

**Town of Merrillville  
Town Council Agenda  
Municipal Complex**

**October 10, 2023 6:30 P.M.**

- 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**
  - Swearing in New Patrolman Kraig Caridine
- 6. Consent Agenda**

Accts. Payable Register Voucher Approval for October 10, 2023  
Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2023  
Approval of Budget Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2023  
Approval of ARP Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2023
- 7. Standing & Special Committees Reports**
  - A. Budget & Finance** – Chair Mr. Hardaway  
*Members Mr. Pettit, Mr. Minchuk*
  - B. Council Affairs** – Chair Mr. Pettit  
*Members Mr. Minchuk, Mrs. Uzelac*
  - C. Street Department** – Chair Mr. Minchuk  
*Members Mrs. Uzelac, Mrs. Neal*
  - D. Elections, Public Relations, Town Beautification** – Chair Mrs. Neal  
*Members Mr. Hardaway, Mr. Minchuk*
  - E. Environmental Affairs** – Chair Mr. White  
*Member Mrs. Uzelac, Mrs. Neal*
  - F. Personnel Policy & Employee Benefits** – Chair Mr. Hardaway  
*Members Mrs. Uzelac, Mr. Pettit*
  - G. Public Safety** – Chair Mr. Minchuk  
*Members Mrs. Uzelac, Mrs. Neal*
  - H. Economic Development** – Chair Mr. Pettit  
*Members Mr. Hardaway, Mr. Minchuk, Deann Patena, Jennifer Doffin*
  - I. Parks & Recreation** – Chair Mrs. Uzelac  
*Member Mr. White, Mrs. Neal*
  - J. Abandoned-Blighted Properties** – Chair Mr. Hardaway  
*Members Vicki Bunnell, Adra Breclaw-Csanyi*
  - K. Dean & Barbara White Community Center**-Chair Mr. Pettit  
*Member Mr. White, Mr. Minchuk*
  - L. Special Projects (F & B Tax, Diversity, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration)**  
*Chair 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

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- C. Stormwater Management Resources-** Director Matt Lake
- D. Southshore Visitors and Convention Authority.** – Deann Petena will report when there is news to share.
- E. Fire Territory Board-** Mr. Minchuk & Mrs. Neal
- F. Department Reports/Interim Town Mgr.**–Department Directors/Michael Griffin

## 9. General Orders

### A. Ordinances

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

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

**Ordinance 23-23 (Discussion, Public Comment and Roll Call 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 Included in the Current Budget.**

**Ordinance 23-24 (Discussion, Public Comment and Roll Call Vote)**

The Town of Merrillville Budget and Notice to Tax Payers for the 2024 Budget Year.

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

**Resolution 23-34 (Discussion and Voice Vote)**

**Resolution 20-01 (Discussion and Voice Vote)**  
A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, Transferring Appropriations Within the 2023 Budget of the General Fund.

## 10. American Rescue Plan

- AP Voucher Register Summary for ARP Purchases for October 10, 2023

## 11. BZA & LARGE GATHERING ACTIONS

**Petitioner:** Town of Merrillville

**Owner:** Town of Merrillville

**Request:** Variance of Use Approval

**Purpose:** To Allow an LED Message Center

**Location:** 13 West 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave

**Zoning:** C-2, Community Commercial Zoning District

## 12. Old Business

### 13. New Business

## 14. Special Presentations

**15. Public Comment:** Please state your name & address for the record and limit your comment to three (3) minutes.

## 16. Announcements

- RDC Meeting October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm
- Town Council Meeting October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm
- Trunk or Treat October 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

## 17. Adjournment

# ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHER REGISTER SUMMARY

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APV Register Batch - OCTOBER 10, 2023 TC MEETING

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//	381	LEVIN TIRE CENTER OF	GENERAL/TIRES	787.30			1 TIRE #210
//	1153	WISCONSIN QUICK LUBE, INC.	GENERAL/REPAIRS TO	48.97			OIL CHANGE #JGB92090
//	314	9275 INCORPORATED	POLICE EQUIP/REPAIRS	2376.67			WATER PUMP, TIMING CHAIN, PURGE
//	381	LEVIN TIRE CENTER OF	GENERAL/TIRES	684.60			NEW TIRES 406 (4)
//	1153	WISCONSIN QUICK LUBE, INC.	GENERAL/REPAIRS TO	71.97			OIL CHANGE #LGA83196
//	314	9275 INCORPORATED	POLICE EQUIP/REPAIRS	1757.00			BRAKES, ROTORS #294 MC697449
//	721	ADVANCE AUTO PART	FD/REPAIR PARTS	52.57			ROTELLA 15W40 FOR #7001
//	723	AMERICAN WORKING DOGS,	POLICE DONAT/OTHER	50.00			K9 BLUE NARC CERT (WASNT ON
//	381	LEVIN TIRE CENTER OF	GENERAL/REPAIRS TO	714.60			TIRE PATCH #123
//	1153	WISCONSIN QUICK LUBE, INC.	GENERAL/REPAIRS TO	119.85			OIL CHANGE #334 KEA43779
//	314	9275 INCORPORATED	POLICE EQUIP/REPAIRS	1157.82			WHEEL BEARING REAR #422 JGB90090
//	721	ADVANCE AUTO PART	FD/REPAIR PARTS	86.23			OOIL FILTER, FUEL ELEMENT & 15W40
//	723	AMERICAN WORKING DOGS,	POLICE DONAT/OTHER	150.00			RECERT FOR K9 GOOSE
//	867	BAKOS AND RICHARDS	GENERAL/CONTRACTUAL	219.52			OFFICE DOWNLOAD
//	889	CSTONGIA TRACTOR/JOHN	LRS/REPAIR PARTS	1200.00			PARTS
//	372	CROSSROADS GLASS AND	GENERAL/REPAIRS TO	50.00			WINDSHIELD REPAIR ME279
//	21	JOE E. FISH	SW/REPAIRS TO	29.99			SW CREW CARWASH AUTO
//	237	LAFAYETTE WAREHOUSE INC.	GENERAL/REPAIRS TO	397.14			BRAKES & ROTORS #147
//	381	LEVIN TIRE CENTER OF	GENERAL/REPAIRS TO	678.00			TIRE PATCH #MC697448
//	212	MEDTECH FORENSICS, INC.	GENERAL/FREIGHT	56.00			SHIPPING
//	1315	MENARDS	FD/BUILDING SUPPLIES	113.37			MISC SUPPLIES
//	232	NEXTHILL CAPITAL	GENERAL/CLOTHING	330.00			#380'S UNIFORMS
//	262	THE TRANZONIC COMPANIES	GENERAL/FREIGHT	27.67			SHIPPING
//	1153	WISCONSIN QUICK LUBE, INC.	GENERAL/REPAIRS TO	165.44			OIL CHANGE #PC591899
//	314	9275 INCORPORATED	GENERAL/REPAIRS TO	3605.95			BRAKES & ROTORS #210
//	129	ACE HARDWARE	SW/DRAINAGE SUPPLIES	47.07			SW MISC HILLMAN NUTS/BOLTS,
//	168	ACME PRINT COPY DESIGN	GENERAL/STATIONERY &	327.00			WINDOW ENVELOPES-KWG
//	721	ADVANCE AUTO PART	FD/REPAIR PARTS	6.29			OIL FILTER FOR #7421
//	1234	ALL PHASE ELECTRIC SUPPLY	LRS/STOP & STREET	170.80			MIDGET FUSE
//	723	AMERICAN WORKING DOGS,	POLICE DONAT/OTHER	150.00			CERT FOR K9 YAGA
//	867	BAKOS AND RICHARDS	GENERAL/CONT SVCS IT	875.00			CLERKS WIRING
//	210	BUTLER, FAIRMAN &	WHEEL TAX	3750.00			ENGINEERING FEES
//	355	CENDER/DALTON	FD/ACCOUNTING FEES	7903.75			PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR
//	1071	CHUCK'S COMPRESSORS INC.	FD/REPAIR PARTS	250.00			AIR QUALITY TEST, LABOR & TRAVEL
//	667	CINTAS	GENERAL/CONTRACTUAL	92.57			MED CABINET REFILL CONTRACT
//	959	COMMUNITY CARE NETWORK	GENERAL/TOWN ADMIN	35.00			NEW EMPLOYEE DRUG TESTING
//	372	CROSSROADS GLASS AND	GENERAL/FREIGHT	315.00			AUTO GLASS REPLACEMENT ME331
//	93	CROSSROADS REGIONAL	GENERAL/TOWN	2500.00			GALA TABLES 2023
//	662	DAVID ANTHONY DEGARD	PNR/SECURITY	280.00			SECURITY
//	364	DAVID BARRON	PNR/SECURITY	245.00			SECURITY

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//	352	DINGES PARTNERS GROUP	CUML FIRE	14864.00			WORKING FIRE VALVES, VORTEX
//	936	GARY SANITARY DISTRICT	GENERAL/SEWER USER	0.85			REMAINING BALANCE GARY NORTH
//	722	GATEWAY BUSINESS	GENERAL/EQUIP. MTCE.	1163.00			COPIER MAINT. 9/12/2023 - 3/11/2024
//	383	GFL ENVIRONMENTAL	LRS/OIL	29.99			PICKED UP USED OIL FILTERS
//	1218	H-FIT OCCUPATIONAL	LRS/CDL PHYSICALS	470.00			RANDOMS, WINTERS, NILES, &
//	379	HWC ENGINEERING	WHEEL TAX	675.00			LANDSCAPE MATERIAL/LABOR
//	1102	IAN FULTZ	PNR/SECURITY	140.00			SECURITY
//	378	INDIANA GROCERY GROUP,	GENERAL/OTHER	13.66			WATER
//	64	INDIANA OFFICE OF	GENERAL/IDACS	221.20			IT SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF
//	903	IUPPS	LRS/CONTRACTUAL	0.20			APRIL SHORT ON INVOICE
//	179	JEFF JURCAK	FD/WEELNESS PROGRAM	307.00			GYM MEMBERSHIP REIMBURSEMENT
//	21	JOE E. FISH	SW/REPAIRS TO	29.99			SW CREW CARWASH AUTO
//	237	LAFAYETTE WAREHOUSE INC.	GENERAL/REPAIR PARTS	1731.58			BATTERY FOR 379'S CAR
//	381	LEVIN TIRE CENTER OF	GENERAL/TIRES	709.70			TIRE REPLACEMENT #123
//	99	MACQUEEN EMERGENCY	CUML FIRE EQPT/OTHER	2910.17			ROPE RESCUE & ACCESSORIES
//	212	MEDTECH FORENSICS, INC.	GENERAL/B OF I SUPPLIES	356.14			EVIDENCE SUPPLIES
//	1315	MENARDS	FD/BUILDING SUPPLIES	302.14			MISC SUPPLIES
//	1320	MIDWESTERN ELECTRIC LLC	LRS/CONTRACTUAL	242.58			73RD & WHITCOMB, 93RD & MERR RD,
//	2303	MILESTONE	MVRESTRICTED/HOTASPH	1888.36			9.5 COMM #12 SURFACE 64
//	1380	MCCANN INDUSTRIES, INC.	SW/DRAINAGE SUPPLIES	80.58			SW POINT FLARED
//	147	NATIONAL HOSE TESTING	FD/CONTRACTUAL	7623.00			2023 FIRE HOSE TESTING
//	367	NEXTECH SOLUTIONS	PK IMP/PK IMPROVEMENT	2618.00			PARK IMPROVEMENT
//	232	NEXTHILL CAPITAL	GENERAL/CLOTHING	294.00			NEW HIRE UNIFORMS #432
//	653	NICK BERZAC	PNR/SECURITY	175.00			SECURITY
//	585	NWI EMERGENCY	POLICE EQUIP/REPAIRS	2935.00			UPFIT NEW CAR
//	169	PERFORMANCE CHEMICAL &	PNR/JANITORIAL	300.58			JANITORIAL SUPPLIES
//	691	POWER BRAKE & SPRING	LRS/REPAIR PARTS	42.24			PANEL
//	1645	PRECISE COMPUTERS, INC.	GENERAL/CONT SVCS IT	250.00			INSTALL LOG ME IN FOR CLERKS
//	350	R & C CONCRETE	FD/DIESEL GAS	4500.00			EXCAVATE, FORM & POUR CONCRETE
//	380	RAYNER COVERING	LRS/STREET SUPPLIES	1170.00			TARP FOR SALT
//	303	ROBERT PILLMAN	F&H/UNIFORMS	126.50			RE-IMBURSEMENT FOR CLOTHING
//	1821	ROBINSON ENGINEERING	WHEEL TAX	17011.00			ENGINEERING FEES
//	361	SAFELITE FULFILLMENT, INC	FD/REPAIR PARTS	422.49			FRONT WINDOWSHIELD
//	193	SOUTHEND BODY SHOP	PNR/REPAIRS TO EQUIP	3737.60			REPAIRS
//	660	TERRENCE MICHAEL	PNR/SECURITY	315.00			SECURITY
//	262	THE TRANZONIC COMPANIES	GENERAL/B OF I SUPPLIES	160.00			GLOVES
//	356	TRI-ELECTRONICS, INC.	LRS/OTHER EQUIPMENT	9116.65			RADIOS FOR THE OFFICE
//	254	VERMEER-ILLINOIS, INC	LRS/G&M SUPPLIES	81.31			GASKETS & OIL PAN TRUCK #14
//	158	VS ENGINEERING, INC.,	MISS ST TIF/ST IMPROVMT	11948.00			ENGINEERING SERVICES
//	103	W.E.F. ENTERPRISES, INC.	GENERAL/REPAIRS TO	18.00			INSPECTOR CAR REPAIR

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/ /	1153	WISCONSIN QUICK LUBE, INC.	GENERAL/REPAIRS TO	654.28			OIL CHANGE #359 MC697448
10/02/2023	104	AFLAC GROUP INS	PAYROLL - AFLAC	780.72	780.72	24279	EMPLOYEE PREMIUMS - SEPT 2023
10/02/2023	216	AFLAC	PAYROLL - AFLAC	7200.96	7200.96	24280	EMPLOYEE PREMIUMS - SEPTEMBER
10/02/2023	609	F.O.P. #168	PAYROLL - F. O. P. DUES	1943.93	1943.93	24281	UNION DUES - SEPT 2023
10/02/2023	2104	NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT	PAYROLL - DEFERRED	4357.63	4357.63	24282	EMPLOYEE DEPOSITS FOR 9/29/2023
10/02/2023	650	TRUSTMARK VOLUNTARY	PAYROLL - TRUSTMARK	860.22	860.22	24283	EMPLOYEE PREMIUMS
10/02/2023	61	GUARDIAN LIFE INS CO.	SW/HEALTH INS.	20609.27	20609.27	24284	SW EMPLOYEE PREMIUMS - OCTOBER
10/02/2023	331	OFFICE OF THE STANDING	PAYROLL - COURT	1315.38	1315.38	24285	J. COSTELLO CASE#23-21346-jra
10/02/2023	332	LAKE COUNTY SUPERIOR	PAYROLL - COURT	535.72	535.72	24286	D. JACKSON CAUSE #
10/02/2023	333	LAKE SUPERIOR COURT 8	PAYROLL - COURT	1188.27	1188.27	24287	J WHITESIDE CAUSE#
10/02/2023	494	LAKE COUNTY SUPERIOR	PAYROLL - COURT	976.56	976.56	24288	L ROBERTS - 45D11-2111-CC-007724
10/02/2023	847	STARKE CIRCUIT COURT	PAYROLL - COURT	1859.07	1859.07	24289	G. FIELDS 75C01-2011-CC-00339
09/22/2023	673	CARD SERVICE CENTER	GENERAL/SUBS. & DUES	23.54	23.54	62094	MICROSOFT 365 SEPTEMBER
09/22/2023	289	WALTER COOK INSURANCE	FD/INSURANCE	35851.00	35851.00	62095	COMMERCIAL PACKAGE POLICY
09/22/2023	1175	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	GENERAL/OFFICE	275.54	275.54	62096	OFFICE SUPPLIES- CARD STOCK,
09/22/2023	1401	NIPSCO	FD/GAS & ELECTRIC	4888.29	4888.29	62097	GAS/ELECTRIC AT ALL STATIONS
09/22/2023	1175	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	GENERAL/OFFICE	160.98	160.98	62098	OFFICE SUPPLIES-DRY ERASE BOARD
09/22/2023	1175	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	GENERAL/OFFICE	9.79	9.79	62099	OFFICE SUPPLIES
09/22/2023	776	COMCAST	FD/TELEPHONE	2039.68	2039.68	62100	INTERNET & PHONE AT ALL STATIONS
09/22/2023	195	AMERICAN EXPRESS	GENERAL/TRAVEL	3818.82	3818.82	62101	HOTEL FOR 289
09/27/2023	1600	PAYROLL FUND	GENERAL/CLERK-TREAS.	409006.13	409006.13	62166	CT-Clerk-treasurer
09/27/2023	1600	PAYROLL FUND	GENERAL/TC PRESIDENT	59786.31	59786.31	62167	TC-Tn Council President
09/27/2023	402	AT & T MOBILITY	GENERAL/TELEPHONE	551.98	551.98	62168	LPR HOT SPOT & CELLS
09/27/2023	776	COMCAST	GENERAL/TELEPHONE	229.41	229.41	62169	SVC 9/18-10/17 N. STATION
09/27/2023	673	CARD SERVICE CENTER	CCD/OTHER EQUIP	3679.21	3679.21	62170	OTHER EQUIPMENT
09/27/2023	24	CHRISTOPHER T. WESBY	PNR/MARKETING &	300.00	300.00	62171	CONTRACTED MEDIA MARKETING
09/27/2023	99999	SUSAN MYTYK	PNR/UNAPPROPRIATED	100.00	100.00	62172	YOGA REFUND
09/27/2023	99999	DEANNA RIVERON	PNR/UNAPPROPRIATED	40.00	40.00	62173	YOGA REFUND
09/27/2023	99999	JACQUELYN GOODLOW	PNR/UNAPPROPRIATED	40.00	40.00	62174	YOGA REFUND
09/27/2023	77	REGINALD FOSTER JR.	PNR/MARKETING &	2500.00	2500.00	62175	CONTRACTED VIDEO MARKETING
09/27/2023	830	ORALIA SANTOS	GENERAL/CONTRACTUAL	800.00	800.00	62176	CONTRACTUAL PAY
09/27/2023	1223	MARIA NEVAREZ	PNR/MARKETING &	900.00	900.00	62177	CONTRACTED MARKETING
09/27/2023	340	BUILDERS UNITED SALES	PK IMP/CONTRACTUAL	1900.00	1900.00	62178	CONTRACTED SERVICE
09/27/2023	402	AT & T MOBILITY	FD/TELEPHONE	48.87	48.87	62179	E7011 MIFI
09/27/2023	10	MICROBAC LABORATORIES,	SW/CONTRACTUAL SERV	3637.50	3637.50	62180	SW SAMPLING SERVICES Q3,
09/27/2023	1175	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SW/OFFICE SUPPLIES	203.38	203.38	62181	SW MISC OFFICE SUPPLIES AND
09/27/2023	517	CITI CARDS	FD/POSTAGE	1357.16	1357.16	62182	FED EX MAILINGS
09/29/2023	337	KIDS EMPIRE	F&H/UNAPPROPRIATED	150.00	150.00	62184	REIMBURSEMENT BUSINESS IN
09/29/2023	1036	ANDREW McCANN LAWN	PK IMP/CONTRACTUAL	670.33	670.33	62185	CONTRACTUAL SERVICE
09/29/2023	99999	GARRY WELCH	PNR/UNAPPROPRIATED	150.00	150.00	62186	REFUND - SAN ANTONIO TRIP

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09/29/2023	334	COMCAST	PNR/TELEPHONE	551.39	551.39	62188	COMCAST - TELEPHONE
09/29/2023	270	HERITAGE SOLUTIONS	PNR/MARKETING &	250.00	250.00	62189	CONTRACTED MARKETING
09/29/2023	899	ROBYN L. JOHNSON	GENERAL/POSTAGE	26.60	26.60	62190	POSTAGE PRIORITY MAIL
09/29/2023	627	JOI WHITESIDE	GENERAL/REFUNDS,	67.36	67.36	62191	STAFF MEETING
09/29/2023	551	MONROE PEST CONTROL INC,	FD/CONTRACTUAL	172.00	172.00	62192	MONTHLY PEST CONTROL AT STATION
09/29/2023	329	PINKERTON OIL COMPANY	FD/DIESEL GAS	1589.48	1589.48	62193	243.90 GAL OF #2 DIESEL
09/29/2023	299	WEX BANK	FD/UNLEADED GASOLINE	206.95	206.95	62194	UNLEADED FUEL PURCHASES
09/29/2023	894	S & S COPIERS	FD/OFFICE SUPPLIES	220.00	220.00	62195	SEPTEMBER COPIER RENTAL
10/02/2023	636	JOANN KRAFT	SW/CONTRACTUAL SERV	120.00	120.00	62196	SW OFFICE CLEANING FOR SEPT 2023
10/02/2023	395	JEWEL WILLIAMS	GENERAL/TRAVEL	243.82	243.82	62197	MEAL/BOYCE CONF. 2023 FPR 9/27 &
10/02/2023	1075	ORALIA C. SANTOS	GENERAL/TRAVEL	962.51	962.51	62198	MEAL/BOYCE CONF. 2023
10/02/2023	106	HINCKLEY SPRINGS	GENERAL/OTHER	3.99	3.99	62199	COLLER RENTAL
10/02/2023	818	INDEPENDENCE HILL	FD/SEWER	20.00	20.00	62200	WASTEWATER FOR SEPTEMBER
10/02/2023	565	MATTIE M. COLLINS	GENERAL/CONTRACTUAL	961.54	961.54	62201	CONTRACTUAL PAY
10/04/2023	75	SHEILA SHINE	GENERAL/GASOLINE	25.47	25.47	62202	GAS
10/04/2023	1175	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	CUML FIRE EQPT/BLDG	418.20	418.20	62203	UPS BATTERY BACKUP & SURGE
10/04/2023	470	VERIZON WIRELESS	FD/TELEPHONE	541.72	541.72	62204	WIRELESS SERVICE
10/04/2023	776	COMCAST	FD/TELEPHONE	63.44	63.44	62205	CABLE AT STATION #71
10/04/2023	409	EMERGENCY SERVICES	FD/SUBS & DUES	660.00	660.00	62206	FOUR OF FIVE YEAR SUBSCRITPION
10/04/2023	546	DAN BROWN	GENERAL/INSPECTORS	4425.00	4425.00	62207	177 NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS IN THE
10/04/2023	898	JOHN L. POWERS	GENERAL/INSPECTORS	2050.44	2050.44	62208	74 INSPECTIONS IN THE MONTH OF
10/04/2023	1617	PAUL H. ANDERSON	GENERAL/INSPECTORS	1423.15	1423.15	62209	52 INSPECTIONS IN THE MONTH OF
10/04/2023	15	TERRY GUTHRIE	GENERAL/INSPECTORS	968.23	968.23	62210	37 INSPECTIONS IN THE MONTH OF
10/04/2023	282	WILLIAM JACK VIRGIN	GENERAL/INSPECTORS	508.01	508.01	62211	19 INSPECTIONS IN THE MONTH OF
10/04/2023	1146	MIKE LASKARIN	GENERAL/INSPECTORS	1028.06	1028.06	62212	39 INSPECTIONS IN THE MONTH OF
10/04/2023	1132	JOHN WALSDORF	GENERAL/INSPECTORS	1675.33	1675.33	62213	64 INSPECTIONS IN THE MONTH OS
10/04/2023	358	CULLIGAN WATER	GENERAL/MACHINE	49.92	49.92	62214	3 GALLON WATER (\$6.99)
10/04/2023	700	INDIANA AMERICAN WATER	PNR/WATER & SEWER	132.87	132.87	62215	WATER BILL
10/04/2023	776	COMCAST	LRS/TELEPHONE	264.94	264.94	62216	PHONE, INTERNET, & TV SVC
10/04/2023	673	CARD SERVICE CENTER	LRS/UNIFORMS	1469.00	1469.00	62217	LOGO SET UP FEE
10/04/2023	700	INDIANA AMERICAN WATER	GENERAL/WATER	800.65	800.65	62218	220015152684 - TOWNHALL
10/04/2023	1328	MERRILLVILLE	GENERAL/SEWER USER	897.50	897.50	62219	SEWER USE FEES STREETS GARAGE
10/04/2023	1175	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	TOURISM/4TH OF JULY	412.78	412.78	62220	POLE CLAMPS FOR BANNERS
10/04/2023	1175	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	GENERAL/OFFICE	49.98	49.98	62221	OFFICE SUPPLIES
10/04/2023	642	SPRINT	GENERAL/TELEPHONE	180.44	180.44	62222	PD CELL PHONES
10/04/2023	43	COASTAL VALLEY WATER CO.	GENERAL/OTHER	124.75	124.75	62223	WATER & COOLER RENTAL
10/04/2023	776	COMCAST	GENERAL/TELEPHONE	209.69	209.69	62224	SVC 9/25 - 10/24 TRAINING CENTER
10/04/2023	299	WEX BANK	GENERAL/GASOLINE	9106.75	9106.75	62225	PD FUEL 8/24 - 9/23
10/04/2023	489	KEVIN MARKLE	LRS/TRAVEL EXPENSE	610.40	610.40	62226	INDIANA STREET COMMIONER ASSOC.

**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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General Form No. 364 (1997) APVREGISTER\_SUM.FRX

Check Date	Vendor	Name of Claimant	Office Department	Amount of Voucher	Amount Allowed	Warrant	Check/ Memorandum (See Note (2) Above)
10/04/2023	303	ROBERT PILLMAN	GENERAL/GASOLINE	60.00	60.00	62227	GAS REIMBURSEMENT TANKS DOWN
10/04/2023	493	MATTHEW LAKE	SW/GASOLINE	49.41	49.41	62228	SW EXEC DIR FUEL (PUMPS DOWN)
10/04/2023	299	WEX BANK	SW/GASOLINE	676.79	676.79	62229	SW FUEL USAGE UNLEADED
10/04/2023	700	INDIANA AMERICAN WATER	SW/WATER & SEWER	63.03	63.03	62230	SW WATER SERVICE AUG 25 TO SEPT
10/04/2023	1175	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	FD/BUILDING SUPPLIES	127.99	127.99	62231	5 GAL DETAILER
10/03/2023	739	CENTIER BANK	PNR/UNAPPROPRIATED	1868.58	1868.58	150017	AUTO DEBIT FOR PARKS SALES TAX
10/02/2023	739	CENTIER BANK	PAYROLL - NET SALARIES	50068.13	50068.13	150025	NET SALARIES FOR 09/29/2023 PAYDAY
10/02/2023	1600	PAYROLL FUND	GENERAL/HEALTH, LIFE &	667.70	667.70	150027	HSA --EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION
10/02/2023	917	INDIANA CHILD SUPPORT	PAYROLL - COURT	1480.16	1480.16	150028	CHILD SUPPORT FOR 9/29/2023
10/02/2023	1630	IN Public Retirement System	FIRE PENSION-PERF	9855.44	9855.44	150029	FIRE PERF FOR 09/29/23
10/02/2023	1630	IN Public Retirement System	POLICE PENSION - P.E.R.F.	43113.10	43113.10	150030	POLICE PERF FOR 09/29/2023 PAYDAY
10/02/2023	1630	IN Public Retirement System	PAYROLL - SW PERF	20645.90	20645.90	150032	SW PERF FOR 9/29/23 PAYDAY
10/02/2023	739	CENTIER BANK	PAYROLL - FEDERAL	75328.29	75328.29	150033	941 AUTO/DEBIT FOR 09/29/2023
10/02/2023	739	CENTIER BANK	PAYROLL - FEDERAL	4796.67	4796.67	150034	945 AUTO DEBIT FOR 9/29/23 EOM
09/29/2023	739	CENTIER BANK	PAYROLL - NET SALARIES	295444.58	295444.58	150137	NET SALARIES FOR 9/29/2023 PAYDAY
		<b>Checks: 0- 150137</b>		1251673.54	1130160.63		



**Town Council of Merrillville**

**Town Hall**

**7820 Broadway**

**Merrillville, IN 46410**

**Town Council Meeting Minutes**

**September 26, 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 Robert Szoke.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Councilor Hardaway

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

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

**Swearing in of a New Officer Troy Glynn Allen**

Officer Troy Glynn Allen was sworn in by Madam Clerk-Treasurer Kelly White Gibson.

Chief Nuses gave a brief overview of Officer Allen's qualifications and experience.

**September Employees of the Month – Veronica Garcia and Oralia Santos**

Interim Town Manager Griffin and Judge Velazco presented Veronica Garcia to the council and audience as one Employee of the Month for the Town of Merrillville. Mrs. Garcia received a certificate of recognition and a gift card on behalf of the Town of Merrillville. Judge Velazco elaborated on Mrs. Garcia's exemplary qualities as an employee in the Town Court.

Interim Town Manager Griffin and Madam Clerk-Treasurer Kelly White Gibson presented Oralia Santos to the council and audience as one Employee of the Month for the Town of Merrillville. Mrs. Santos received a certificate of recognition and a gift card on behalf of the Town of Merrillville. Madam Clerk-Treasurer Kelly White Gibson elaborated on Mrs. Santos's exemplary qualities as an employee in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Accts. Payable Register Voucher Approval for September 26, 2023.  
Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2023.

It was moved by Councilor Pettit and seconded by Councilor Uzelac 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 reported that later on the agenda will be Ordinance 23-24 for the first reading budget hearing.



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

**COUNCIL AFFAIRS- PETTIT** – Councilor Pettit had no report.

**STREET DEPARTMENT- MINCHUK** – Councilor Minchuk had no report.

It was moved by Councilor Pettit and seconded by Councilor Hardaway, to have a three-way stop sign installed at 93<sup>rd</sup> Vigo and second by Councilor Hardaway. Upon a voice vote the motion passed.

Councilor Bella asked Attorney Svetanoff to make sure the location gets added to the Town of Merrillville ordinance list of stop sign locations.

**ELECTIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS, & TOWN BEAUTIFICATION - NEAL**- Councilor Neal reported that a couple of things are coming up in the Town and they are as follows:

**Trunk or Treat Program**

This event will be held at the Dean and Barbara White Community Center on October 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. The information will be included in the Town's newsletter and on the website

**Tree Lighting and Family Night**

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 information will be included in the Town's newsletter and on the website.

**ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS- WHITE** - Councilor White reported that the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendation for Lake County is low for COVID-19 no deaths have been reported, in looking at data from wastewater treatment plants he noticed an upward trend in the virus for Lake County. CDC is recommending people to get the new vaccines.

Councilor Uzelac informed the council that the CDC is recommending the COVID-19 vaccine along with the Flu vaccine.

**PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS – HARDAWAY**- Councilor Hardaway had no report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY- MINCHUK**- Councilor Minchuk reported that the Police Department has been very busy.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-PETTIT** – Councilor Pettit had no report.

**PARKS & RECREATION- UZELAC** - Councilor Uzelac reported that the Parks are in good shape, but Whitcomb Street has a lot of speeders. She requested that the traffic sign be put back up because of all the calls she has received about speeders. She also asked Chief Nuses about speed bumps.

Chief Nuses informed the council that he has no information regarding the speed bump delivery and another Traffic Blitz is upcoming for that area.

Councilor Bella informed the council that Director King has the information regarding speed bump delivery.

**ABANDONED -BLIGHTED PROPERTIES-HARDAWAY** – Councilor Hardaway reported that there has been an uptick in abandoned buildings and Chief Nuses has been kept updated on the numbers so that his department can take appropriate action per the Town ordinance.

**DEAN & BARBARA WHITE COMMUNITY CENTER-PETTIT** – Councilor Pettit reported that a meeting has meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Dean and Barbara White Community Center at 4:30 pm.

Councilor Bella asked Councilman Pettit to find out why was the yoga classes halted.

***SPECIAL PROJECTS (F & B TAX, DIVERSITY, 4<sup>th</sup> of JULY CELEBRATION-***

**HARDAWAY** – Councilor Hardaway reported that on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Councilor Pettit and Attorney Svetanoff will be signing the necessary paperwork to turn over the title to the Boys and Girls Club to break ground on their new building.

Councilor Hardaway also reported to the council that Dr. Lackey has met one-on-one with all department heads the week of September 4<sup>th</sup>. The application to serve on the Diversity Quality

Inclusion Committee was sent out to department heads on September 12<sup>th</sup>. The committee will decide on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> regarding who will be serving.

Councilor Pettit reminded the council that Redevelopment Commission members committed \$200,000.00 a year for ten years to the Boys and Girls Club as a matching program to build the building out of the Broadway Tiff District.

#### ***DEPARTMENT & COMMISSION REPORTS***

##### ***LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT-WHITE*** – Councilman

White reported that a meeting was held last Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. He elaborated on the meeting.

***NORTHERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION-HARDAWAY*** – Councilor Hardaway reported that the Northern Indiana Regional Planning Commission will host an electric vehicle workshop on October 5<sup>th</sup>. He would like Director King or Kevin Markle to attend.

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

##### **Recertification – Tree City USA**

All the material and documentation were sent to the National Arbor Day Foundation for recertification.

##### **Kaiser Ditch**

Director Lake reached out to Lake County Surveyor Bill Emerson with regards to the Kaiser Ditch.

Director Lake elaborated on several other projects in the works at Stormwater.

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

***FIRE TERRITORY BOARD-MINCHUK*** – Councilor Minchuk reported that no meeting has been scheduled.

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

##### **Chief Nuses – Police Department**

Chief Nuses reported the following:

##### **High Profile Activity**

Once everything is under control that is when information will be released to the public. If at any time the Police Department determines that the public is in danger, the area will be evacuated.

##### **Ordinances**

Ordinance violations are being addressed in the Town of Merrillville.

##### **Director Price– Parks Department**

Director Price was absent from the meeting. Michael Neal from the Parks Department reported the following:

- 175 young men and ladies participated this past weekend in tryouts for the Under Armor Indiana Game and Nike Lady Gym Rats Basketball
- Cruise night was successful and had nice participation.
- October 7<sup>th</sup> Midwest JUCO/ PREP Jamboree will be held at the Dean and Barbara White Community Center (DBWCC). The start time is 10:00 a.m.
  - Featuring the College of DuPage, South Suburban, Waubonsee, Bosco Institute, Indiana Elite, and La Lumiere Prep School.
- October 14<sup>th</sup> and October 28<sup>th</sup> Nike EYBL Girls Fall league at the DBWCC.
- October 21<sup>st</sup> UA Indiana game one-day hoops shoot out at DBWCC.
- October 6<sup>th</sup> DBW will be hosting Adult Volleyball leagues through December 15<sup>th</sup>
- Special Olympics has partnered with the Parks Department in a clothes and Shoes drive.
  - There will be a 5 X 5 Bin placed outside where softly worn clothing and shoes can be dedicated. Donations will be picked up weekly.

**Director Shine – Building and Planning**

Director Shine reported the progress of the Merrillville Comprehensive Plan. The consultant met with the Steering Committee and Momentum Committee last week. She also reported that the open house will be held on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm at the Dean and Barbara White Community Center.

**Interim Town Manager Griffin– Town Hall**

Interim Town Manager Griffin reported to the Councilors that he submitted a detailed report to them and Madam Clerk-Treasurer Kelly White Gibson but will be brief for this meeting. He will continue with the Wednesday 10:00 a.m. meetings with Department Heads.

**GENERAL ORDERS**

***A. Ordinances***

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

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

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

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

**Ordinance 23-24 (Discussion and Roll Call Vote) – Public Hearing**

An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana Regarding Taxes and Budget for 2024

This item was added to the agenda. Financial Advisor Hudson elaborated on the budget process. The budget can be viewed at [gateway.ifionline.org](http://gateway.ifionline.org)

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

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

*None*

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

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

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.

***C. American Rescue Plan***

Councilor Hardaway reported that the AP Voucher Register Summary for ARP Purchases for September 26, 2023 is \$46,812.75.

It was moved by Councilor Hardaway and second by Councilor Minchuk, to approve the ARP AP Voucher Register Summary for \$46,812.75. Upon a voice vote the ARP AP Voucher was approved. The motion passed.

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

*None*

***OLD BUSINESS***

*None*

***NEW BUSINESS***

None

***SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS***

*None*

***PUBLIC COMMENT***

Scott Franco from Surf Net, Elkhart, Indiana expressed interest in doing business with Merrillville regarding fiber and high-speed internet. Mr. Franco elaborated on his company.

Christ Host, Merrillville Indiana thanked the council for all the work that was done in Turkey Creek, but there is still work that needs to be done regarding a linear sign.

Claudia Wells, Merrillville, Indiana reported that the yoga classes at the Dean and Barbara White Community Center were discontinued, and the students were informed by email.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

- BZA Meeting September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
- Town Council Meeting October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
- Trunk or Treat October 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

***ADJOURNMENT***

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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***Rick Bella, President***

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

***Respectfully Submitted By Angela Lewis***

**Enrolled Memorandum of the Meeting  
Budget & Finance Committee  
Town Council of Merrillville  
Thursday, September 21, 2023**

The Budget and Finance Committee of the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana met in a work study session on **Thursday, September 21, 2023** at 4:30 O'clock P.M in the office of Cender Dalton, 233 East 84<sup>th</sup> Place, Suite 103 Merrillville, Indiana.

***Silent Roll Call:*** Councilors Richard Hardaway, Committee Chair; Shawn Pettit; and Jeff Minchuk were present. The Interim Town Manager, Michael W. Griffin was present and memorialized the proceedings. All members of the committee were present.

***Others Present:*** Trista Hudson, Esq., Senior Associate with Cender Dalton and Fiscal Advisor; and Mr. Eric January, Democratic Nominee for the Office of Merrillville Clerk-Treasurer.

**General Substance of Matters Discussed.**

**1. Discussion:** *Review of the Proposed Budget for the Town of Merrillville FY 2024.*

The Budget and Finance Committee and Interim Town Manager were briefed on the budget as proposed. Each department request was reviewed. All funds were discussed.

It was further noted that for the General Fund and for some other funds, there was need to reconcile the budget. The spending as proposed was in excess of the resources on hand or likely to be collected in the new fiscal year. The amount the spending as requested in excess of resources was estimated to be \$ 2.5 to \$3 million dollars.

The Budget and Finance Committee discussed ways and means to achieve the desired budget. It discussed the proposed wages and salaries reflected in the proposed budgets as submitted by the departments.

**2. Discussion:** *Ad Hoc Discussion of Utility Costs.* Councilor and Committee Chair Hardaway noted the expenses associated with the cost of utilities generally and particularly noted the costs associated with the Community Center. It was determined to review whether the Town was being charged for retail use or sales tax on these services.

The Interim Town Manager agreed to review the matter and curtail the payment of sales taxes if they were being charged.

There being no further business necessary or desired to be discussed by the Budget and Finance Committee of the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville,

the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting of the Merrillville Town Council of Thursday, September 21, 2023, was adjourned by the Budget and Finance Committee Chair, at 8:45 O'clock p.m.



Michael W. Griffin, M.P.A., IAMC/MMC/CPFA/ACPFIM/CMO  
Recorder Pro-Tempore  
Interim Town Manager

Approved by the proper body at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Kelly White Gipson, Esq.  
Merrillville Town Clerk-Treasurer

**Enrolled Memorandum of the Meeting  
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Committee  
Town Council of Merrillville  
Tuesday, September 26, 2023**

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Committee of the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana met on **Tuesday, September 26, 2023** at 5:30 O'clock P.M in the Merrillville, in the Town Complex, 7820 Broadway Avenue, Merrillville, Indiana 46410.

***Silent Roll Call:*** Councilors Richard Hardaway, Committee Chair; Shawn Pettit; Jeff Minchuk; Rhonda Neal; and Rick Bella were present. The Interim Town Manager, Michael W. Griffin was present and memorialized the proceedings.

***Others Present:*** Trista Hudson, Esq., Senior Associate with Cender Dalton and Fiscal Advisor; Sheila Shine, Planning Director; and Matt Lake, Stormwater Management Director were present.

**General Substance of Matters Discussed.**

**1. Grant Application of Kenneth Woodside, 1001 E. 61<sup>st</sup> Place, Merrillville, Indiana.**

Mr. Woodside was present to speak on the merits of his application.

The members of the ARPA Committee reviewed the quotes and the supporting documentation related to the application. The members deliberated on the merits of the grant application.

Councilor Minchuk moved the approval of the grant in an amount not to exceed \$4,000. Councilor Pettit seconded. Upon a vote *viva voce*, the motion passed. The grant was approved.

**2. Grant Application of Stephen Galovic, 7091 Broadway Avenue, Merrillville, Indiana.**

Mr. Galovic was present to speak to the merits of the grant application.

The members of the ARPA Committee reviewed the quotes and the supporting documentation related to the application. The members deliberated on the merits of the grant application.

Councilor Minchuk moved the approval of the grant in an amount not to exceed \$5,000, also contingent on compliance with the Town Code. Councilor Pettit seconded. Upon a vote *viva voce*, the motion passed. The grant was approved contingent upon the compliance by the applicant with the Town Code.

**3. Grant Application of the Stormwater Management Department, 7404 Broadway Avenue, Merrillville, Indiana.**

Matthew Lake, M.S., CPMSM, Executive Director of the Stormwater Management Department was present to speak to the merits of the grant application. Mr. Lake was seeking resources to support the purchase of a Zero turn grass mower and a trailer to port the asset once in service.

The members of the ARPA Committee reviewed the quotes and the supporting documentation related to the application. The members deliberated on the merits of the grant application. Mr. Lake indicated that he was seeking to purchase the John Deere as the lowest quote, in the amount of \$14,093.31 and a Trailer in the amount of \$2,750.00.

Councilor Minchuk moved the approval of the grant request for the in an amount not to exceed \$14, 093.31 for the purchase of a zero-turn grass mower, and an amount not to exceed \$2,750 for the purchase of a trailer to port the mower. Councilor Pettit seconded. Upon a vote *viva voce*, the motion passed. The grant was approved.

**4. Financial Report on the ARP Fund.** Trista Hudson, Senior Associate with Cender Dalton, reported on the status of the ARPA money on deposit to the credit of the fund, the disposition of the projects approved in the ARPA plan and its successor iterations, and the amount of fund resources that was available for planning or scheduling. A written spreadsheet report was distributed. It is on file with the records of the Town.

*Good of the Order.* The Planning Director reported on the imminent onboarding of a new staff person, and noted the need for a desk appropriate for being in the open bay of the office, visible to residents upon arrival at the office. It was noted that the Planning Director consulted with several departments in the hope that she could repurpose an existing desk stored and unused by the Town. After informal consideration, it was determined to delay action on a purchase supported by the ARPA Fund but a review of the current budgets (not necessarily the budget of the Planning Department), would be encouraged as a resource.

There being no further business necessary or desired to be discussed by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Committee of the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Committee of the Merrillville Town Council of **Tuesday, September 26, 2023**, was adjourned by the Committee Chair, at 6:00 O'clock p.m.

*Michael W. Griffin*

Michael W. Griffin, M.P.A., IAMC/MMC/CPFA/ACPFIM/CMO  
Recorder Pro-Tempore



Memorandum of Committee Meeting  
September 26, 2023

Interim Town Manager

Approved by the proper body at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Kelly White Gipson, Esq.  
Merrillville Town Clerk-Treasurer

**ORDINANCE NO: 23-23**

**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>
2243010181      FD/Health, Life, AD&D	\$68,000.00

**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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rhonda Neal

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Shawn Pettit

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Richard Hardaway

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Leonard White

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeffery Minchuk

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kelly White Gibson, Clerk-Treasurer

*Ord 23-24*  
**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS**

The **Notice to Taxpayers** is available online at [www.budgetnotices.in.gov](http://www.budgetnotices.in.gov) or by calling (888) 739-9826

Complete details of budget estimates by fund and/or department may be seen by visiting the office of this unit of government at **7820 Broadway Merrillville, IN 46410**.

Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of **MERRILLVILLE CIVIL TOWN, Lake County**, Indiana that the proper officers of **Merrillville Civil Town** will conduct a public hearing on the year **2024** budget. Following this meeting, any ten or more taxpayers may object to a budget, tax rate, or tax levy by filing an objection petition with the proper officers of **Merrillville Civil Town** not more than seven days after the hearing. The objection petition must identify the provisions of the budget, tax rate, or tax levy to which taxpayers object. If a petition is filed, **Merrillville Civil Town** shall adopt with the budget a finding concerning the objections in the petition and testimony presented. Following the aforementioned hearing, the proper officers of **Merrillville Civil Town** will meet to adopt the following budget:

Public Hearing Date	Tuesday, September 26, 2023
Public Hearing Time	6:30 PM
Public Hearing Location	7820 Broadway Merrillville, IN 46410

Adoption Meeting Date	Tuesday, October 10, 2023
Adoption Meeting Time	6:30 PM
Adoption Meeting Location	7820 Broadway Merrillville, IN 46410

Estimated Civil Max Levy	\$9,159,921
Est. Fire Max Levy	\$0
Est. Fire Territory Max Levy	\$2,519,880
Est. School Operations Max Levy	\$0
Property Tax Cap Credit Estimate	\$411,000

1 Fund Name	2 Budget Estimate	3 Maximum Estimated Funds to be Raised (including appeals and levies exempt from maximum levy limitations)	4 Excessive Levy Appeals	5 Current Tax Levy	6 Levy Percentage Difference (Column 3 / Column 5)
0005-CASINO/RIVERBOAT	\$215,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
0101-GENERAL	\$13,418,854	\$8,213,670	\$0	\$7,746,884	6.03%
0180-DEBT SERVICE	\$379,000	\$494,971	\$0	\$0	
0181-DEBT PAYMENT	\$249,621	\$221,789	\$0	\$437,026	-49.25%
0184-BOND #4	\$472,650	\$376,370	\$0	\$0	
0185-BOND #5	\$535,425	\$454,921	\$0	\$495,731	-8.23%
0205-COUNTY WHEEL TAX	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
0283-LEASE RENTAL PAYMENT	\$1,691,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,041,470	-100.00%
0342-POLICE PENSION	\$649,939	\$27,141	\$0	\$26,091	4.02%

0706-LOCAL ROAD & STREET	\$1,015,293	\$0	\$0	\$0	
0708-MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY	\$1,671,359	\$0	\$0	\$0	
1110-FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$19,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	
1151-CONTINUING EDUCATION	\$226,050	\$0	\$0	\$0	
1310-PARK NONREVERTING - CAPITAL	\$1,688,858	\$0	\$0	\$0	
2379-CUMULATIVE CAPITAL IMP (CIG TAX)	\$115,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
2391-CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT	\$1,128,850	\$1,175,965	\$0	\$1,074,084	9.49%
8604-SPECIAL FIRE PROTECTION TERRITORY GENERAL	\$3,061,631	\$2,568,340	\$0	\$2,421,716	6.05%
8692-SPECIAL FIRE PROTECTION TERRITORY EQUIPMENT REPLACE	\$600,000	\$745,251	\$0	\$681,245	9.40%
9500-COURT PROBATION	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9501-BROADWAY TIF	\$1,720,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9502-TOWN DONATION	\$121,675	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9503-NOXIOUS WEEDS	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9504-PUBLIC DEFENDER FEES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9505-RECORD PERPETUATION	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9506-VETERANS MEMORIAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9507-Stormwater Grants	\$70,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9508-POLICE EQUIPMENT	\$402,201	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9509-FIRE & HAZMAT	\$108,532	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9510-TOURISM	\$12,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9511-PROPERTY SEIZURE	\$35,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9512-POLICE DONATION	\$10,250	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9513-Unsafe/Blighted Property	\$7,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	



9514-PARK DONATION	\$7,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9515-RECYCLING GRANT	\$207,406	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9516-STORM WATER	\$1,230,088	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9517-COMMUNITY CENTER GIFT FUND	\$750,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9518-COMPUTER TRAINING CENTER	\$3,162	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9519-MISS. ST. TIF DS	\$1,208,150	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9520-RENTAL REGISTRATION	\$5,050	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9521-STORMWATER CONSTRUCTION	\$1,330,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9522-MERR. RD. TIF DS	\$171,450	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9523-PARK IMPACT	\$60,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9524-LOIT Public Safety	\$873,651	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9525-2012 BDWY PROJECT BOND DS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9526-LOIT CEDIT	\$775,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9527-Community Crossing Grant	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9528-Local User Fee	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9530-2021 GO BOND A&B PROCEEDS	\$430,053	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9531-2022 RDC Bond A & B Proceeds	\$479,592	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9541-MERR. RD. TIF PROJECT	\$815,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9543-MISS ST. PROJECT	\$3,550,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9547-AMERIPLEX TIF PROJECT	\$875,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9556-Opioid Settlement Unrestricted	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9557-Opioid Settlement Restricted	\$11,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9599-(ARP) AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN	\$3,001,773	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Totals	\$47,422,163	\$14,278,418	\$0	\$13,924,247	

**RESOLUTION 23-34  
TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA,  
TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN THE 2023 BUDGET  
OF THE GENERAL FUND**

**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 RESOLVED 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>		
1101007341    General/Insurance Package	\$ 35,000.00	
1101007342    General/Workman's Comp	<u>35,000.00</u>	
1101007352    General/Electric & Gas		<u>\$ 70,000.00</u>
	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Margaret Uzelac, Councilwoman  
Ward 4

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rhonda Neal, Councilwoman  
Ward 1

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Hardaway, Vice-President  
Ward 2

\_\_\_\_\_  
Leonard White, Councilman  
Ward 7

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 OCTOBER 10, 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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General Form No. 364 (1997) APVREGISTER\_SUM.FRX

Check Date	Vendor	Name of Claimant	Office Department	Amount of Voucher	Amount Allowed	Warrant	Check/Memorandum (See Note (2) Above)
//	360	ATN TECHNOLOGY	ARP/HDWE-SOFTWARE	1147.55			WIRE RUNNING OF CLERKS OFFICE
//	355	CENDER/DALTON	ARP/CONTRACTUAL	917.50			ARP BUDGETING SERVICES
//	637	DENNIS J DOBROLECKI	ARP/BLDG MAINT	662.50			GREETERS 9/17/23-9/30/23
//	1171	DLZ	ARP/CONTRACTUAL	1972.50			SW FOR PROF SERVICES KAISER
//	359	DON W. COVINGTON	ARP/SMALL BUSINESS	710.00			ARP GRANT RON NOCENTELLI
//	1107	KENNETH WOODSIDE	ARP/BLDG MAINT	800.00			GREETERS 9/17/23- 9/30/23
//	345	RAY TRISTAIN	ARP/BLDG MAINT	700.00			GREETERS 9/17/23-9/30/23
//	1821	ROBINSON ENGINEERING	ARP/CONTRACTUAL	14213.00			SW SOUTHMOOR SUBDIV DRNG
		Checks: 0 - 0		21123.05			



**FROM:** SHEILA SHINE

**RE:** VARIANCE OF USE APPROVAL

**PETITIONER:** TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE

**OWNER:** TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE

**PURPOSE:** TO ALLOW A LED ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTER

**LOCATION:** 13 WEST 73<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE

**ZONING:** C-2, COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT

**DATE OF BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:** SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

**DEADLINE FOR TOWN COUNCIL ACTION:** DECEMBER 27, 2023

**ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD:** APPROVED

**VOTE:** (5) APPROVED

**CONDITIONS:** PETITIONER WILL ADVERTISE TOWN EVENTS UPON REQUEST

THE SIGN WILL ON FROM 6:00 AM UNTIL 9:00 PM AND WILL BE DIMMED AFTER 9:00 PM. PETITIONER AGREES TO WORK WITH HOME-OWNERS REGARDING THE SIGN.



VARIANCE OF USE: CASE # 2214V5-0923

NOTICE OF BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS DECISION ON PETITION  
OF Town of Merrillville

The Town of Merrillville Board of Zoning Appeals, after conducting a public hearing in accord with I.C. 36-7-4-920, 5-3-1-2, and 5-3-1-4, hereby rules that the law is (with/not with) the Petitioner. In support of such conclusion, the Board of Zoning Appeals makes the following findings of fact:

1. The Petitioner (did/did not) establish that the proposed variance will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community because:

COMMENT:

2. The Petitioner (did/did not) establish that the proposed variance will not have a substantially adverse effect on the use and value of the property adjacent to the property included in the proposed variance because:

COMMENT:

3. The Petitioner (did/did not) establish that the need for the proposed variance arises from some condition peculiar to the property involved in that:

COMMENT:

4. The Petitioner (did/did not) establish that the strict application of the terms of the zoning ordinance will constitute an unnecessary hardship if applied to the property for which the proposed variance is sought because:

COMMENT:

5. The proposed variance (will/will not) substantially interfere with the comprehensive Master Plan adopted because:

COMMENT:

Accordingly, the Board of Zoning Appeals hereby approves/denies Petition for variance of use, Case # 2214V5-0923, from the terms of the zoning ordinance this 27th day of September 2023. The Board of Zoning Appeals, pursuant to I.C. 36-7-4-918.4, imposes the following conditions as part of its approval:

1. From 6am to 9:00 pm dimmed after 9:00 pm.
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIRMAN

Andrew Sylvestro

SECRETARY

Robert P. Guy

Will B.

**TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE  
PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
7820 BROADWAY  
STAFF REPORT  
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**CASE NO: Z21Uv5-0923     BZA MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2023**

**PREPARED BY:                 SHEILA SHINE**

**APPLICANT:                  TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE**

**PETITIONER:                TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE**

**OWNERS:                     TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE**

**REQUEST:                    VARIANCE OF USE APPROVAL**

**LOT SIZE:                    5.584 ACRES**

**EXISTING ZONING:          C-2, COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT**

**LOCATION:                    13 WEST 73<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE**

**SURROUNDING USES:**

**NORTH -                      RESIDENTIAL**

**SOUTH -                      MERRILLVILLE STORM WATER**

**EAST -                        TOWN MUSEUM**

**WEST -                        COMMERCIAL**

**SURROUNDING ZONING:**

**NORTH -                      C-3, HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT**

**SOUTH -                      C-3, HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT**

**EAST -                        C-3, HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT**

**WEST -                        R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT**

**COMMENTS: PETITIONER IS SEEKING VARIANCE OF USE APPROVAL FROM SECTION 21-189(8) TO ALLOW AN ELECTRONIC MESSAGE SIGN TO BE LOCATED AT 13 WEST 73<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE. THE TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE STREET DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE INSERT A 8'X 4' LED ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTER. THE TOTAL SIGNAGE WOULD BE 64 SQ FT. PETITIONER WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE STREET CLOSURES, WEATHER INFORMATION AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE.**

RESIDENTIAL FEE: \$100.00 COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL FEE: \$200.00	DATE:  8-29-23.	RECEIPT #:  _____
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My Commission Expires: 10-6-2027

Commission expires October 6, 2024

VARIANCE FROM DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS - CASE # Z 214V5-0923TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA  
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS  
DATE: 9-27-23

Pursuant to Article II, Section 21-41 of the Rules and Regulations of Practice and Procedure of the Town of Merrillville Board of Zoning Appeals, Petitioner, \_\_\_\_\_, submits the following findings of fact which address the effect that Petitioner's proposed variance from the development standards of the zoning ordinance for use of the property commonly known as \_\_\_\_\_ will have on such property and to the surrounding area:

1. Petitioner owns the property commonly known as 13 West 73rd Avenue  
Which is classified as \_\_\_\_\_ pursuant to the zoning ordinance.
2. Petitioner has requested a variance from the development standards of the zoning ordinance for the following reasons:

LED Sign

3. Petitioner submits that:

- a. The proposed variance from the development standards will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community because:

It's an LED Sign

- b. The use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the proposed variance will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner because:

No adjacent properties will be affected

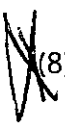
- c. The strict application of the terms of the zoning ordinance will result in practical difficulties in the use of the property included in the proposed variance because:

Not allow information

The Board of Zoning Appeals shall approve or deny the above findings prior to approval or denial of the Petition. The Board of Zoning Appeals can modify Petitioner's findings if facts presented at the public hearing show false information in the findings and/or new information pertinent to the Petition. Findings of fact which are modified shall then be resubmitted on the approved forms within FIVE (5) days of the modification.

Sec. 21-189. - General sign provisions.

The following regulations shall apply to all signs erected or located in any use district: No person shall erect, alter, or relocate a sign, other than a temporary sign, within the Town of Merrillville, before obtaining a building permit from the community development director. All signs shall conform to all applicable codes and ordinances of the Town of Merrillville and, where required, shall be approved by the community development director or designated assistant, and a building permit issued.

- (1) A permit fee, as set forth in section 6-21 of the Merrillville Municipal Code shall be paid by all applicants to cover the cost of issuing permits and the enforcement of this chapter.
- (2) All permanent freestanding signs designed with fifty (50) square feet of copy face or larger must be certified by an Indiana registered engineer showing structural base data and wind load resistance on working drawing in applying for a permit.
- (3) Signs in non-residential districts or special exception use signs in residential districts may be internally illuminated or if externally illuminated, the source of the light shall be enclosed and directed to prevent the source of light from shining directly onto traffic or any residential district or property. Size of special exception use signs shall not be larger than sixty-four (64) square feet and not higher than eight (8) feet.
- (4) No sign shall be placed in, upon or over any public street right-of-way, alley, or other publicly owned land, except as otherwise expressly permitted by this chapter, i.e., traffic signage.
- (5) No public light pole, utility pole or other supporting member shall be used for the placement of any sign unless specifically designed and approved for such use.
- (6) No sign shall be erected in any place where it may, by reason of its position, shape, color, or other characteristic, interfere with, obstruct the view of, or be confused with any authorized traffic sign, signal, or device, or constitute a public nuisance.
- (7) No sign shall contain any moving or animated parts nor have the appearance of having any moving or animated parts except slow-speed (six (6) or less revolutions per minute) revolving signs, provided that the mechanism required to operate the sign is effectively concealed from view.
-  (8) Signs which contain, include or are illuminated by any flashing, or intermittent or moving light or lights are prohibited, except those giving public service information such as time and temperature or weather.
- (9) No sign shall be erected above the roofline of a building, nor project more than eighteen (18) inches from the wall.
- (10) All freestanding signs must be set back at least ten (10) feet from street right-of-way lines (closest edge of the sign) and ten (10) feet from any front, side or rear property line. The bottom of such sign shall not be less than ten (10) feet above the finished grade or ground

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## WARRANTY DEED

This indenture witnesseth that ROSS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL CORPORATION

of Lake County in the State of Indiana

Convey and warrant to TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE  
13 West 73rd Avenue, Merrillville, Indiana,

of Lake County in the State of Indiana

for and in consideration of One (\$1.00) Dollar and other good and valuable consideration,  
the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the following Real Estate in Lake County  
in the State of Indiana, to wit:

The South half of Lot No. Three (3), of Five acre lots, in  
Section Sixteen (16), Township Thirty-five (35) North, Range  
Eight (8) West of the 2nd P.M., containing 2½ acres, more or  
less, in Lake County, Indiana; ALSO the North half of Lot 3  
of 5 acre lots except the West 214 feet thereof; which real estate  
is also described as: The South Half of Lot 3 and the East 116 feet  
of North Half of Lot 3, of 5 acre lots in Section 16, Township 35 North,  
Range 8 West of the 2nd Principal Meridian, in Lake County, Indiana.

Tray 15-115-42

Subject to real estate taxes for 1973 payable in 1974 and all years  
thereafter;

Subject to all easements and restrictions found in prior deeds and  
plats of record.

DULY ENTERED  
FOR TAXATION

OCT 23 1973

State of Indiana, Lake County, ss:  
Before me, the undersigned Notary Public in and for said County  
and State, this 17th day of July, 1973  
personally appeared:

Ross Township School Corporation,  
by Maynard A. Krueger, Jr., its President,  
and Phyllis J. Tully, its Secretary

And acknowledged the execution of the foregoing deed. In witness  
whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my of-  
ficial seal. My commission expires September 28, 1975

Charles A. Stoner, Notary Public

Dated this 17th Day of July, 1973

Ross Township School Corporation

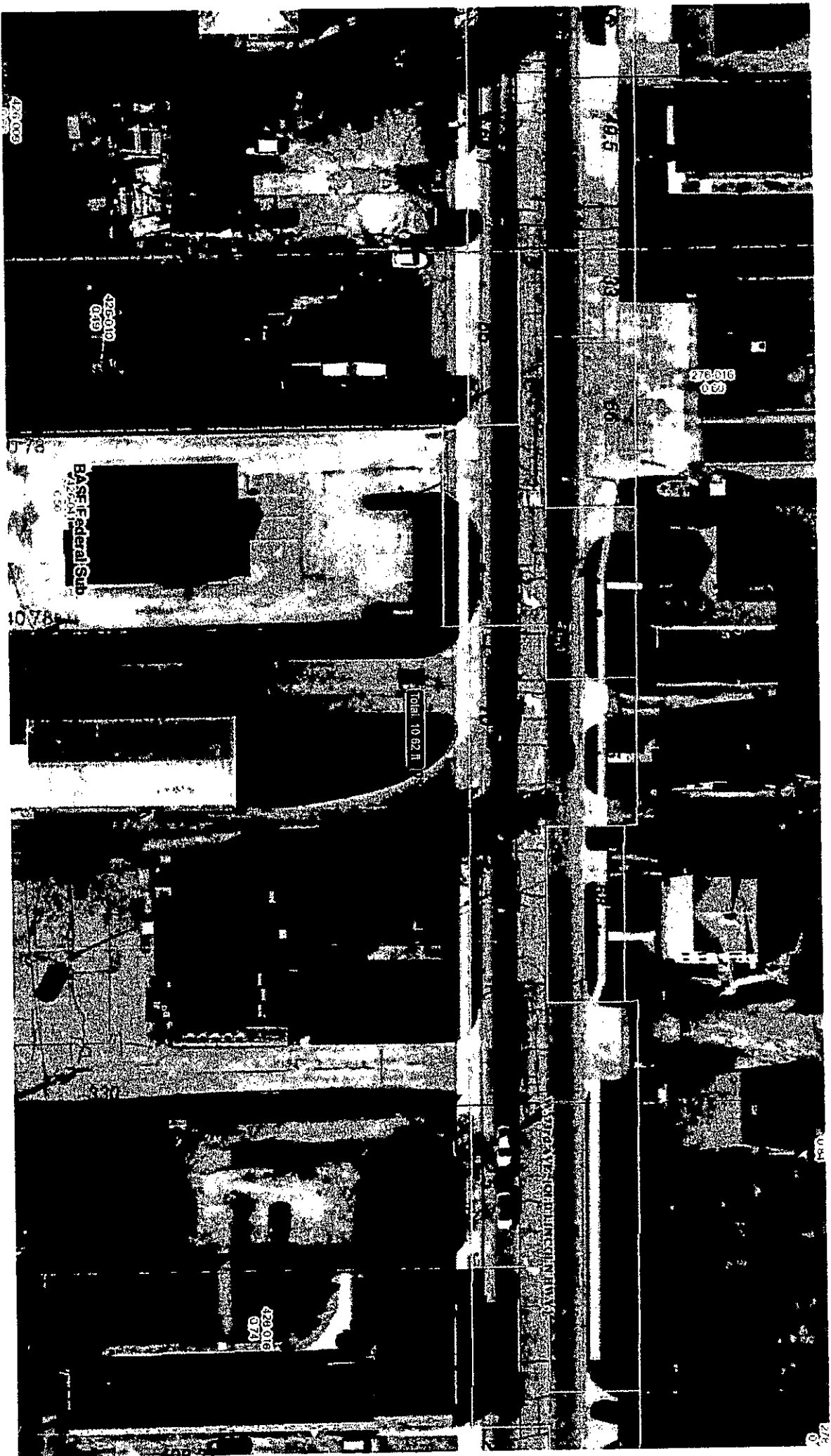
By: Maynard A. Krueger, Jr., President

Attest: Phyllis J. Tully, Secretary

This instrument prepared by Charles A. Stoner, 5800 Broadway, Gary, Ind. (46410) Attorney at Law

MAIL TO: Charles A. Stoner, Atty.,  
5800 Broadway, Gary, Ind. (46410).

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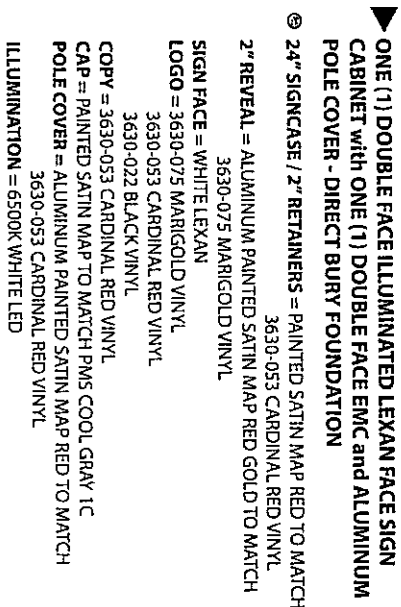
## CLIENT NAME

**JOB LOCATION:**

**DRAWN BY**

05.10.23 LS

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