUILDING SUPPLIES	129.75			MISC SUPPLIES
//	831	T-MOBILE USA, INC	GENERAL/INVEST.	25.00			PING ON PHONE CASE
//	619	TARGET SOLUTIONS	CUML FIRE EQPT/OTHER	218.68			VECTOR CHECK IT-FIRE/EMS
//	2032	TERPSTRA'S SALES &	RG/REPAIR PARTS	17.27			BLADES
//	15	TERRY GUTHRIE	GENERAL/INSPECTORS	800.00			32 INSPECTIONS IN THE MONTH OF
//	85	THE LAW OFFICE OF ANGELA	FD/ATTORNEY FEES	1000.00			LEGAL SERVICES FOR MARCH
//	95	THE LAZZARO COMPANIES,	BDWY TIF/CONTRACTUAL	4365.00			DOORS AND GLASS
//	221	THE SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO.	LRS/G&M SUPPLIES	171.00			PAINT
//	357	TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT	SW/REPAIRS TO	1049.99			SW WEATHER GUARD MATTE BLK SDL
//	947	TRANS CHICAGO TRUCK	LRS/REPAIR PARTS	84.07			TEMPERATURE SENSOR
//	71	TRISHA SABOCIK	PNR/SUB-CONTRACTORS	150.00			DANCER
//	748	VERDE ENVIROMENTAL, INC	FD/BUILDING SUPPLIES	1982.80			MICRO-BLAZE OUT FIRE

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11	470	VERIZON WIRELESS	FD/TELEPHONE	521.65			WIRELESS SERVICE
11	158	VS ENGINEERING, INC.	BDWY TIF/CONTRACTUAL	3537.40			ENGINEERING SERVICES
03/24/2023	335	HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK	MERR. RD. TIF/DEBT	500.00	500.00	1831	ANNUAL FEE
03/24/2023	244	REGIONS BANK	MISS. ST. TIF/DEBT SVC.	750.00	750.00	1832	ANNUAL FEE
04/04/2023	104	AFLAC	PAYROLL - AFLAC	8458.92	8458.92	24117	EMPLOYEE PREMIUMS - MARCH 2023
04/04/2023	609	F.O.P. #168	PAYROLL - F. O. P. DUES	2111.50	2111.50	24118	UNION DUES - MARCH 2023
04/04/2023	2104	NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT	PAYROLL - DEFERRED	5239.38	5239.38	24119	EMPLOYEE DEPOSITS - 3/31/23
04/04/2023	650	TRUSTMARK VOLUNTARY	PAYROLL - TRUSTMARK	947.53	947.53	24120	EMPLOYEE PREMIUMS
04/04/2023	61	GUARDIAN LIFE INS CO.	SW/HEALTH INS.	19571.17	19571.17	24121	SW EMPLOYEE PREMIUMS - MARCH
04/04/2023	494	LAKE COUNTY SUPERIOR	PAYROLL - COURT	651.04	651.04	24122	L. ROBERTS CAUSE
04/04/2023	847	STARKE CIRCUIT COURT	PAYROLL - COURT	1007.36	1007.36	24123	G. FIELDS CAUSE #75C01-2009-00272
03/31/2023	561	BLOOMFIELD MECHANICAL	CCD/OTHER EQUIP	6820.40	6820.40	60278	IT DUCTLESS MINI SPLIT
03/28/2023	1600	PAYROLL FUND	GENERAL/SOCIAL	28786.51	28786.51	60331	Empr Liability Medicare
03/24/2023	1328	MERRILLVILLE	SW/WATER & SEWER	48.05	48.05	60332	SW SERVICES FROM 11-28-22 THRU
03/24/2023	592	THE TIMES	SW/SUBS & DUES	164.99	164.99	60333	SW SUBSCRIPTIONS
03/24/2023	517	CITI CARDS	FD/TRAVEL	422.06	422.06	60334	REGISTRATION FEES FDIC INTNTL
03/24/2023	417	PHIL & SON, INC.	FD/CONTRACTUAL	2505.51	2505.51	60335	ANNUAL FIRE ALARM INSPECTIONS
03/24/2023	99999	CYCLE GEAR #189	GENERAL/UNAPPROPRIAT	155.00	155.00	60338	CREDIT CARD PYMT MADE ONLINE
03/29/2023	565	MATTIE M. COLLINS	GENERAL/CONTRACTUAL	961.54	961.54	60339	CONTRACTUAL PAY
03/29/2023	1401	NIPSCO	PNR/GAS & ELECTRIC	34267.51	34267.51	60340	ELECTRIC & GAS
03/29/2023	1227	COMCAST	PNR/TELEPHONE	952.45	952.45	60341	INTERNET
03/29/2023	1328	MERRILLVILLE	PNR/WATER & SEWER	266.30	266.30	60342	WATER WASTEWATER
03/29/2023	830	ORALIA SANTOS	GENERAL/CONTRACTUAL	800.00	800.00	60343	CONTRACTUAL PAY
03/29/2023	673	CARD SERVICE CENTER	PNR/CONCESSION	4140.32	4140.32	60344	CONCESSION SUPPLIES
03/29/2023	831	T-MOBILE USA, INC	GENERAL/INVEST.	25.00	25.00	60414	PHONE PING 23ME02506
03/29/2023	1175	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	GENERAL/OFFICE	392.79	392.79	60415	OFFICE SUPPLIES
03/29/2023	776	COMCAST	GENERAL/TELEPHONE	191.30	191.30	60416	SVC 3/18 TO 4/17 N. STATION
03/29/2023	444	TOM GARTNER	LRS/CDL PHYSICALS	75.00	75.00	60417	REIMBURSEMENT TOM GARTNER
03/29/2023	776	COMCAST	GENERAL/TELEPHONE	350.23	350.23	60418	PHONE
03/29/2023	374	CRAIG LAMB	GENERAL/CONTRACTUAL	275.00	275.00	60419	VIDEO MARCH
03/29/2023	642	SPRINT	GENERAL/TELEPHONE	270.72	270.72	60420	CLERKS CELL PHONE
03/29/2023	402	AT & T MOBILITY	GENERAL/TELEPHONE	343.64	343.64	60421	LPR HOT SPOTS 2/12-3/11/23
03/29/2023	299	WEX BANK	GENERAL/GASOLINE	1216.69	1216.69	60422	FUEL
04/04/2023	1600	PAYROLL FUND	GENERAL/CLERK-TREAS.	398682.99	398682.99	60424	CT-Clerk-treasurer
03/31/2023	1136	NICOLE L. BROWN	PNR/CONTRACTUAL	2500.00	2500.00	60425	CONTRACTUAL - EVENT
03/31/2023	673	CARD SERVICE CENTER	PNR/CONCESSION	4308.87	4308.87	60426	CONCESSION SUPPLIES
03/31/2023	76	V SOUNDS, LLC	PNR/SUB-CONTRACTORS	4000.00	4000.00	60427	CONTRACTUAL - SOUND & VIDEO
03/31/2023	76	V SOUNDS, LLC	PNR/SUB-CONTRACTORS	5800.00	5800.00	60428	CONTRACTUAL - SOUND & VIDEO
03/31/2023	962	ICONIC HEIRESS, LLC	PNR/SUB-CONTRACTORS	3000.00	3000.00	60429	CONTRACTUAL - PERFORMANCE
03/31/2023	962	ICONIC HEIRESS, LLC	PNR/SUB-CONTRACTORS	3000.00	3000.00	60430	CONTRACTUAL - BAND PERFORMANCE

# ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHER REGISTER SUMMARY

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE

GOVERNMENTAL UNIT

AGENCY

NOTES: (1) Use both sides of the form if needed. Signatures of governing board should appear only on the final page of each meeting in which accounts payable vouchers are allowed.  
(2) The Memorandum is for entering action on accounts payable vouchers if disallowed in whole or in part, if continue to a later meeting of governing board, or for other pertinent information.

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Check Date	Vendor	Name of Claimant	Office Department	Amount of Voucher	Amount Allowed	Warrant	Check/Memorandum (See Note (2) Above)
03/31/2023	74	GEORGE NIKSCH	PNR/SUB-CONTRACTORS	800.00	800.00	60431	CONTRACTED VIDEOGRAPHER
03/31/2023	74	GEORGE NIKSCH	PNR/SUB-CONTRACTORS	2600.00	2600.00	60432	CONTRACTED - VIDEO RECORDING
03/31/2023	77	REGINALD FORSTER JR.	PNR/SUB-CONTRACTORS	1250.00	1250.00	60433	CONTRACTUAL - BAND PERFORMANCE
03/31/2023	1028	TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE	SW/CONTRACTUAL SERV	1000.00	1000.00	60434	SW MEETING EVENT
03/31/2023	504	TODDCO, INC.	FD/BLDG-GROUND	180.00	180.00	60435	MATERIALS & LABOR FOR DRAINLINE
03/31/2023	700	INDIANA AMERICAN WATER	FD/WATER	506.92	506.92	60436	WATER SERVICE FOR STATION #71
03/31/2023	700	INDIANA AMERICAN WATER	FD/WATER	62.61	62.61	60437	SPRINKLER SYSTEM @ ST #71
03/31/2023	902	AT&T MOBILITY	FD/TELEPHONE	31.24	31.24	60438	E7011 MIFI
03/31/2023	133	THE TIMES LEE NEWSPAPER	GENERAL/LEGAL NOTICES	267.23	267.23	60439	2022 TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE
03/31/2023	551	MONROE PEST CONTROL INC.	FD/CONTRACTUAL	172.00	172.00	60440	MONTHLY PEST CONTROL AT STATION
03/31/2023	1600	PAYROLL FUND	GENERAL/TC PRESIDENT	58993.92	58993.92	60441	TC-Tn Council President
03/28/2023	739	CENTIER BANK	PAYROLL - NET SALARIES	23930.98	23930.98	147557	NET SALARIES FOR 3/24/2023 PD
03/28/2023	739	CENTIER BANK	PAYROLL - FEDERAL	3483.61	3483.61	147558	941 AUTO DEBIT 3/24/23 PD CLOTHING
03/31/2023	739	CENTIER BANK	PAYROLL - NET SALARIES	289289.09	289289.09	147655	NET SALARIES FOR 3/31/2023 PAYDAY
03/31/2023	739	CENTIER BANK	PAYROLL - FEDERAL	69280.41	69280.41	147657	941 AUTO/DEBIT 3/31/23 PAYDAY
03/31/2023	917	INDIANA CHILD SUPPORT	PAYROLL - COURT	2009.82	2009.82	147658	CHILD SUPPORT FOR 3/31/23 PAYDAY
04/05/2023	50	THE BANK OF NEW YORK	SW/SUBS & DUES	500.00	500.00	147675	ADMIN AGENT FEE 2023
03/31/2023	739	CENTIER BANK	PAYROLL - FEDERAL	2431.11	2431.11	147685	941 AUTO/DEBIT 3/31/23 PAYDAY
03/31/2023	739	CENTIER BANK	PAYROLL - FEDERAL	4765.38	4765.38	147686	945 AUTO DEBIT FOR 3/31/23 EOM
03/31/2023	739	CENTIER BANK	PAYROLL - NET SALARIES	49157.12	49157.12	147687	NET SALARIES FOR 3/31/23 EOM
		Checks: 0- 147687		1257112.79	1054671.21		





**Town of Merrillville**  
**Town Council Meeting Minutes**  
**March 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 Vice-President Hardaway.

**ROLL CALL** -- Roll Call was taken by Office Manager Whiteside.

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 (7) Present

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

**Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Contract Signing**

President Bella called up President Davidson-Dugan of the FOP, Secretary Irvin of the FOP, Merrillville Police Chief Nuses, Councilman Minchuk Chairman of Public Safety, Attorney Svetanoff Town Council, and Attorney Dowling FOP Labor Council

Attorney Svetanoff informed the council and audience that the Fraternal Order of Police and the Town of Merrillville has successfully negotiated a collective bargaining agreement. The negotiations went smoothly between both parties.

Attorney Svetanoff also stated that Councilman Minchuk did a lot of work on the contract, and this should be a very proud moment in the Town's history. The contract is for three years and makes sure both entities are protected on the streets and protected in terms of a contractual view.

Attorney Svetanoff stated at this time he fully endorses the contract being signed tonight.

Attorney Dowling stated that he is happy to report that this year we got a three-year contract done which is very important.

President Bella elaborated on working with the FOP and the contract.

**Letter from Town Engineering Administrator Steve King recommending approval of CORE payment #5 for the Town's Conference Room.**

Town Engineering Administrator Steven King informed the council that he reviewed the December 2022 billing for the work completed in the Town Hall conference room and concurs with Core Construction's recommendation on approving payment for application number 5 to the vendors listed in the total amount of \$6,760.43.

A motion was made by Councilman Pettit to approve application #5, seconded by Vice-President Hardaway.

President Bella stated that this payment should complete the work done on the conference room, and thanked the Redevelopment Commission for paying for the work that was done.

No further questions or comments from the council.

Motion carries by voice vote 7-0.

**Letter from Town Engineering Administrator Steve King recommending approval of First Group Engineering for the Community Crossing Grant Project**

Town Engineering Administrator Steve King informed the council that on May 7, 2022 bids were opened for the Community Crossing Project. Milestone Contractors North was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder at \$1,142,824.50. Fifty percent of that amount will come from our Community Crossing Grant. The other fifty percent will be funded out of our Wheel Tax Revenue.

Town Engineering Administrator Steve King also informed the council about the three projects listed. The 86<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Merrillville Road to McKinley Street, the Broadway Frontage Roads, the East Side from East 84<sup>th</sup> Place to 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue, and the West Side from 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to two hundred feet south of 89<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He recommends that we approve the contract for Milestone.

A motion was made by Councilman Pettit to approve the Community Crossing Grant Project, seconded by Councilwoman Uzelac.

Councilman White informed the council that he is constantly seeing Wheel Tax being used, but none of it is coming up north. He is getting complaints about the streets in Ward 7 but is constantly seeing multi-million dollars being spent in other areas.

Councilman White also stated he would like to support the council in these other areas, but there hasn't been any for Ward 7. The support has been minimal at best.

Councilman White elaborated on the complaints of his constituents in Ward 7 regarding how the Wheel Tax Funding is being spent in other Wards, but not in Ward 7.

Councilman Spann stated he agrees with Councilman White that other Wards don't get the same consideration regarding the Wheel Tax Funding.

No further questions or comments from the council.

Motion carries by roll call vote 5-2

President Bella asked Town Engineering Administrator Steve King to prepare a list of where grant funds have been spent over the last three years.

Councilman White stated that he had requested the information from Town Manager Reardon and is still waiting to receive the information.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Accts. Payable Register Voucher Approval for March 28, 2023.  
Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2023.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Uzelac to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman Pettit,

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 no report at this time.

**COUNCIL AFFAIRS- PETTIT** – Councilman Pettit informed the council that he has no report at this time.

**STREET DEPARTMENT- MINCHUK** – Councilman Minchuk informed the council that a few items came up in the workshop that will be discussed at the next meeting.

**ELECTIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS, & TOWN BEAUTIFICATION-PETTIT**- Councilman Pettit informed the council that every second Saturday in May mail carriers and more than ten thousand cities and towns across America participates in the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) Stamp Out Hungry national food drive. This is the largest one-day food drive in the nation led by letter carriers represented by the NALC AFL-CIO with help from rural letter carriers and other postal employees and other volunteers. The drive has delivered more than one billion pounds of food in the past 25 years. Carriers collect non-perishable food donations left by mailboxes and in post offices. The non-perishable items are delivered to Local Community Food Banks pantries and shelters in approximately 1,500 NHLC branches in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

Councilman Pettit also informed the council that the United States Postal Service, National Association of Letter Carriers, National Rural Letter Carriers Association, AFL-CIO United Way, Valasis Valpak Direct Marketing Systems, CVS Health, Kellogg's, United Food and Commercial Workers International Union are all supporting this year's Stamp Out Hunger food drive. If you would like to donate, you can place a box or can of non-perishable food next to your mailbox before your letter carriers deliver mail on the second Saturday in May. The carrier will do the rest. The food is sorted and delivered to an area food bank or pantry where it is available for needy families.

Councilman Pettit informed the council and audience that one in eight Americans face hunger every day in the United States and this is one way you can help those in your city or town who need help.

President Bella asked Brandi Shaw a mail carrier for the Town of Merrillville to elaborate more on the food drive.

Councilman Pettit informed the council that the Town has banners regarding the food drive and asked Town Engineering Administrator Steven King to check on it with INDOT.

Town Engineering Administrator Steven King stated that the Town has all kinds of banners.

Councilman Pettit stated that Lamar is committing to advertising space for the food drive and the information will be posted on the digital billboard throughout the Town.

President Bella stated that the artwork will be shared with area business that operates the digital signs in the Town because businesses have agreed to put Town messages on their billboards.

President Bella also stated that a Proclamation will be presented at the next Town Council meeting declaring the pickup date and the times for residents to participate in the food drive.

Vice-President Hardaway informed Town Engineering Administrator Steven King that if the banners can't be found work with President Bella to get new banners.

**ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS- WHITE** - Councilman White informed the council that according to the Center for Disease Control, the level is still low for Lake County.

Councilman White also stated that we need to start planning for the next pandemic. According to International Researchers, the spread of the virus was traced back to a raccoon dog. All he can say is to stay strong and keep vaccinated.

**PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS – HARDAWAY**- Vice-President Hardaway asked Councilman Pettit to call an Executive Session with the Community Center and Personnel Committees to discuss staff.

Councilman Pettit asked about the date.

Vice-President Hardaway stated it will be next Tuesday.

**PUBLIC SAFETY- MINCHUK**- Councilman Minchuk informed the council that Ordinance 23-13 is coming up on the agenda and he will give his report at that time.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-PETTIT** – Councilman Pettit informed the council that he has nothing to report at this time.

**PARKS & RECREATION- UZELAC** – Councilwoman Uzelac informed the council that she has no report at this time, but the parks are being kept in order by Public Works. The Parks are all clean and the children are more than welcome to use them at this time.

**ABANDONED-BLIGHTED PROPERTIES-HARDAWAY** – Vice-President Hardaway informed the council that he has nothing to report at this time.

**DEAN & BARBARA WHITE COMMUNITY CENTER-MINCHUK & PETTIT** – Councilman Pettit informed the council that he has nothing to report at this time.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS (F & B TAX, DIVERSITY, 4<sup>TH</sup> of JULY CELEBRATION-HARDAWAY** - Vice-President Hardaway informed the council that the Juneteenth Committee met last week on Thursday, March 23, 2023, and will meet again on Thursday, March 30, 2023, at noon.

Vice-President Hardaway also stated that anyone from the community who is interested in serving on the committee is welcome to come to the meeting at Town Hall at noon.

Councilman White asked the council if there was an update on the Diversity Committee.

President Bella stated there is no update at this time. He and Vice-President are currently in discussion with a retired school teacher who helped the Town in the past with special programs. When the information is available, they will update the council.

Councilman White stated he just wanted to know about updates and be informed in the future.

President Bella stated that the council will be updated.

### **DEPARTMENT & COMMISSION REPORTS**

**LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT-WHITE** – Councilman White informed the council that a meeting was held. One of the topics that came up was paying \$188,000 for damages that happened at Solid Waste District. A check for \$188,000.00 was issued to Solid Waste District and repairs are in progress.

Councilman White also informed the council that a personnel issue came up at the meeting. A resolution was discussed to amend the Personnel Manual. Councilman White stated he didn't think there was enough information for this to happen and asked that the resolution be tabled. Solid Waste District did table the resolution and sent additional information to the members. The resolution will be on the agenda for the next meeting and Councilman White will give his approval.

**NORTHERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION-HARDAWAY** – Vice-President Hardaway informed the council that he has nothing to report at this time.

**STORMWATER MANAGEMENT RESOURCES-LAKE** – Director Lake informed the council that the CRS five-year cycle visit had occurred. It was a mountain of paperwork, and he will be submitting it online to FEME. FEME will review it and let the Town know if additional information is needed.

Director Lake also informed the council that the annual MS report for IDM is being finalized to stay in compliance.

Director Lake informed the council that we received the \$144,000.00 for our Community Development Block Grant for Marcella Road.

Director Lake elaborated on other ongoing projects.

Councilman White informed the council that the constituents in Ward 7 are emailing him regarding the drainage issue in the ward. Councilman White also asked do he need to make a motion to receive funding to resolve this issue in his ward.

President Bella informed Councilman White to attend one of the board meetings for the Stormwater Management District because the decision for funding can't be made by the council.

Councilman White asked Director Lake about the next meeting.

Director Lake informed Councilman White that the meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month.

Councilman White stated he would attend the next board meeting.

**SOUTHSHORE VISITORS AND CONVENTION AUTHORITY** – Town Manager Reardon informed the council that two weeks ago the Southshore Convention Visitors Authority hosted a meeting in Crown Point under the new President and CEO Uran. The featured speaker was Senator Milton who reference

the food and beverage tax, but focus on the Convention Center. Senator Milton did a great job in his presentation and answered a lot of questions.

Town Manager Reardon informed the council that he came away from the meeting with two ideas.

1. The decision as to where a Convention Center would go is very competitive. There are a lot of criteria that communities will need to meet about and that fact alone will rule out many communities county-wide.
2. There is a discussion among the board members with South Shore to take this study which is about two to three years old and update it. Councilman Pettit stated that the study is older than three years. It was done before the pandemic. Town Manager Reardon also stated there is a lot of very important information in the study that would help guide us in the decision.

Town Manager Reardon informed the council they can look for circulars and publications of upcoming events at the Chambers and Authority.

**FIRE TERRITORY BOARD-MINCHUK** – Councilman Minchuk informed the council that there are no meetings scheduled.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS/TOWN MANAGER**

-Director Shine informed the council that with spring arriving she is informing the residents of the importance of pulling a permit when they are getting work done on their homes. She also stated that residents must be wary of giving down payments to contractors by checking with the Building and Planning Department that the contractor is licensed in the Town of Merrillville. There are many situations where down payments were given, and the contractors don't return to do the work. Unfortunately, when the residents call us, we have to inform them that the contractor wasn't licensed by the Town of Merrillville.

Director Shine reiterated to the council and audience to call the Building and Planning Department before your sign paperwork or work begins on your property.

-Town Engineering Administrator Steven King informed the council that the spring cleanup is coming up and the newsletter has gone out to residents. The leaf collection will begin the week of April 10<sup>th</sup> all Merrillville residents who live north of 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue will be picked up that week. The residents south of 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue will be picked up the week of April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Town Engineering Administrator Steven King also informed the council there will only be one pick-up due to the demands on staff. Residents can also bring leaves and branches to the facility at 5750 Tyler Monday through Friday from 7:15 am to 2:45 pm. There will also be dumpsters available during Spring Cleanup located at 13 West 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue this is the Street Department Facility. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday 7:15 am to 2:45 pm and Saturday from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. The dumpsters are located in the back, and we ask that you bring a driver's license and have Indiana plates on your car.

Town Engineering Administrator Steven King informed the council that there are a lot of problems with speeders that he and Chief Nuses have heard about in the Town. He has scheduled a meeting with Mr. Jim Entwistle from Traffic Logix on April 4<sup>th</sup>. He encouraged the council and audience to call with any traffic problem areas.

Town Engineering Administrator Steven King elaborated on Foreman Tracy Ryan.

-Chief Nuses informed the council of two announcements from his department.

1) The Police Department has gone live with online reporting. If you have an incident to report, you can report it online instead of coming into the station. The online system is a smartphone and PC friendly. The Police Department is working on getting a tablet outside to have a kiosk in front of the police station so those who do not have a phone, smartphone, or computer can have access to the online reporting system.

Chief Nuses also stated that the Police Department is also working on getting QR Codes. QR Codes are little bar codes that you can scan with a smartphone, and it takes you to the actual reporting site via a link. We are going to get business cards and hand them out to residents. Chief Nuses stated that this has been a long time coming to the Town and thanked Assistant Chief Gonzalez for bringing the vision to completion.

2) Chief Nuses informed the council that his department is working on setting up a meet-and-greet workshop with the police and citizens of Merrillville in late spring or early summer. The intention of this is to meet the people of Merrillville and let them know who the Police Officers are in the community.

Councilman White informed the council that he would like to thank Chief Nuses for the improvements he sees in the Town of Merrillville.

Councilman Spann also thanked Chief Nuses.

-Director Price informed the council that the Dean and Barbara White Community Center hosted the United States State of Indiana gymnastics competition this past weekend on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The MMA fight was also hosted at the Community Center. Both events brought in large crowds and the performances were amazing.

Director Price also stated this spring weather permitting his department is looking forward to getting more lawns mown.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

### **A. Ordinances**

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

##### **Ordinance 23-13 (Discussion and Roll Vote)**

An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, Appropriation Additional Monies Within the Various Fire Protection Territory Funds for the Year 2023 Not Include in the Current Budget.

Councilman Minchuk informed the council that he had a conversation with Assistant Chief Lilley regarding one of their ladder trucks that had an unexpected repair that was very costly.

Councilman Minchuk made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-13 on first reading, seconded by Vice-President Hardaway.

President Bella asked Financial Advisor Hudson did she have anything to add.

Financial Advisor Hudson stated that Mr. Cender is the Financial Advisor to the Fire Department. This resolution was prepared directly by their staff, and Councilman Minchuk has all information to provide to the council.

Councilman Minchuk stated that the ordinance is in order.

Councilman Pettit asked Financial Advisor Hudson and Attorney Svetanoff can the council suspend after the first reading to get the repair paid.

Financial Advisor Hudson stated that we have to advertise the additional appropriation.

Councilman White asked how much the repair cost.

President Bella stated 75,000.00 and this additional appropriation will replenish the repair fund.

No further questions or comments from the council.

Motion carries by roll call vote 7-0,

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

None

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

##### **Resolutions 23-08 (Discussion and Voice Vote)**

A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, Transferring Monies Within the 2023 Budget – General Fund, Dept.2, And Dept. 7 and Within the 2023 Budget-Parks Non-Reverting Fund

President Bella asked Financial Advisor Hudson to give an overview of Resolutions 23-08.

Financial Advisor Hudson informed the council that the budget had been set up so that the IT Director which was hopeful in the fall to have been hired by January would be paid as an employee from the payroll lines in the 100 series. This is the same with the Content Manager in the fall it had been budgeted as a payroll line item. The people who currently provide these services to the Town act as contractors not actual employees of the Town.

Financial Advisor Hudson also stated that it makes more sense for each of them to be paid out of their contractual line items by transferring funds. She also elaborated on Resolution 23-08

President Bella asked Office Manager Whiteside did she have anything to add.

Office Manager Whiteside stated she has nothing to add at this time.

Councilman Pettit made a motion to approve Resolution 23-08, seconded by Councilwoman Uzelac.

No further questions or comments from the council.

Motion carries by voice vote 7-0.

***C. American Rescue Plan***

**AP Voucher Register Summary for ARP Purchases for March 14, 2023**

Vice-President Hardaway made a motion to approve ARP Purchases for March 14, 2023, to correct the record, seconded by Councilman Pettit.

Councilman White apologized for causing the council to go off the topic resulting in no vote being taken.

Councilman White asked the council if any American Rescue Plan funds would be available to complete a study on the Black Maternity Death Rate in Northwest Indiana.

President Bella suggested that Councilman White contact the Lake County Health Department for the statistics regarding the issue.

Councilman White stated that he will and thanked President Bella for the suggestion.

No further questions or comments from the council.

Motion carries by voice vote 7-0.

**AP Voucher Register Summary for ARP Purchases for March 28, 2023**

Vice-President Hardaway informed the council that the ARP Voucher summary is \$28,296.50.

Vice-President Hardaway made a motion to approve ARP purchases for \$28,296.50, seconded by Councilman Pettit.

No further questions or comments from the council.

Motion carries by voice vote 7-0.

***D. BZA & LARGE GATHERING ACTIONS***

None

***NEW BUSINESS***

Councilman White informed the council that he would like to make a statement to the audience.

Councilman White elaborated to the audience on his lack of votes from his white colleagues when it comes to committees and stipends.

President Bella informed Councilman White this isn't about race but his lack of interest.

Councilman White informed the council and audience that he is speaking facts.

***OLD BUSINESS***

None

***SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS***

None

***ANNOUNCEMENTS:***

- Plan Commission Workshop April 4th at 6:30 pm
- Town Council Meeting April 11th, 2023, at 6:30 pm

***ADJOURNMENT:***

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

Meeting Adjourned.

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***Rick Bella, President***

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***Kelly White Gibson, Clerk-Treasurer***

***Minutes Submitted By Angela Lewis***



ORDINANCE NO. 23-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA,  
AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2023 BUDGET  
- GENERAL FUND, DEPT. 6  
AND, AUTHORIZING A REDUCTION OF APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2023 BUDGET -  
PARKS NON-REVERTING FUND

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was originally appropriated in the annual budget in the General Fund, Parks Department, of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council is aware that the General Fund currently holds a sufficient cash balance; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the Parks Non-Reverting Fund was budgeted in excess of need; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to reduce the appropriated amounts to those more in line with operational expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, that it is hereby provided and ordered for the expenses of the taxing unit, the following:

An additional sum of money is appropriated out of the fund named, subject to laws governing the same:

	ADDITIONAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	ADDITIONAL AMOUNT APPROVED BY FISCAL BODY
<u>Fund 1101: GENERAL FUND, DEPT. 6</u>		
1101006142 PARKS/MAINTENANCE CREW	\$ 45,978.00	\$ 45,978.00
Total for GENERAL FUND	\$ 45,978.00	\$ 45,978.00

A reduction of appropriation out of the fund named, subject to laws governing the same:

<u>Fund 2211: PARKS NON-REVERTING FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF REDUCTION</u>
2211010120 PNR/FRONT DESK SUPERVISO	\$ 78,203.00
2211010153 PNR/LABORER	25,000.00
2211010154 PNR/FINANCE	30,000.00
2211010182 PNR/SOCIAL SECURITY	57,776.00
2211010334 PNR/EVENTS	189,215.00
2211010394 PNR/CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	50,000.00
2211011132 PNR/REC SUPERVISOR (P-T)	21,000.00
2211011133 PNR/PART TIME STAFF	15,000.00
2211011396 PNR/SUB-CONTRACTORS	100,000.00
2211012130 PNR/RECREATION COORDINATOR	5,000.00
2211012396 PNR/SUB-CONTRACTORS	85,000.00
2211013130 PNR/RECREATION COORDINATOR	25,000.00
2211013132 PNR/REC SUPERVISOR (P-T)	42,000.00
2211013140 PNR/EVENT CENTER MNGR	14,000.00
2211014132 PNR/REC SUPERVISOR (P-T)	5,000.00
2211014133 PNR/PART TIME STAFF	75,000.00
2211014396 PNR/SUB-CONTRACTORS	45,000.00
2211015396 PNR/SUB-CONTRACTORS	45,000.00
Total Reduction for PARKS NON-REVERTING FUND	\$ 907,194.00

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Ordinance No. 23-12

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rick Bella, Council President  
Ward 5

\_\_\_\_\_  
Marge Uzelac, Councilwoman  
Ward 4

\_\_\_\_\_  
Don Spann, Councilman  
Ward 1

\_\_\_\_\_  
Shawn Pettit, Councilman  
Ward 6

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Richard Hardaway, Vice President  
Ward 2

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Leonard White, Councilman  
Ward 7

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeff Minchuk, Councilman  
Ward 3

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kelly White-Gibson  
Clerk-Treasurer

**ORDINANCE NO: 23-13**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA  
APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONIES WITHIN THE VARIOUS FIRE PROTECTION  
TERRITORY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 2023 NOT INCLUDED IN THE CURRENT BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists for the expenditure of money, and

**WHEREAS**, the following sums were not included in the 2023 various Fire Protection Territory Funds, and

**WHEREAS**, it has become indispensably necessary in the Fire Protection Territory Funds, in order to provide for the payment of certain obligations and contractual services, to appropriate additional monies to support the 2023 Budget, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana believes it is necessary and prudent to provide for the additional appropriations,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, that there is hereby appropriated and ordered funds to pay and defray expenses for the calendar year 2023, and for the purpose herein specified, the following sums:

<u>APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2243010361 - FD/Repair Parts	\$75,000.00

**DULY ADOPTED AND ORDAINED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 BY THE TOWN OF  
MERRILLVILLE TOWN COUNCIL, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA.**

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Rick Bella, President

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Margaret Uzelac

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Donald Spann

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Shawn Michael Pettit

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Richard Hardaway

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Leonard White

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Jeffery Minchuk

ATTEST:

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Kelly White Gibson, Clerk-Treasurer

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-10  
TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA,  
AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF MONIES WITHIN THE FUNDS OF  
THE PARKS DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, it is the established framework for the financing of the Dean and Barbara White Community Center that donations will be deposited in Fund 2360, Community Center Gift Fund, for holding until such time as they become necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council recognizes there is a need for additional operating revenue to cover expected expenditures which have become necessary at the Dean and Barbara White Community Center; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to fund these expected expenditures with monies from Fund 2360; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA**, that the following Transfer occur:

	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Fund 2360: Community Center Gift Fund	\$ 500,000	
Fund 2211: Parks Non-Reverting		\$ 500,000

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage. DULY ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Rick Bella, Council President  
Ward 5

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Margaret Uzelac, Councilwoman  
Ward 4

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Don Spann, Councilman  
Ward 1

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Shawn Pettit, Councilman  
Ward 6

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Richard Hardaway, Vice-President  
Ward 2

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Leonard White, Councilman  
Ward 7

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Jeff Minchuk, Councilman  
Ward 3

ATTEST:

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Kelly White-Gibson  
Clerk-Treasurer

**RESOLUTION 23-11  
TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA,**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA,  
TRANSFERRING MONIES WITHIN THE 2023 BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, within the appropriation of funds for the year 2023, there is a need to transfer certain monies within the 2023 Budget,

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA**, that the following transfer of appropriations be approved:

	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>		
1101007399    General/Town Admin	\$ 36,585.00	
1101010143    General/Code Enfnt Asst		\$ 3,237.00
1101010144    General/PT Code Enfnt		30,748.00
1101010182    General/Code Enfnt Soc Sec		<u>\$ 2,600.00</u>
	\$ 36,585.00	\$ 36,585.00

DULY ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of APRIL, 2023.

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Richard Hardaway, Vice-President  
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Leonard White, Councilman  
Ward 7

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Jeff Minchuk, Councilman  
Ward 3

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kelly White-Gibson  
Clerk-Treasurer

**RESOLUTION 23-12  
TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA,  
TRANSFERRING MONIES WITHIN THE 2023 BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, within the appropriation of funds for the year 2023, there is a need to transfer certain monies within the 2023 Budget,

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA**, that the following transfer of appropriations be approved:

	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
<u>ARP FUND – REVENUE REPLACEMENT</u>		
2403006399    ARP/Revenue Replacement	\$ 268,570.00	
2403006453    ARP/Other Equipment		\$ 268,570.00

DULY ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of APRIL, 2023.

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Jeff Minchuk, Councilman  
Ward 3

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kelly White-Gibson  
Clerk-Treasurer



# ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHER REGISTER SUMMARY

## TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE

GOVERNMENTAL UNIT

AGENCY

APV Register Batch - ARP APRIL 11, 2023 TC MEETING

NOTES:(1) Use both sides of the form if needed. Signatures of governing board should appear only on the final page of each meeting in which accounts payable vouchers are allowed.  
(2) The Memorandum is for entering action on accounts payable vouchers if disallowed in whole or in part, if continue to a later meeting of governing board, or for other pertinent information.

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Check Date	Vendor	Name of Claimant	Office Department	Amount of Voucher	Amount Allowed	Warrant	Check/ Memorandum (See Note (2) Above)
/ /	637	DENNIS J DOBROLECKI	ARP/BLDG MAINT	600.00			03/20/23-04/01/23
/ /	1171	DLZ	ARP/CONTRACTUAL	675.00			SW KAISER DITCH EAST TRIB CLVT
/ /	1107	KENNETH WOODSIDE	ARP/BLDG MAINT	850.00			03/20/23 4/1/2023
/ /	345	RAY TRISTAIN	ARP/BLDG MAINT	675.00			03/20/23 - 04/01/2023
/ /	41	RDG PLANNING & DESIGN INC	ARP/CONTRACTUAL	2162.25			MASTER PLAN PROFFESIONAL
/ /	1821	ROBINSON ENGINEERING	ARP/CONTRACTUAL	1029.00			SW PROF SERVICES- INDEP ST & 75TH
		Checks: 0 - 0		5991.25			