

**Memorandum of the Meeting
Twenty-Seventh Town Council
Regular Study Session
Monday, February 20, 2012**

Silent Roll Call: Councilors Bernie Zemen; Mark Herak, Dan Vassar; Brian Novak and Konnie Kuiper were all present. A quorum was established.

The Clerk-Treasurer, Michael W. Griffin, was present to memorialize the meeting.

Also present: Peter T. Hojnicky, Metropolitan Police Chief was also present.

Ed Dabrowski, IT Coordinator (Contract), was also present.

General Substance of Matters Discussed

1. The Town Council and the Metropolitan Police Chief discussed several instances when road closing or public safety support is needed and no charges are imposed regarding the support costs for certain non-profits for parades, the local Chapter of the March of Dimes Parade for life was discussed as an example. The Metropolitan Police Chief discussed even the costs borne by the Metropolitan Police Department when it supports the Pumpkin Plod. The Metropolitan Police Chief also suggested that the road support barricade rented or purchased by the Public Works Department is a cost that is not presently supported by the users who require a parade or traffic support services.

The Town Council discussed personal or staffing costs experienced by the Metropolitan Police Department associated with certain events, such as holiday parades, annual festivals and fireworks.

The discussion included considering a recovery charge based upon a percentage of the full cost rather than charging the full costs associated with the provision of services. The Metropolitan Police Chief discussed meeting with the Clerk-Treasurer to work out the charges and the recommended fees associated with the current parade license ordinance provisions.

Councilor Brian Novak departed at 7:35 p.m. owing to a work requirement.

2. The Town Council discussed the remaining appointments it must or the Town Council President must consider. It was noted that appointments to the following boards and commissions remain:

- **Statutory Boards and Commissions**

Executive Appointments (May be made in meeting or at another time)

- A. **Board of Sanitary Commissioners: (1)** appointment to be made by Town Council President. *(Note: need to fill unexpired term in vacancy formerly held by, R.Johnsen (D))*

Regional Statutory Commissions or Boards

- B. **Economic Development Commission: (1)** appointment to be made by Town Council President. *(Note: The position is nominee of the Lake County Council and is not due until February. Wrote to Lake County Council to seek its nominee and then present to Town Council President. Currently serving, Dave Beanblossom.)*

Home Rule Commissions

- C. **Community Events Commission:** (1) appointment to be made by the Town Council President. **Term: 4 years.** (Note: currently vacant, lost one year without appointment. Term will expire 1 Jan 2015)

Legislative Appointments

- D. **Park and Recreation Board (1)** appointment to be made by Town Council. (Note: currently serving Tom Arnold (R))

Regional Statutory Commissions or Boards

- E. **Regional Bus Authority: (1)** appointment to be made by Griffith, Highland and Munster legislative bodies. (Note: The currently serving person, Cordell Surratt of Griffith has indicated he no longer wishes to serve. Need to contact the other two communities to determine the appointee.)

F. **Community Events Commission:**

(9) appointments to be made by the Town Council. **Term: 1 year.** (Note: Currently serving, Rose James, Maria Culbertson, Phillip Culbertson, Brandon Wolak, Ericka Rozenich, Bob Benham, Adam Nyiri, and two vacancies)

- Gs. **Main Street Bureau Board:** (11) appointments to be made by the Town Council. Term: two years ending 1 Jan 2014. **If an initial appointment, only one year. (6 additional appointments are authorized.)**

The Town Clerk-Treasurer reported that he was still waiting for a report from the Lake County Council regarding its nominee for the Economic Development Commission.

3. The Town Council noted that representatives from Growler's Pub were scheduled to meet but did not appear.

There being no further business to discuss, the regular study session of Monday, February 20, 2012 was adjourned at 7:36 O'clock p.m.

Michael W. Griffin, IAMC/MMC/CPFA
Clerk-Treasurer