Town Council of Merrillville
7820 Broadway Ave - Merrillville, IN 46410
Town Council Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
April 8, 2025, 2025 - 6:30 P.M.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag was led by Councilor Bella.

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

ROLL CALL of COUNCIL: – Present at the meeting were Councilors Shauna Haynes-Edwards, Leona Chandler-Felton, Margaret Uzelac, Shawn Pettit, Keesha Hardaway, and Rick Bella. Councilor Rhonda Neal was absent. Councilor Clerk-Treasurer Eric January was present to memorialize the proceedings. A quorum was attained.

Attorney Ricardo Hall was present in the absence of Town Attorney Svetanoff.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, AND REMONSTRATIONS:

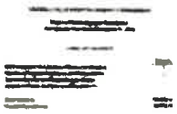
- **Acknowledgment of Receival: RDC Annual Report**

  Town Manager Griffin explained the RDC Annual Report.

  Upon a question from President Bella regarding any action required on this matter, Town Manager Griffin responded the council must ackownlege receipt of the report.

  The council acknowledged receipt of the Redevelopment Commission Report with no objections.











PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were several public comments and a copy of the video from the Town Council Meeting, held on April 8, 2025, has been uploaded on the Town's website at https://www.merrillville.in.gov/government/town_council/town_council_meetings.php

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PUBLIC HEARING: ***NONE***

MOTIONS ON THE TABLE: *NONE*

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Accounts Payable Register Voucher Approval for April 8th, 2025
- ARPA Accts. Payable Register Voucher Approval for April 8th, 2025
- Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes March 25th, 2025
- Approval of the March 21st, 2025, Council Affairs Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Councilor Uzelac and seconded by Councilor Pettit to approve the consent agenda.

Upon a voice vote, the motion passed. The consent agenda was approved.

PRESENTATION of DECLARATIONS:

- **Declaration recognizing Father Theodore Poteres**

Nick Kavadas read the following declaration into the record:



Town of Merrillville
DECLARATION
State of Indiana

The Town Council of Merrillville Recognizes
Rev. Father Theodore (Ted) Poteres
for Outstanding Service & Dedication

Whereas, we are here today to express special recognition to Reverend Father Theodore (Ted) Poteres and to honor him for his distinguished forty-one year service to the Lord as an ordained pastor; and,

Whereas, Rev. Father Ted Poteres has served the Cathedral of Saints Constantine and Helen Cathedral in Merrillville, Indiana for twenty-eight years as the Proistamenos of the Parish; and,

Whereas, under Father Ted's leadership and guidance, he has multiplied the number of ministries to help the Merrillville community and overall larger northwest Indiana region that are in need such as hosting the Ross Township food pantry, Harvest for the Hungry program, feeding thousands during the holidays, the Winter clothing drive, the Back-to-School supplies program, and JC Closet helping provide free clothing to those in need, and physical and emotional support for all six AHEPA Senior Living apartment complex residents located in Merrillville; and,

Whereas, Father Ted led the parish of Saints Constantine and Helen to support and address the needs of local, state, national, and international needs including helping with natural disasters; and,

Whereas, Father Ted led the parish with the highest integrity and utmost humility to spiritually guide its parishioners including youth and outside communities closer to God and be better citizens in their communities through the power of Christ's love and compassion; and,

Whereas, Father Ted is a member of the Northwest Indiana Orthodox and the Merrillville Clergy Association and serves on many boards that offer services, grants, and donations for a wide range of causes and issues in the community.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Town Council of Merrillville, Indiana, hereby congratulates Father Ted Poteres on his over four decades of dedicated service to many over the years, his heartfelt God's work to the here at home Merrillville Ss. Constantine and Helen parish, his care and involvement to organizations and programs to assist those in need and for his leadership in our community.

Let us now all wish Father Ted all the best for a much deserved retirement and honor him today with this Declaration and ask all residents of Merrillville to help us celebrate the amazing work and service of this wonderful servant of God. Congratulations and Thank You Father Ted. Congratulations on your retirement.

Approved and signed by the following Honorable Town of Merrillville Town Councilors and attested to by the Honorable Town Clerk-Treasurer, this 11th day of March, 2025.

It was moved by Councilor Uzelac and seconded by Councilor Haynes-Edwards to approve the declaration honoring Father Theodore Poteres.

Upon a voice vote, the motion passed. The declaration was approved.

STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES REPORTS:

***BUDGET & FINANCE*—NEAL**—Vice-President Neal was absent.

Town Manager Griffin reported the following for the committee:

- The Gateway signs' invoice has been processed for payment, and the committee does not have a timetable for the installation.

STREET DEPARTMENT & PARK MAINTENANCE - UZELAC– Councilor Uzelac reported the following:

- Chapel Hill - Chapel Hill is requesting speed humps that are already being installed and stop signs. Director King will be installing stop signs at 84th Place and Chase Place due to the increased traffic in the new subdivision.
- Pothole Patching and Paving – The Street Department is filling potholes throughout the Town and paving.
- Street Sweeper – Director King added that the Street Sweepers are cleaning the main roads and subdivisions.
- Trash – Director King added that the Street Department has been picking up a lot of garbage especiall at Wickham Town Homes that was cleaned up by us last week. The property is now loaded with mor garbage such as trash, furniture, mattresses, and even syringes. The problem of garbage with the Wickham Town Homes and other properties is becoming a major problem.

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

PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS – HARDAWAY- Councilor Hardaway reported that there is a current opening for a Labor 1 position in the Street Department. The position is posted on the Town's website at www.merrillville.in.gov/departments/human_resources and indeed.com. The position will close in ten days. If you are interested or know of someone who meets the qualification requirements, please do not hesitate to apply.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS- UZELAC – Councilor Uzelac reported she has received several telephone calls regarding Waste Management raising their fees from $60.00 to $69.00 for garbage pickup. The fee increase did not come from the Town of Merrillville.

Councilor Uzelac added to Director King's report on the garbage problem in the Town.

PUBLIC SAFETY- HARDAWAY- Councilor Hardaway had nothing to report.

ELECTIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS, & TOWN BEAUTIFICATION - NEAL- Vice-President Neal wa absent.

Town Manager Griffin had nothing to report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-PETTIT – Councilor Pettit reported that a Redevelopment Commission Workshop meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room. There will be several presentations on Wickham Street Corridor, Southside Fire Station, Addition to the Dean & Barbara White Community Center, and Director Steve King will present Phase II of the ones and twos.

Councilor Pettit also informed the council that Bob Switz and Tom Pitman will be at the meeting and the committee would like insight from the council on how to move forward on these big capital projects.

UTILITY LIAISON –CHANDLER-FELTON – Councilor Chandler-Felton had nothing to report.

PARKS AND DEAN & BARBARA WHITE COMMUNITY CENTER - PETTIT – Councilor Pettit reported that a committing meeting will be held on Thursday, April 24th at 4:00 p.m. At the last meeting, the following agenda items were discussed:

- Merrillville Garden Club at Rosenbalm Park:

It was moved by Councilor Pettit and seconded by Councilor Uzelac to create the Rosenbalm Community Garden Project with the condition that the Town and volunteers are covered for liability because Rosenbalm Park is the Town of Merrillville's property.

Upon a question regarding from Councilor Pettit how the produce will be distributed, Bryor Mesarch responded that the bylaws will include a hold-harmless clause that volunteers will have to sign, and all produce will be taken to the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana.

Upon a question to Director Matt Lake of Stormwater regarding the orchard property, Director Lake responded that he talked with Mr. Messarh about watering.

Upon a voice vote, the motion passed. The Rosenbalm Community Garden Project was approved.

- Sponsorships at the Dean and Barbara White Community Center:
  - All the sponsorships are paid through the end of February 2026. The two sponsorships of concern are Bozak Court and Mike Anderson Event Center.
- HVAC – Dean and Barbara White Community Center:
  - According to Mike Neal, the HVAC system has been completely updated.
- Security Lights and Cameras:
  - Security Lights – This came up in the public meeting for the 5-year Master Plan.
  - Cameras – Asst. Parks Director Roberts is working on this issue to upgrade the equipment.
- 5-Year Master Plan – A resolution is on tonight's agenda regarding action from the council.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ABANDONED-BLIGHTED PROPERTIES - HAYNES-EDWARDS & CHANDLER-FELTON– Councilor Haynes-Edward reported the following numbers for March 2025:

- Cold Calls - 321
- Code Warnings - 52
- Citations – 17
- Current Vacant/Abandon Cases – 15
- Blighted Properties - 6

Upon a question from President Bella regarding the Good Friday Holiday closure and court orders, Councilor Haynes-Edwards responded the court order would be rescheduled.

SPECIAL TOWN PROJECTS - NEAL – Vice-President Neal was absent.

Town Manager Griffin reported on the following:

- Easter Bunny Blast – The Town of Merrillville has partnered with Ross Township to hold an Easter Bunny Blast at Hidden Lake Park on April 12th from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. New bikes or monetary

donations for bikes are still needed. If you participate in the donations of bikes for this event, you will receive a free seasonal pass to Hidden Lake.

- July 4th – Fourth of July details will be coming soon.
- Parade & Fireworks – More information will be forthcoming soon on the parade and the fireworks display will be conducted at Hidden Lake.

SEMI-QUINCENTENN IAL COMMITTEE - HAYNES-EDWARDS – Councilor Haynes-Edwards had nothing to report.

Councilor Pettit requested to go back to Parks and Dean & Barbara White Community Center:

Parks and Dean & Barbara White Community Center

Councilor Pettit reported that the cleaning contract, because of the dollar amount requires action from the council. The options are as follows:

- Basic - $3,068/month
- Deluxe - $3,589/month

Councilor Pettit stated the contract annually will be over $36,000.00. Town Manager Griffin added that the total for the year will be over $36,000/year which is above the department threshold of $15,000.00 for purchasing, but below the seal bid threshold.

It was moved by Councilor Pettit and seconded by Councilors Chadler-Felton and Haynes-Edwards to approve the Cleaning Contract.

Clerk-Treasurer Eric January added that the plans are reasonable.

Director McCartney of the Parks Department added that the committee is going to start with the Basic Cleaning Plan. The daily custodian cleaning crew will still be onsite. The contract is for deep overnight cleaning.

Upon a voice vote, the motion passed. The cleaning contract was approved.

DEPARTMENT & COMMISSION REPORTS:

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

- **MS4 General Permit Annual Report** – The report has been submitted to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), received, reviewed, and no deficiencies were found in the report.
- **Audit with IDEM** – The audit is scheduled for April 22nd for MCM 4 and MCM 5 which is construction and post-construction controls/compliance with Rob Beck.
- **Hickory Ridge Flood Control Project** – Gary Sanitary District approved the conflict structure.
- **Josh's Landscaping** – Josh's Landscaping was the lowest quote for mowing detention areas.
- **Tilapia** -Bon Aire Lake will be stocked with tilapia next month. The fish serve as natural/biological algae eaters. The Tilapia will not only eat algae, but they will also prevent it from coming back in the future.
- **Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission Board** – We gave our second presentation regarding 50% of cost sharing for the updated Stormwater Master Plan.

- **Dyer Construction** – Dyer Construction completed an emergency repair at 61st Johnson Street where Turkey Creek Lateral 6 crosses 61st and the cost was reasonable.
- **Scanning Documents** – The department is looking forward to scanning documents through ARC and is working with Town Manager Griffin on the protocols.

NORTHERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION-HARDAWAY – Councilor Hardaway had nothing to report.

LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT-NEAL– Vice-President Neal was absent.

Town Manager Griffin reported on the following:

- Latex Paint Collections – May 10th from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Lake County Solid Waste Management District (LCSWMD)located at 8695 Broadway in Merrillville
- Residential Compost – Compost will be available to residents. You must call LCSWMD for an appointment to pick up the compost at (219) 337-8341.
- Household Waste Collection – Saturday, April 12th at Munster Public Works. Paper shredding will not be available at this site.

THE SHARED ETHICS ENTITY-HARDAWAY – Councilor Hardaway had nothing to report.

FIRE TERRITORY BOARD - NEAL & HARDAWAY – Councilor Hardaway had nothing to report.

CLERK-TREASUERE OFFICE - JANUARY – Clerk-Treasurer Eric January informed the residents that the Town of Merrillville does not issue property tax bills, and they need to contact Lake County.

Clerk-Treasurer Eric January also reported on the following:

- Fraud – There was no fraudulent activity on checks thanks to our Positive Pay System where all checks issued must be approved before they are cashed at the bank. The internal controls are working.
- Ending Cash Balance as of March 31st (majority RDA- $16,000,000.00) - $42,044,068.00
- Year-to-Date Revenue as of March 31st - $10,288,767.19
- Food and Beverage Tax - $137,926.89 check issued on April 2.

Clerk-Treasurer Eric January also reported that he is feeling optimistic about the direction the Town of Merrillville is heading and looks forward to working together as a team.

SSCVA – No Report

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ TOWN MANAGER:

Director McCartney – Parks Department

Director McCartney reported on the following:

- Adult and Youth Yoga, & Dance Programs – Registration is live for these programs under the activity section at merrillvilleparks.recdesk.com.
- Youth Football and Basketball – Registration is live for these programs under the activity section at merrillvilleparks.recdesk.com.
- Daddy and Daughter Dance - June 13th at the Dean and Barbara White Community Center

- Mother and Son Activity Night – August 15th at the Dean and Barbara White Community Center.

Chief Nuses– Police Department

Chief Nuses also reported on the following events:

- Coffee with A Cop - The event will be held at Panera Bread located at 303 East 81st Avenue on April 17th from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The Community is invited to talk and interact with the Chief of Police Nuses and local officers.

- Indiana General Assembly (2025 Senate Bill One-Capping and Cutting Property Taxes) - Chief Nuses explained the ramifications of the bill regarding funding for public safety (Police and Fire Departments) and schools in the Town of Merrillville.

Director Shine – Building and Planning

Director Shine reported on the Wickham Town Homes on 73rd Street. She informed the council that a letter was mailed to the owners reminding them of their responsibility for the property maintenance not the renters.

Director King – Street Department

Director King reported on the following:

- Speed Humps – The speed humps are being installed today, and the council's requested locations will be added to the location spreadsheets which will be forwarded to the contractor. A couple of locations will have to wait until the resurfacing is complete before the speed humps can be installed.
- Memorial Benches – These will be installed at Teal Crossing once the weather breaks along with ADA access to get to the benches.
- Concrete, Paving, and Asphalt Projects – Concrete work is going on now, and depending on the weather paving work will start next week. Asphalt work will be starting soon.

Town Manager Griffin – Town Administration

Town Manager Griffin reported that the two reports, including the staff report, have been given to the council members and Clerk-Treasurer Eric January in accordance with section 227 of the municipal code.

Town Manager Griffin highlighted some of the following updates:

Town Tax Talk – Thursday, April 10th at 6:30 p.m. at the Dean and Babara White Community Center in the Mil Anderson Event Center Room 3. There has been a change from Jim Higgins from London Whitty to Carl Cender. The presentation will focus on misunderstandings about Economic Development Incentive, Utilization for Tax Increment Financing (TIF), and Economic Revitalization Area general known as Tax Abatement. The audience will be able to ask questions on index cards, and the questions will be responded to by the panel.

GENERAL ORDERS

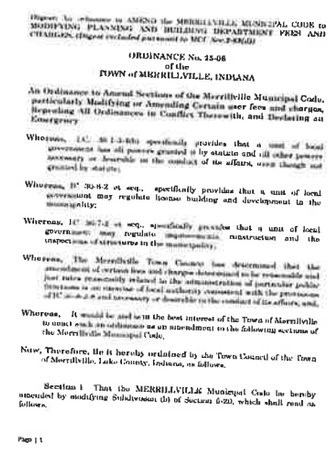
A.* Ordinances: (Discussion and Roll Call Vote):** ***NONE

Zoning: (motion to adopt or reject; confer IC 36-5-2-10(d)

First Reading: Ordinance (Discussion and Roll Call Vote): NONE

Second Reading: (Discussion, Public Comments Only If Required& Roll Call Vote):

1. **Ordinance 25-06 (Discussion and Roll Call Vote)**
   An Ordinance to Amend Sections of the Merrillville Municipal Code, particularly Modifying or Amending Certain user fees and charges, Repealing All Ordinances in Conflict Therewith, and Declaring an Emergency.



ORDINANCE No. 25-06
of the
TOWN of MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA

An Ordinance to Amend Sections of the Merrillville Municipal Code, particularly Modifying or Amending Certain user fees and charges, Repealing All Ordinances in Conflict Therewith, and Declaring an Emergency

Whereas, IC 36-1-3-8(6) specifically provides that a unit of local government has all powers granted it by statute and all other powers necessary or desirable to the conduct of its affairs, even though not granted by statute;

Whereas, IC 36-8-2 et seq., specifically provides that a unit of local government may regulate license building and development in the municipality;

Whereas, IC 36-7-2 et seq., specifically provides that a unit of local government may regulate improvements, construction and the inspection of structures in the municipality;

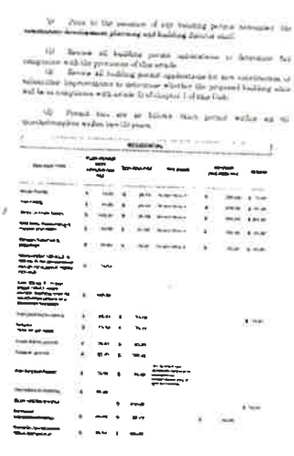
Whereas, The Merrillville Town Council has determined that the amendment of certain fees and charges determined to be reasonable and just rates reasonably related to the administration of particular public functions in the exercise of local authority consistent with the provisions of IC 36-8-2 and necessary or desirable to the conduct of its affairs, and;

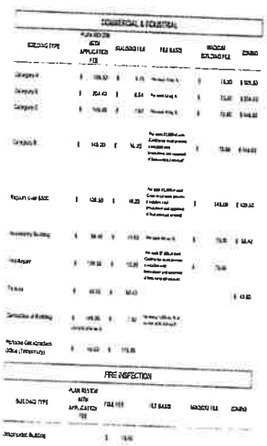
Whereas, It would be and is in the best interest of the Town of Merrillville to enact such an ordinance as an amendment to the following sections of the Merrillville Municipal Code;

Now, Therefore, Be It hereby ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, as follows.

Section 1 That the MERRILLVILLE Municipal Code be hereby amended by modifying Subdivision (b) of Section 6-20, which shall read as follows:

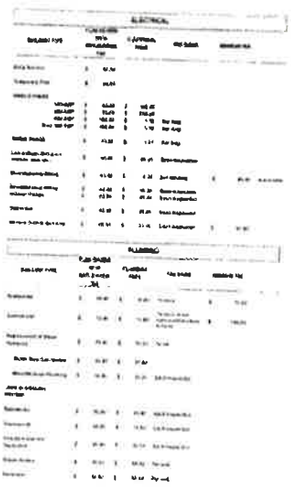






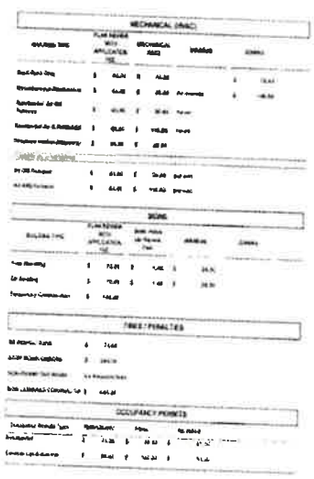
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FEE INSPECTION



ELECTRICAL

PLUMBING

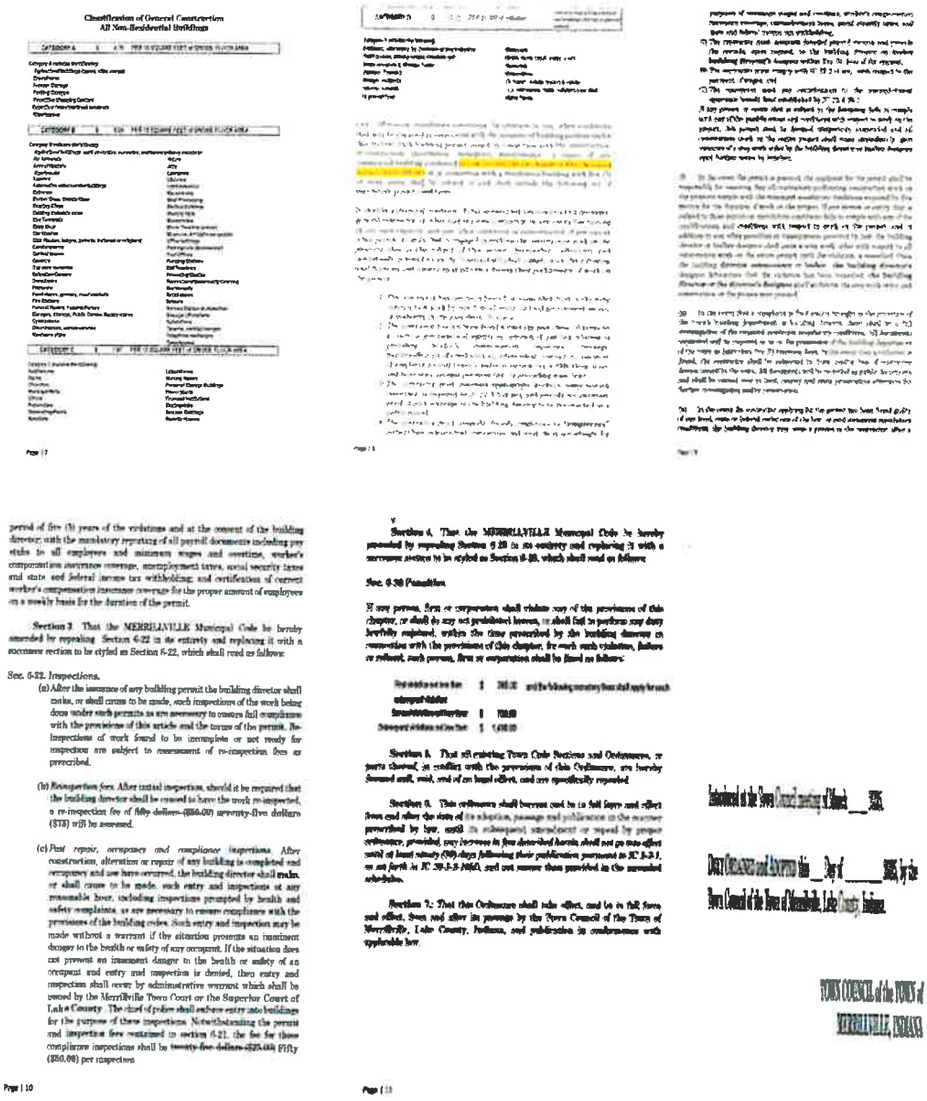


MECHANICAL (HVAC)

SIGNS

FINES / PENALTIES

OCCUPANCY PERMITS

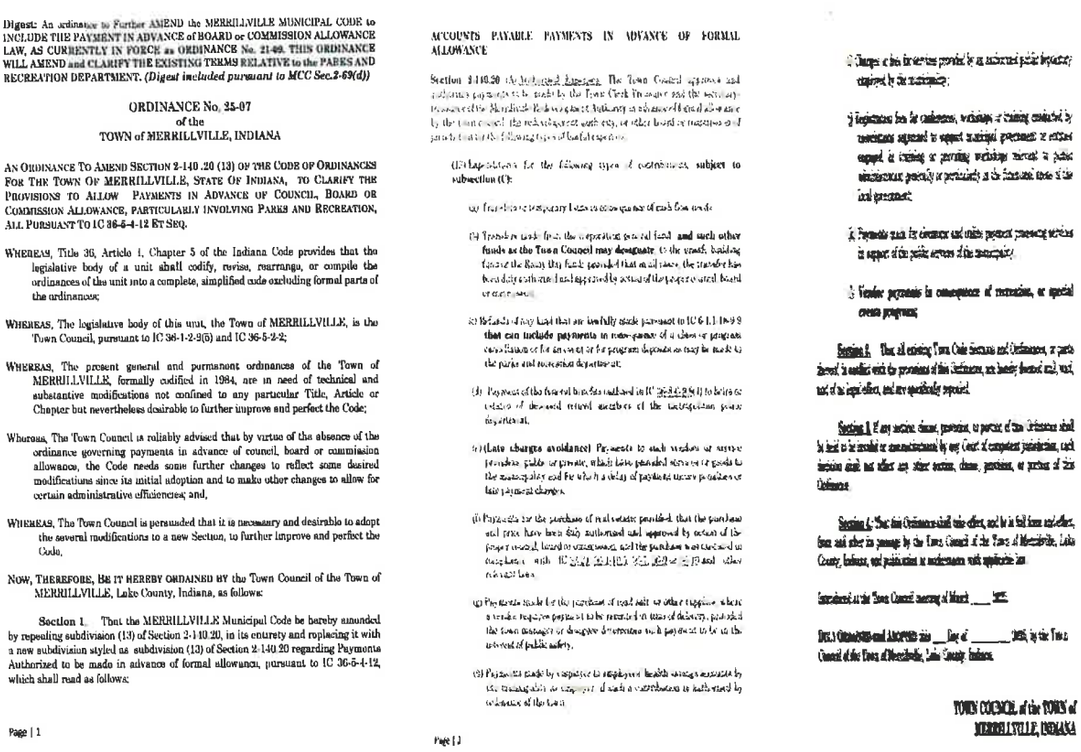


It was moved by Councilor Pettit and seconded by Councilor Hardaway to approve Ordinance 25-06 on the second and final reading.

Upon a question from Councilor Pettit regarding public notice, Town Manager Griffin responded that there is no need for public notice for the fees, however, there is a provision in the law that requires legal notice to be published after the council's adoption. Ninety days following the legal notice, the fees would be enforceable.

Upon a roll call vote, there were six affirmatives and no negatives. Councilors Shauna Haynes-Edwards, Leona Chandler-Felton, Margaret Uzelac, Shawn Pettit, Keesha Hardaway, and Rick Bella voted in the affirmative. There were no negatives. The motion passed. The ordinance was approved on the second and final reading.

2. **Ordinance 25-07 (Discussion and Roll Call Vote)**
An Ordinance to Amend Section 2-140.20 (13) of the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Merrillville, State of Indiana, to Clarify the Provisions to Allow Payments in Advance of Council, Board, or Commission Allowance, Particularly Involving Parks, and Recreation All Pursuant to IC 36-5-4-12 – ET SEQ.



Digest: An ordinance to Further AMEND the MERRILLVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE to INCLUDE THE PAYMENT IN ADVANCE of BOARD or COMMISSION ALLOWANCE LAW, AS CURRENTLY IN FORCE as ORDINANCE No. 21-09. THIS ORDINANCE WILL AMEND and CLARIFY THE EXISTING TERMS RELATIVE to the PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. *(Digest included pursuant to MCC Sec.2-69(d))*

ORDINANCE No. 25-07
of the
TOWN of MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2-140.20 (13) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE, STATE OF INDIANA, TO CLARIFY THE PROVISIONS TO ALLOW PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE OF COUNCIL, BOARD OR COMMISSION ALLOWANCE, PARTICULARLY INVOLVING PARKS AND RECREATION, ALL PURSUANT TO IC 36-5-4-12 ET SEQ.

WHEREAS, Title 36, Article 4, Chapter 5 of the Indiana Code provides that the legislative body of a unit shall codify, revise, rearrange, or compile the ordinances of the unit into a complete, simplified code excluding formal parts of the ordinances;

WHEREAS, The legislative body of this unit, the Town of MERRILLVILLE, is the Town Council, pursuant to IC 36-1-2-9(5) and IC 36-5-2-2;

WHEREAS, The present general and permanent ordinances of the Town of MERRILLVILLE, formally codified in 1984, are in need of technical and substantive modifications not confined to any particular Title, Article or Chapter but nevertheless desirable to further improve and perfect the Code;

Whereas, The Town Council is reliably advised that by virtue of the absence of the ordinance governing payments in advance of council, board or commission allowance, the Code needs some further changes to reflect some desired modifications since its initial adoption and to make other changes to allow for certain administrative efficiencies; and,

WHEREAS, The Town Council is persuaded that it is necessary and desirable to adopt the several modifications to a new Section, to further improve and perfect the Code,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY the Town Council of the Town of MERRILLVILLE, Lake County, Indiana, as follows:

Section 1. That the MERRILLVILLE Municipal Code be hereby amended by repealing subdivision (13) of Section 2-140.20, in its entirety and replacing it with a new subdivision styled as subdivision (13) of Section 2-140.20 regarding Payments Authorized to be made in advance of formal allowance, pursuant to IC 36-5-4-12, which shall read as follows:

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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE OF FORMAL ALLOWANCE

Section 2-140.20 (13) Authorized Payments. The Town Council approves and authorizes payments to be made by the Town Clerk-Treasurer and the Merrillville Redevelopment Authority in advance of formal allowance by the town council, the redevelopment authority, or other board or commission and pursuant to the following types of liabilities only:

(13) Exceptions for the following types of expenditures, subject to subsection (C):

(a) Employee or occupancy taxes in consequence of cash flow needs;

(b) Transfers made from the operations general fund and such other funds as the Town Council may designate to the street, building finance the Rainy Day fund; provided that in all cases, the transfer has been duly authorized and approved by action of the proper council, board or commission;

(c) Refunds of any kind that are lawfully made pursuant to IC 6-1.1-26-9 that can include payments in non-payment of a claim or program reimbursement for an event or for program deposits as may be made to the parks and recreation department;

(d) Payment of the funeral benefits outlined in IC 36-8-10-9 (l) to heirs or relatives of deceased retired members of the metropolitan police department;

(e) (Late charges avoidance) Payments to such vendors or service providers, public or private, which have provided services or goods to the municipality and for which a delay of payment incurs penalties or late payment charges;

(f) Payments for the purchase of real estate provided, that the purchase and price have been duly authorized and approved by action of the proper council, board or commission, and the purchase was executed in compliance with IC 36-1-10.5, IC 36-1-11, IC 36-7-14 and other relevant laws;

(g) Payments made for the purchase of road salt or other supplies where a vendor requires payment to be remitted on time of delivery, provided the town manager or designee determines such payment to be in the interest of public safety;

(h) Payments made by employee health coverage accounts by the municipality or employee of such a nature that is authorized by ordinance of the unit;

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(i) Charges or fees for services provided by an authorized public department, approved by the municipality;

(j) Registration fees for conferences, workshops or training conducted by associations organized to support municipal government or entities engaged in training or providing workshops relevant to public administration generally or particularly to the functional duties of the local government;

(k) Payments made for insurance and utility payment processing services in support of the public services of the municipality;

(l) Vendor payments in consequence of recreation, or special events programs;

Section 2. That all existing Town Code Sections and Ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby deemed void, void, and of no legal effect, and are specifically repealed.

Section 3. If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any other section, clause, provision, or portion of this Ordinance.

Section 4. That this Ordinance shall take effect, and be in full force and effect, from and after its passage by the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, and publication in accordance with applicable law.

Introduced at the Town Council meeting of March ___, 2025.

DULY ORDAINED and ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 2025, by the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana.

TOWN COUNCIL of the TOWN of MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA

It was moved by Councilor Uzelac and seconded by Councilor Hardaway to approve Ordinance 25-07 on the second and final reading.

Town Manager Griffin explained Ordinance 25-07.

Upon a roll call vote, there were six affirmatives and no negatives. Councilors Shauna Haynes-Edwards, Leona Chandler-Felton, Margaret Uzelac, Shawn Pettit, Keesha Hardaway, and Rick Bella voted in the affirmative. There were no negatives. The motion passed. The ordinance was approved on the second and final reading.

3. **Ordinance 25-09 (Discussion and Roll Call Vote)**
An Ordinance of the to Amend Section 2-133 and Create another Section of the Merrillville Municipal Code, particularly Modifying or Amending The Property Seizure Fund with two distinct funds, Repealing All Ordinances in Conflict Therewith, and Declaring an Emergency.

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Digest: An ordinance to AMEND the MERRILLVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE to RE ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL and THE LOCAL FORFEITURE AND SEIZED ASSETS FUNDS. *(Digest included pursuant to MCC Sec.2-69(d))*

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TOWN of MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA

An Ordinance to Amend Section 2-133 and Create another Section of the Merrillville Municipal Code, particularly Modifying or Amending The Property Seizure Fund with two distinct Funds, Repealing All Ordinances in Conflict Therewith, and Declaring an Emergency

Whereas, I.C. 36-1-3-4(b) specifically provides that a unit of local government has all powers granted by statute and all other powers necessary or desirable in the conduct of its affairs, even though not granted by statute;

Whereas, IC 36-1-4-5 provides that a unit of local government may acquire interests in personal property and

Whereas, IC 36-8-2-2 provides that a unit of government may establish, maintain and operate a police and law enforcement system to preserve public peace, and order and may provide facilities, equipment and supplies for that system;

Whereas, IC 36-8-2-4 further provides that a unit of government may regulate conduct, or the use or possession of property that might endanger the public health, safety or welfare;

Whereas, The Merrillville Town Council has determined that the amendment of the Merrillville Municipal Code to include Federal and Local Forfeiture and Seized Assets Funds as necessary or desirable in the conduct of its affairs; and,

Whereas, It would be and is in the best interest of the Town of Merrillville to enact such an ordinance as an amendment to the following sections of the Merrillville Municipal Code,

Now, Therefore, Be It hereby ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, as follows:

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(2) Money derived from seized and forfeited assets or the proceeds from the sale of seized and forfeited assets not otherwise covered by laws of the United States, or its executive departments, nor covered by I.C. 36-8-6-4, but which are the subject of a criminal investigation from which a seizure and forfeiture is occasioned, pursuant to I.C. 34-4-30.1 et seq. or I.C. 34-4-30.5 et seq.;

(3) Money derived from Indiana court orders, entered agreements and or judgments associated with a criminal investigation from which a seizure and forfeiture is occasioned, pursuant to I.C. 34-4-30.1 et seq. or I.C. 34-4-30.5 et seq.,

(4) That pursuant to Indiana Code Title 5,Article 13, Chapter 9, monies in the fund may be invested provided that the yields from the purchase and sale of any such investments be deposited with the fund;

(5) That expenditures from the Fund may be made from the proper category of expense only after an appropriation has been made in the manner provided by statute for making other appropriations and shall be disbursed only on approved claims allowed by the Town Council pursuant to IC 5-11-10 and IC 36-5-4;

(6) That all unused and unencumbered monies do not revert to any fund but the fund created by this ordinance;

(7) The sources of revenue for this fund are hereby determined and shall be construed as being received from the dedicated funds of the state under its laws and as such, the unused and unencumbered balance of an appropriation does not revert at the end of the fiscal year to the fund created by this ordinance, pursuant to I.C. 36-1-8-5(d);

(8) That the municipal fiscal officer, is hereby directed and authorized to perform such duties and keep such accounts as to fulfill the purpose of the funds herein named and to carry out the provisions of this enactment.

Section 2. That the disposition of the existing fund shall be as follows:

(A) The existing fund created for forfeitures and seizures, at the time of the adoption of this ordinance, here continuing existence, with the terms of this ordinance and are now applicable to its operation and management.

(B) Any cash assets on deposit to the credit of this fund, that should be deposited into the fund created by this ordinance for local forfeiture and seized assets, shall be identified by the police chief or the chief's designee, and

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then by authority in this ordinance, be deposited to the credit of the fund created by Section 2 of this ordinance.

(C) All existing cash now deposited according to the terms of this ordinance and all the existing liabilities held prior to the passage and adoption of this ordinance shall remain with the successor funds created by this ordinance.

Section 4. That all existing Town Code Sections and Ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby deemed null, void, and of no legal effect, and are specifically repealed.

Section 5. . That this Ordinance shall take effect, and be in full force and effect, from and after its passage and adoption as evidenced by the signature of the Town Council President and attested thereto by the Clerk-Treasurer, all pursuant to IC 36-5-2-9.8 and IC 36-5-2-10.2.

Introduced and Filed on the ___ day of March 2025.

DULY ORDAINED and ADOPTED this __ Day of_____ 2025, by the Town Council of the Town of MERRILLVILLE, Lake County, Indiana.

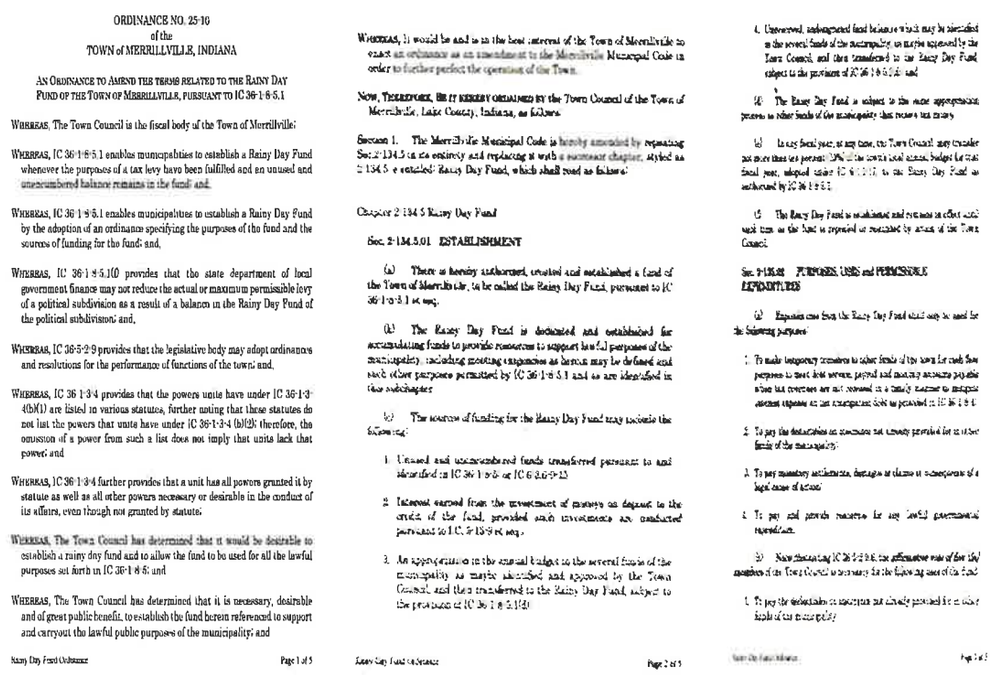
TOWN COUNCIL of the TOWN of
MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA

Town Manager Griffin explained Ordinance 25-09.

It was moved by Councilor Pettit and seconded by Councilor Uzelac to approve Ordinance 25-09 on the second and final reading.

Upon a roll call vote, there were six affirmatives and no negatives. Councilors Shauna Haynes-Edwards, Leona Chandler-Felton, Margaret Uzelac, Shawn Pettit, Keesha Hardaway, and Rick Bella voted in the affirmative. There were no negatives. The motion passed. The ordinance was approved on the second and final reading.

4. **<u>Ordinance 25-10 (Discussion and Roll Call Vote)</u>**
An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Indiana Ordinance to Amend the terms related to the Rainy-Day Fund of the Town of Merrillville, pursuant to IC 36-1-8-5.1.



ORDINANCE NO. 25-10
of the
TOWN of MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TERMS RELATED TO THE RAINY DAY FUND OF THE TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE, PURSUANT TO IC 36-1-8-5.1

WHEREAS, The Town Council is the fiscal body of the Town of Merrillville;

WHEREAS, IC 36-1-8-5.1 enables municipalities to establish a Rainy Day Fund whenever the purposes of a tax levy have been fulfilled and an unused and unencumbered balance remains in the fund; and,

WHEREAS, IC 36-1-8-5.1 enables municipalities to establish a Rainy Day Fund by the adoption of an ordinance specifying the purposes of the fund and the sources of funding for the fund; and,

WHEREAS, IC 36-1-8-5.1(l0) provides that the state department of local government finance may not reduce the actual or maximum permissible levy of a political subdivision as a result of a balance in the Rainy Day Fund of the political subdivision; and,

WHEREAS, IC 36-5-2-9 provides that the legislative body may adopt ordinances and resolutions for the performance of functions of the town; and,

WHEREAS, IC 36-1-3-4 provides that the powers units have under IC 36-1-3-4(b)(1) are listed in various statutes, further noting that these statutes do not list the powers that units have under IC 36-1-3-4 (b)(2); therefore, the omission of a power from such a list does not imply that units lack that power; and

WHEREAS, IC 36-1-3-4 further provides that a unit has all powers granted it by statute as well as all other powers necessary or desirable in the conduct of its affairs, even though not granted by statute;

WHEREAS, The Town Council has determined that it would be desirable to establish a rainy day fund and to allow the fund to be used for all the lawful purposes set forth in IC 36-1-8-5; and

WHEREAS, The Town Council has determined that it is necessary, desirable and of great public benefit, to establish the fund herein referenced to support and carryout the lawful public purposes of the municipality; and

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WHEREAS, It would be and is in the best interest of the Town of Merrillville to enact an ordinance as an amendment to the Merrillville Municipal Code in order to further perfect the operation of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, as follows:

Section 1. The Merrillville Municipal Code is hereby amended by repealing Sec. 2-134.5 in its entirety and replacing it with a successor chapter, Mylod as 2-134.5 e entitled: Rainy Day Fund, which shall read as follows:

Chapter 2-134.5 Rainy Day Fund

Sec. 2-134.5.01 ESTABLISHMENT

(a) There is hereby authorized, created and established a fund of the Town of Merrillville, to be called the Rainy Day Fund, pursuant to IC 36-1-8-5.1 et seq.

(b) The Rainy Day Fund is dedicated and established for accumulating funds to provide resources to support lawful purposes of the municipality, including spending exigencies as herein may be defined and such other purposes permitted by IC 36-1-8-5.1 and as are identified in this subchapter.

(c) The sources of funding for the Rainy Day Fund may include the following:

1. Unused and unencumbered funds transferred pursuant to and identified in IC 36-1-8-5 or IC 6-2.5-9-2.5

2. Interest earned from the investment of moneys on deposit to the credit of the fund, provided such investments are conducted pursuant to I.C. § 35-9 et seq.

3. An appropriation in the annual budget to the several funds of the municipality as may be identified and approved by the Town Council, and then transferred to the Rainy Day Fund, subject to the provisions of IC 36-1-8-5.1(d)

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4. Unreserved, unobligated fund balances which may be identified in the several funds of the municipality, as may be approved by the Town Council, and then transferred to the Rainy Day Fund, subject to the provisions of IC 36-1-8-5.1; and

(d) The Rainy Day Fund is subject to the same appropriation process as other funds of the municipality that receive tax money.

(e) In any fiscal year, or any time, the Town Council may consider not more than ten percent (10%) of the town's total annual budget for that fiscal year, adopted under IC 6-1.1-17, to the Rainy Day Fund as authorized by IC 36-1-8-5.1.

(f) The Rainy Day Fund is established and exists in effect until such time as the fund is repealed or rescinded by action of the Town Council.

Sec. 2-134.02 PURPOSES, USES and PERMISSIBLE EXPENDITURES

(a) Expenditures from the Rainy Day Fund shall only be used for the following purposes:

1. To make temporary transfers to other funds of the town for cash flow purposes to meet debt service, payroll and monthly accounts payable when tax revenues are not received in a timely manner to postpone interest expense as tax anticipation debt as provided in IC 36-1-8-4.

2. To pay the deductibles or premiums not already provided for in other funds of the municipality.

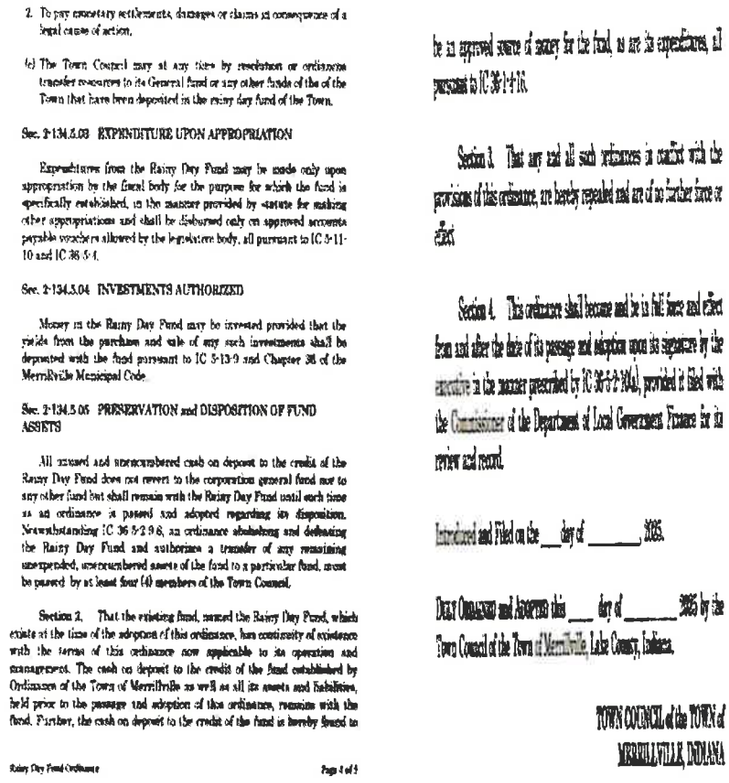
3. To pay monetary settlements, damages or claims or consequences of a legal cause of action;

4. To pay and provide reserves for any lawful governmental expenditure.

(b) Upon the casting IC 36-1-8-5.1(e) the affirmative vote of four (4) members of the Town Council is necessary to the following uses of the fund:

1. To pay the deductibles or premiums not already provided for in other funds of the municipality

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2. To pay monetary settlements, damages or claims as consequence of a legal cause of action.

(c) The Town Council may at any time by resolution or ordinance transfer resources to its General fund or any other funds of the of the Town that have been deposited in the rainy day fund of the Town.

Sec. 2-134.5.03 EXPENDITURE UPON APPROPRIATION

Expenditures from the Rainy Day Fund may be made only upon appropriation by the fiscal body for the purpose for which the fund is specifically established, in the manner provided by statute for making other appropriations and shall be disbursed only on approved accounts payable vouchers allowed by the legislative body, all pursuant to IC 5-11-10 and IC 36 5-4.

Sec. 2-134.5.04 INVESTMENTS AUTHORIZED

Money in the Rainy Day Fund may be invested provided that the yields from the purchase and sale of any such investments shall be deposited with the fund pursuant to IC 5-13-9 and Chapter 36 of the Merrillville Municipal Code.

Sec. 2-134.5.05 PRESERVATION and DISPOSITION OF FUND ASSETS

All unused and unencumbered cash on deposit to the credit of the Rainy Day Fund does not revert to the corporation general fund nor to any other fund but shall remain with the Rainy Day Fund until such time as an ordinance is passed and adopted regarding its disposition. Notwithstanding IC 36 5-2-9.8, an ordinance abolishing and disbanding the Rainy Day Fund and authorizes a transfer of any remaining unexpended, unencumbered assets of the fund to a particular fund, must be passed by at least four (4) members of the Town Council.

Section 2. That the existing fund, named the Rainy Day Fund, which exists at the time of the adoption of this ordinance, has continuity of existence with the terms of this ordinance now applicable to its operation and management. The cash on deposit to the credit of the fund established by Ordinances of the Town of Merrillville as well as all its assets and liabilities, held prior to the passage and adoption of this ordinance, remains with the fund. Further, the cash on deposit to the credit of the fund is hereby found to

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be an approved source of money for the fund, as are the expenditures, all pursuant to IC 36 5-4-5.

Section 3. That any and all such ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed and are of no further force or effect.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become and be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and adoption upon its signature by the executive in the manner prescribed by IC 36-5-2-9(b), provided it filed with the Commissioner of the Department of Local Government Finance for its review and record.

Introduced and Filed on the __ day of _____, 2025.

Duly Ordained and Adopted this ___ day of _____ 2025 by the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana.

TOWN COUNCIL of the TOWN of MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA

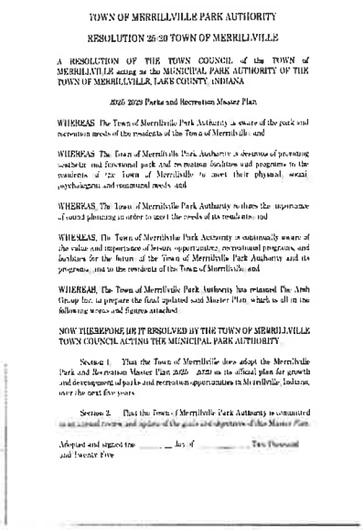
Town Manager Griffin explained Ordinance 25-10.

It was moved by Councilor Uzelac and seconded by Councilor Haynes-Edwards to approve Ordinance 25-10 on the second and final reading.

Upon a roll call vote, there were six affirmatives and no negatives. Councilors Shauna Haynes-Edward Leona Chandler-Felton, Margaret Uzelac, Shawn Pettit, Keesha Hardaway, and Rick Bella voted in the affirmative. There were no negatives. The motion passed. The ordinance was approved on the second and final reading.

B. **Resolutions:**

1. **<u>Resolution 25-20 (Discussion & Voice Vote)</u>**
   A Resolution Of The Town Council Of Merrillville Acting As The Municipal Park Authority Of The Town Of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana.



TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE PARK AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION 25-20 TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL of the TOWN of MERRILLVILLE acting as the MUNICIPAL PARK AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

2025-2029 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

WHEREAS, The Town of Merrillville Park Authority is aware of the park and recreation needs of the residents of the Town of Merrillville; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Merrillville Park Authority is desirous of preserving available and forecasted park and recreation facilities and programs to the residents of the Town of Merrillville to meet their physical, social, psychological and communal needs; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Merrillville Park Authority realizes the importance of sound planning in order to meet the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Merrillville Park Authority is continually aware of the value and importance of leisure opportunities, recreational programs, and facilities for the future of the Town of Merrillville Park Authority and its programs, and to the residents of the Town of Merrillville; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Merrillville Park Authority has retained The Arch Group Inc. to prepare the final updated said Master Plan, which is all in the following words and figures attached.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE TOWN COUNCIL ACTING THE MUNICIPAL PARK AUTHORITY

Section 1. That the Town of Merrillville does adopt the Merrillville Park and Recreation Master Plan 2020- 2029 as its official plan for growth and development of parks and recreation opportunities in Merrillville, Indiana, over the next five years.

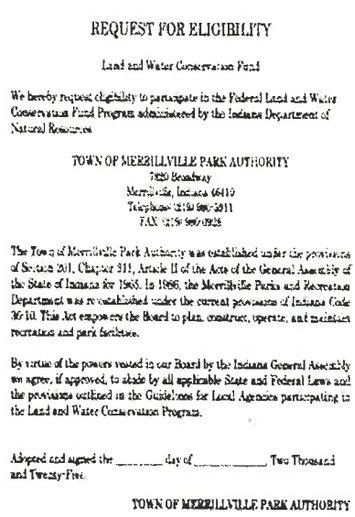
Section 2. That the Town of Merrillville Park Authority is committed to an annual review and update of the goals and objectives of the Master Plan.

Adopted and signed this _____ day of _____, Two Thousand and Twenty Five



ASSURANCE OF ACCESSIBILITY COMPLIANCE WITH ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS ACT of 1968 (As Amended); SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973 (As Amended); AND TITLE II OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990 (As Amended)

The Town of Merrillville Park Authority (Applicant) has read the guidelines for compliance with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (As Amended); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (As Amended); and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (As Amended) and will comply with the applicable requirements of these Acts.



REQUEST FOR ELIGIBILITY

Land and Water Conservation Fund

We hereby request eligibility to participate in the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Program administered by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

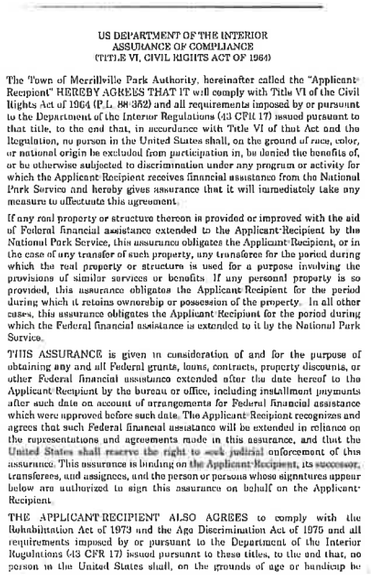
TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE PARK AUTHORITY
7920 Broadway
Merrillville, Indiana 46410
Telephone: (219) 980-2011
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The Town of Merrillville Park Authority was established under the provisions of Section 201, Chapter 311, Article II of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana for 1965. In 1986, the Merrillville Parks and Recreation Department was re-established under the current provisions of Indiana Code 36-10. This Act empowers the Board to plan, construct, operate, and maintain recreation and park facilities.

By virtue of the powers vested in our Board by the Indiana General Assembly we agree, if approved, to abide by all applicable State and Federal Laws and the provisions outlined in the Guidelines for Local Agencies participating in the Land and Water Conservation Program.

Adopted and signed the _____ day of _____ Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE PARK AUTHORITY



US DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE
(TITLE VI, CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964)

The Town of Merrillville Park Authority, hereinafter called the "Applicant-Recipient" HEREBY AGREES THAT IT will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Department of the Interior Regulations (43 CFR 17) issued pursuant to that title, to the end that, in accordance with Title VI of that Act and the Regulation, no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Applicant-Recipient receives financial assistance from the National Park Service and hereby gives assurance that it will immediately take any measure to effectuate this agreement.

If any real property or structure thereon is provided or improved with the aid of Federal financial assistance extended to the Applicant-Recipient by the National Park Service, this assurance obligates the Applicant-Recipient, or in the case of any transfer of such property, any transferee for the period during which the real property or structure is used for a purpose involving the provisions of similar services or benefits. If any personal property is so provided, this assurance obligates the Applicant-Recipient for the period during which it retains ownership or possession of the property. In all other cases, this assurance obligates the Applicant-Recipient for the period during which the Federal financial assistance is extended to it by the National Park Service.

THIS ASSURANCE is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all Federal grants, loans, contracts, property discounts, or other Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the Applicant-Recipient by the bureau or office, including installment payments after such date on account of arrangements for Federal financial assistance which were approved before such date. The Applicant-Recipient recognizes and agrees that such Federal financial assistance will be extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in this assurance, and that the United States shall reserve the right to seek judicial enforcement of this assurance. This assurance is binding on the Applicant-Recipient, its successor, transferees, and assignees, and the person or persons whose signatures appear below are authorized to sign this assurance on behalf on the Applicant-Recipient.

THE APPLICANT-RECIPIENT ALSO AGREES to comply with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Department of the Interior Regulations (43 CFR 17) issued pursuant to these titles, to the end that, no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of age or handicap be

excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Applicant-Recipient receives financial assistance from the National Park Service and hereby gives assurance that it will immediately take any measures to effectuate this agreement.

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE PARK AUTHORITY

It was moved by Councilor Pettit and seconded by Councilors Haynes-Edwards, Chandler-Felton, and Uzelac to approve Resolution 25-20.

Upon a question from Councilor Pettit regarding assurance of accessibility compliance and US Department of Interior assurance of compliance, Town Manager Griffin responded the assurances of compliance are covered in Resolution 25-20.

Councilor Pettit thanked everyone involved in updating the Park System.

Upon a voice vote, the motion passed. The resolution was approved.

C. BZA & LARGE GATHERING ACTIONS:

Petitioner: DVG Team Inc. c/o Greg Lorig (on Behalf of Drive & Shine)
Owner: OC Real Estate
Request: Special Exception Approval
Purpose: To Allow A Carwash
Location: 740 East 81St Avenue
Zoning: C-3, Highway Commercial Zoning District

Planning and Building Director Shine reported that the ABZA approved the use variance with the condition that a traffic study be reviewed by the engineers.

Jeff Ban of DVG explained the carwash usage.

Director Shine added that upcoming developments may change the traffic study in the future.

Jeff Ban stated that input will be needed from the Town and engineers to project what will be needed for the future.

President Bella informed Mr. Ban that the Town of Merrillville can give the DVG Team the zoning but cannot predict what kind of developments will show up in the future.

It was moved by Councilor Uzelac and seconded by Councilor Haynes-Edward to approve the ABZA Action with the contingency that a traffic study be completed.

Council Pettit informed the council that he would be abstaining from the vote due to a conflict of interest. He has financial interest with Drive and Shine.

Clerk-Treasurer Eric January stated the council must consider developments that can benefit the Town of Merrillville.

Upon a roll call vote, there were five affirmatives, one abstention, and no negatives. Councilor Shauna Haynes-Edwards, Leona Chandler-Felton, Margaret Uzelac, Keesha Hardaway, and Ricl Bella voted in the affirmative. Councilor Shawn Pettit abstained. There were no negatives. The motion passed. The ABZA Action was approved.

Petitioner: Three Brothers Investment, LLC
Owner: Three Brothers Investment, LLC
Request: Special Exception Approval
Purpose: To Allow A Carwash
Location: 1099 Broadway
Zoning: C-2, Community Commercial Zoning District

Planning and Building Director Shine reported that the ABZA approved.

Peter Andreo Vice-President of Develop for Family Express explained the carwash usage.

It was moved by Councilor Pettit and seconded by Councilor Uzelac to approve ABZA.

Councilor Pettit informed the council that he did not see a traffic conflict in that area because of passed usage.

Upon a roll call vote, there were six affirmatives and no negatives. Councilors Shauna Haynes-Edwards, Leona Chandler-Felton, Margaret Uzelac, Shawn Pettit, Keesha Hardaway, and Rick Bella voted in the affirmative. There were no negatives. The motion passed. The ABZA was approved.

Petitioner: Ahmad Ihmud
Owner: AJZ Merrillville, LLC
Request: Special Exception Approval
Purpose: To Allow A Used Car Dealership
Location: 1777 W 81st Avenue
Zoning: C-3, Community Commercial Zoning District

Planning and Building Director Shine reported that the ABZA approved.

The Petitioner explained the dealership usage.

President Bella informed the council this is his district, and he has no objections.

It was moved by Councilor Uzelac and seconded by Councilor Pettit to approve the ABZA.

Upon a roll call vote, there were five affirmatives and one negative. Councilors Leona Chandler-Felton, Margaret Uzelac, Shawn Pettit, Keesha Hardaway, and Rick Bella voted in the affirmative. Councilor Shauna Haynes-Edwards voted in the negative. The motion passed. The ABZA was approved.

Petitioner: Amador Guiterrez
Owner: Omar Lopez
Request: Special Exception Approval
Purpose: To Allow Dine in Restaurant
Location: 2225 W. Lincoln Highway
Zoning: C-3, Community Commercial Zoning District

Planning and Building Director Shine reported that the ABZA approved.

John Matheson Broker and Consultant for Amador Gutierrez explained the restaurant usage,

It was moved by Councilor Pettit and seconded by Councilor Uzelac to approve ABZA.

Upon a roll call vote, there were six affirmatives and no negatives. Councilors Shauna Haynes-Edwards, Leona Chandler-Felton, Margaret Uzelac, Shawn Pettit, Keesha Hardaway, and Rick Bella voted in the affirmative. There were no negatives. The motion passed. The ABZA was approved.

OLD BUSINESS :
NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Council President announced the following:

- Town Council Meeting Tuesday, April 22nd at 6:30 p.m.
- RDC Meeting April 22nd at 6:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed all items on the agenda, the Town Council President announced the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Rick Bella, Town Council President

Eric O. January, Clerk-Treasurer

Respectfully Submitted By Angela Lewis