

TOWN OF MUNSTER
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 19, 2024

A meeting of the Munster Town Council convened at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, February 19, 2024. Ordinance 1830 is the basis for holding electronic meetings. The announced meeting location was Munster Town Hall. Councilors, Staff, and the public had the option to participate via Zoom meeting technology.

Councilors Joseph G. Hofferth, Chuck Gardiner, Jonathan Petersen, and David B. Nellans were physically present at Town Hall. Councilor George Shinkan was absent. Also present in Town Hall were Clerk-Treasurer Wendy Mis, Controller Patricia Abbott, Police Chief Steve Scheckel, Police Lieutenant Dan Broelmann, Fire Chief Mark Hajduk, Town Attorney Dave Westland, Interim Director of Operations Chris Spolnik, and Munster Representative to the Hammond Sanitary District Mike Hawkins. The media were not represented.

President Nellans presided and opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS (1)

Introduced ORDINANCE 1932 is AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 2024 (1). Ordinance 1932 was introduced at the February 5, 2024, meeting and had first reading. Two “reporting only” funds are seeking additional appropriations.

The procedure for securing the additional appropriations requires a public hearing and the adoption of an ordinance by the Town Council. Information on the reporting only funds will be forwarded to the DLGF, but no determination will be made. Upon passage of the ordinance, those additional appropriations will be in effect.

President Nellans opened the floor for comment. There being no one requesting to speak, the floor was closed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Town of Munster accepts public comments submitted both in-person and electronically. The public was informed, via the agenda posted at munster.org, that questions or comments about an item on the agenda were to be emailed to wmis@munster.org.

Mr. Hoss Fatemi, 1901 Fisher Drive, voiced his support for the Police Department and for supplying them with the equipment needed to perform the job. He asked about what discussions were held regarding purchasing twenty vehicles at once and what the long-term impact would be for maintaining and replacing them.

Mr. Rich Starcevich, 9501 Cottonwood Drive, expressed his concern for student safety in his neighborhood especially along Azalea and Camellia. He observed increased traffic and speed in the area since the Grade Separation Project began.

Mr. Dave Piniak, 7839 Monroe Avenue, asked about the ordinance regarding keeping fowl and requested Council review the matter.

Mr. Matt MacDonald, 1036 Azalea Drive, echoed the comments of Mr. Fatemi and questioned the need to appropriate nearly \$2 million from TIF Funds for the purchase of Police vehicles.

Mr. Steve Tulowitzki, 8808 Northcote Avenue, suggested Council work on a strategic plan for their term that could be made known to the residents. He expressed concern about the long-term consequences on the TIF funds.

Mr. Rich Starcevich, 9501 Cottonwood Drive, spoke again asking Council to ask constituents what they think about traffic in their areas through the News You Can Use.

No one else rose to claim the floor.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of a regular meeting held on February 5, 2024

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHER REGISTERS

Confirmation of Voucher Register #23-2C dated 02/08/24 totaling \$274,611.52
 Confirmation of Voucher Register #23-2D dated 02/09/24 totaling \$690,892.76
 Confirmation of Voucher Register #23-2E dated 02/09/24 totaling \$55,382.95
 Confirmation of Voucher Register #24-2F dated 02/15/24 totaling \$208,347.39
 Approval of Voucher Register #24-2G dated 02/19/24 totaling \$469,264.51

WATER BILL ADJUSTMENTS 2024-10

Staff received requests for adjustment under the leak adjustment policy adopted by the Town Council on April 8, 2013. The customer has completed the required form, and the request meets all the criteria for adjustments as follows:

Adjustment Number	Average Usage	Actual Usage	Length of Time	Original Bill	Requested Adjustment Amount	Adjusted Bill
2024-10	19,000	103,000	2 months	\$ 556.29	\$ 336.73	\$ 219.56

OUTSTANDING CHECKS

Pursuant to IC 5-11-10.5, "Disposition of Warrants and Checks," the Clerk-Treasurer is required annually to furnish the Town's fiscal body (the Town Council) a list of all checks that have been outstanding for a period of two or more years as of December 31 of the preceding year. Accordingly, the checks listed below are declared void, the amounts so listed are entered as a receipt to the fund or funds upon which they were originally drawn, and the checks are removed from the list of outstanding checks.

Checks Outstanding Two or More Years as of December 31, 2023					
Fund	Check Number	Check Date	Paid to the Order of	Check Amount	For
1101	873970	9/9/21	Paul A. Bogard	\$25.00	Return Solicitor's Background Check
1101	874575	11/19/21	Joseph R. Kennedy	\$646.53	Payroll Check
			Subtotal	\$671.53	
2204	873604	7/30/21	Taija Pupillo	\$125.00	Shelter Deposit Refund
2204	874237	10/14/21	Faith Maldonado	\$125.00	Shelter Deposit Refund
2204	874447	11/4/21	Brittney McCammon	\$15.00	Event Withdrawal
2204	874623	12/2/21	Guillermo Tristan	\$60.00	Camp Withdrawal
			Subtotal	\$325.00	
4402	873074	5/27/21	Bureau of Motor Vehicles	\$45.00	Title/Plates
			Subtotal	\$45.00	
6101	874629	12/2/21	Lake Station 2735 Arizona LLC	\$90.00	Water Refund
6101	874725	12/9/21	Derm Assoc of NWI	105.4	Water Refund
6101	874770	12/16/21	Wroblewski, Jason & Sally	226.81	Water Refund
			Subtotal	\$422.21	
			Total	\$1,463.74	

After a check has been outstanding for three months, the Clerk-Treasurer’s Office sends a letter to the payee explaining the procedure for obtaining a replacement for a lost or destroyed check. Some payees take advantage of our advice; others do not. In an effort to minimize the number of outstanding checks, we send at least three letters. Honoring, cashing, or accepting for payment or deposit any of these voided checks would be a violation of IC 5-11-10.5-2.

Councilor Gardiner moved, with a second by Councilor Hofferth, to suspend the rules, waive the readings, and adopt the Consent Agenda with corrected minutes. Councilors Hofferth, Gardiner, Petersen, and Nellans voted in favor; none voted against. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 1932: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS (1)

Introduced ORDINANCE 1932 is AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 2024 (1). This matter was the subject of a public hearing earlier this evening.

Councilor Gardiner moved, with a second by Councilor Hofferth, to approve introduced Ordinance 1932 as presented. Councilors Hofferth, Gardiner, Petersen, and Nellans voted in favor; none voted against. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 1933: BUDGET REDUCTIONS (1)

Introduced ORDINANCE 1933 is AN ORDINANCE FOR THE REDUCTION OF THE 2024 BUDGET (1). The ordinance was introduced at the February 5, 2024, meeting and had its first reading. Budget reductions are being sought in four funds as listed in the ordinance. The reductions will be in effect upon passage of the ordinance.

Councilor Gardiner moved, with a second by Councilor Hofferth, to approve introduced Ordinance 1933 as presented. Councilors Hofferth, Gardiner, Petersen, and Nellans voted in favor; none voted against. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 1934: UPDATING CENTENNIAL PARK HOURS

The Park Board approved changing the hours at Centennial Park to 6:00 a.m. -10:00 p.m. at their November 2023 meeting. This would provide a set closing time instead of the vaguer closing time of dusk. A set time also allows for better enforcement.

At the February 5, 2024, meeting, the Council authorized the drafting of an ordinance to formally make this change. Ordinance 1934 has been drafted for this purpose.

Councilor Hofferth moved, with a second by Councilor Gardiner, to hear Ordinance 1934 on first reading and set second reading for the March 4, 2024, meeting. Councilors Hofferth, Gardiner, Petersen, and Nellans voted in favor; none voted against. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 1935: REZONING 706 RIDGE ROAD

Proposed ORDINANCE 1935 is AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF MUNSTER REZONING CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TO CD-4.A – GENERAL URBAN – A CHARACTER DISTRICT. In Fall 2023, Mr. Ahmad Wardak approached the Town regarding the zoning classification of property commonly known as 706 Ridge Road. The existing business/medical structure and use were identified as legal non-conforming due to its current residential zoning classification (CD-3.R2).

Prior to the 2019 Zoning Code and Map update, this had been dual zoned as Commercial and Residential on one lot. Mr. Wardak is going through an appraisal of the property and has requested the Town assist by recognizing the current structure and use as legal conforming within an appropriate town zone classification. Since that time, the Town has been working with Mr. Wardak to restore a portion of 706 Ridge Road from the previous C-1 (Commercial Zone classifications to the current and most appropriate classification of CD-4A (General Urban) Zone Classification.

The Plan Commission considered the petition under PC 23-028 at a public hearing on January 9, 2024, and voted unanimously to forward a favorable recommendation to the Council.

Councilor Petersen observed that the concerns of residents that were raised at the public hearing were addressed, and the residents were satisfied.

Councilor Hofferth moved, with a second by Councilor Petersen, to adopt the presented rezoning Ordinance 1935 for 706 Ridge Road. Councilors Hofferth, Gardiner, Petersen, and Nellans voted in favor; none voted against. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2124: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT FOR TREE REMOVAL SERVICES

Proposed RESOLUTION 2124 is A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT FOR TREE REMOVAL SERVICES THROUGH 2024. In April 2020, Dave's Tree Service was awarded the contract for tree removal services in Town. The contractor has agreed to continue the same pricing prices through December 31, 2024, if the Town extends the contract.

Extension of a contract is permitted under IC 5-22-17-4 when in the best interest of a municipality and the contractor agrees There are distinct advantages to the Town and the extension removes uncertainty about the contract price by locking in the previous low pricing.

Councilor Hofferth moved, with a second by Councilor Gardiner, to approve Resolution 2124 as presented authorizing the extension of the tree removal services contract with Dave's Tree Service through December 31, 2024. Councilors Hofferth, Gardiner, Petersen, and Nellans voted in favor; none voted against. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2125: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT FOR SIDEWALK RAISING PROGRAM

Proposed RESOLUTION 2125 is A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT FOR SIDEWALK RAISING PROGRAM THROUGH 2024. Level Rite Concrete was awarded the contract for this service in 2017. The contractor has agreed to continue the price of \$110.00/square through December 31, 2024, if the Town extends the contract.

Extension of a contract is permitted IC 5-22-17-4 when in the best interest of a municipality and the contractor agrees There are distinct advantages to the Town and the extension removes uncertainty about the contract price by locking in the previous low pricing.

Councilor Gardiner moved, with a second by Councilor Hofferth, to approve Resolution 2125 as presented authorizing the extension of the sidewalk raising contract with Level Rite Concrete through December 31, 2024. Councilors Hofferth, Gardiner, Petersen, and Nellans voted in favor; none voted against. Motion passed.

Councilor Gardiner took a moment to praise the Public Works Department for their hard work on the Sidewalk Program.

RESOLUTION 2126: AUTHORIZING INTERIM TOWN MANAGER

Proposed RESOLUTION 2126 is A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERIM TOWN MANAGER. The Council approved a separation agreement with its Town Manager on February 5, 2024. The Munster Town Council is desirous of ensuring continuity in the management of day-to-day operations of the Town of Munster. Resolution 2126 has been drafted to name an Interim Town Manager.

Councilor Petersen moved, with a second by Councilor Hofferth, to amend Section Three, Item 2 by replacing "Council President" with "Town Council." Councilors Hofferth, Gardiner, Petersen, and Nellans voted in favor; motion carried.

Councilor Gardiner suggested that the job descriptions of the various positions in Town be updated and that the benefit package offered employees be reviewed.

Councilor Gardiner moved, with a second by Councilor Hofferth, to approve Resolution 2126: A Resolution Authorizing an Interim Town Manager as amended. Councilors Hofferth, Gardiner, Petersen, and Nellans voted in favor; none voted against. Motion passed.

CONTINUATION OF HOMEWOOD DISPOSAL SERVICES CONTRACT

At the March 15, 2021, meeting, the Council accepted the bid for residential curbside and municipal facility collection of trash and recycling. The contract runs from May 1, 2021, through April 30, 2024. The bid provided a three-year term with two optional years. The contract is due to expire on April 30, 2024. The Town has been satisfied with the performance of Homewood Disposal Service and would like to accept the Year 4 option of the contract at a rate of \$20.75/household/month.

Councilor Gardiner moved, with a second by Councilor Hofferth, to approve the Year 4 Option from the Homewood Disposal Service contract at a rate of \$20.75 per household per month for a contract period of May 1, 2024, to April 30, 2025. Councilors Hofferth, Gardiner, Petersen, and Nellans voted in favor; none voted against.

APPROVAL OF ARBORIST SERVICES

The Council awarded an Arborist Services contract to Forever Green at the March 20, 2023, meeting. Forever Green has informed Staff that they would be increasing their prices from their 2023 Rate of \$30/tree with a minimum of \$90. As a result, a request for quotes was made. Quotes were due February 6, 2024, and three were received as follows.

Vendor Name	Inspection Cost	Spring	Summer	Fall
Forever Green	\$75/tree	\$100/hour	\$75/hour	\$75/hour
Evans Tree Care	\$250/tree	>3 hours, \$200/hour	<3 hours, \$175/hour	
Justin Ellenberger	\$75/tree	\$75/hour	\$75/hour	\$75/hour

While Justin Ellenberger has a consistent price throughout the year, he is also a full-time employee for the City of Hobart. He can only perform assessments after 3:00 p.m. weekdays or on the weekends. This would make communication with Public Works more difficult because it is outside the current hours of operation. Staff recommend awarding the contract to Forever Green. This program is paid for from the Riverboat Fund 4437.

Councilor Hofferth moved, with a second by Councilor Petersen, to approve the arborist services proposal of Forever Green for tree inspection and consultation services. Councilors Hofferth, Gardiner, Petersen, and Nellans voted in favor; none voted against.

CHANGE ORDER APPROVAL: 2023 SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Council approved the bid from J.J. Newell on June 5, 2023, for the 50/50 Annual Sidewalk Replacement Program. At the time, Staff estimated the cost would be around \$187,000.00. Because not all sidewalk funds were spent in 2022, Staff made an effort to replace more sidewalks in 2023. On January 12, 2024, final quantities were completed by the vendor and the Town. The final invoice amount is \$407,601.24. Funding for this program is from General Obligation Bonds and the Riverboat Fund 4437.

Councilor Joseph G. Hofferth moved, with a second by Councilor Chuck Gardiner, to approve the invoice from J.J. Newell quoted square foot cost of \$10.40 for 5” thick regular sidewalks and \$11.00 for 7” thick driveway sidewalks and a total invoice of \$407,601.24. Councilors Hofferth, Gardiner, Petersen, and Nellans voted in favor; none voted against.

BID AWARD: CCMG 2023-2 PAVING AND WATER MAIN

The Town received bids on February 13, 2024, for the CCMG 2023-2 Paving and Water Main Project as follows. Streets included in this project are Kraay, River, Fairway, Beech, White Oak, Terrace, State Line, Hohman, Forest and Timrick.

Milestone Contractors North, Inc. \$1,307,700.00
Reith-Riley Construction Co., Inc. \$1,356,195.82

The bids were tabulated and reviewed by SEH. The engineer's estimate for this work was \$1,317,237.15. To retain CCMG funding, this project must be under contract by the end of this month.

Councilor Gardiner moved, with a second by Councilor Hofferth, to approve Milestone Contractors North, Inc. for a total of \$1,307,700.00 for the CCMG 2023-2 Paving and Water Main project as recommended by SEH. Councilors Hofferth, Gardiner, Petersen, and Nellans voted in favor; none voted against.

Councilor Chuck Gardiner noted that traffic calming devices have been implemented in other locations in Town and that prior to implementation, neighborhood residents are surveyed for their preferences. Councilor Petersen stated he would like to see a broad cross-section of residents involved.

PURCHASE OF TWO NEW FUEL PUMPS

Public Works is scheduled to replace the gasoline and diesel fuel pumps at the Garage in 2024. A proposal was received from Sourcewell to purchase the pumps from B & K Equipment of Lansing, Illinois for a cost of \$26,258.88. Sourcewell provides procurement services to governmental units through national contracts with vendors procured by competitive bidding in compliance with IC 5-22-10-5.

The vendor has requested a deposit of \$15,000.00 upon acceptance of the proposal. Because this exceeds the 50% allowed under the payment in advance statute (IC 5-11-10-1.6) and Town policy (Ordinance 1913), a deposit of \$13,129.44 will be made. The vendor is aware of this. The pumps will be purchased from the 2023 General Obligation Bond proceeds.

Councilor Petersen moved, with a second by Councilor Gardiner, to approve the purchase of two fuel pumps, gas, and diesel, in the amount of \$26,258.88 from B & K Equipment with a down payment of \$13,129.44. Councilors Hofferth, Gardiner, Petersen, and Nellans voted in favor; none voted against.

PURCHASE OF FUEL MONITORING SYSTEM

Public Works is scheduled to purchase a fuel monitoring system in 2024. A proposal was received from Sourcewell to purchase the pumps from B & K Equipment of Lansing, Illinois for a cost of \$10,472.00. Sourcewell provides procurement services to governmental units through national contracts with vendors procured by competitive bidding in compliance with IC 5-22-10-5.

This will be purchased from the 2023 General Obligation Bond proceeds.

Councilor Hofferth moved, with a second by Councilor Gardiner, to approve the purchase of a fuel monitoring system in the amount of \$10,472.00 from B & K Equipment. Councilors Hofferth, Gardiner, Petersen, and Nellans voted in favor; none voted against.

PURCHASE OF ASPHALT ROLLER

Public Works is scheduled to purchase a new Bomag asphalt roller in 2024. Two rollers, Unit #367 purchased in 2002 and Unit #368 purchased in 2007 will be traded in as part of the purchase. A proposal was received from Sourcewell to purchase the asphalt roller for a cost of \$42,878.00 less trade-in of \$6,000.00 for a net cost of \$36,878.00 from McCann of Schererville, Indiana. Sourcewell provides procurement services to governmental units through national contracts with vendors procured by competitive bidding in compliance with IC 5-22-10-5.

The roller will be purchased from the 2023 General Obligation Bond proceeds.

Councilor Gardiner moved, with a second by Councilor Hofferth, to approve the purchase of a new Bomag asphalt roller from McCann with a Sourcewell price of \$42,878.00 less trade-in of \$6,000.00 for a final price of \$36,878.00. Councilors Hofferth, Gardiner, Petersen, and Nellans voted in favor; none voted against.

BUILDERS RISK INSURANCE: PRO-SHOP AT CENTENNIAL PARK

The Town's insurance broker, Gallagher, stated that the Town needs to have a Builder's Risk Insurance policy for the construction of the Pro Shop and Cart Storage Buildings at Centennial Park. The premium cost is \$20,384.00. The premium is based on the total project cost.

There is optional TRIA coverage for \$614.00. This would cover a certified act of terrorism that causes damage to Town property. TRIA is offered on all property coverage. The Town is being asked to authorize the binding coverage and to sign a letter stating there are no known losses at the building site.

Councilor Hofferth moved, with a second by Councilor Gardiner, to authorize the binding of coverage for the builder's risk policy, the signing of the no-known loss letter, and the payment of the premium in the amount of \$20,998.00. Councilors Hofferth, Gardiner, Petersen, and Nellans voted in favor; none voted against.

APPROVAL OF THIRD-PARTY LIABILITY CLAIMS PROCESSING

At the December 18, 2023, meeting, the Council approved and authorized binding coverage for the 2024 Liability Insurance Program. Part of that program is an agreement with a third-party claim's administrator, Gallagher Bassett. The Town is beginning the third year of a five-year contract. Gallagher Bassett is looking for a signature confirming the pricing for 2024.

Councilor Hofferth moved, with a second by Councilor Gardiner, to approve the pricing and signature by the Council President for the 2024 Liability Program third-party claims administrator Gallagher Bassett. Councilors Hofferth, Gardiner, Petersen, and Nellans voted in favor; none voted against.

ENGAGEMENT LETTER: LOBBYING SERVICES

The Town has engaged the law firm of Barnes & Thornburg for many years as its state legislative relations counsel. A letter of engagement has been drafted for Barnes & Thornburg to provide certain lobbying services for the 2024 General Assembly Session. Fees for this service would be \$5,000.00/month for the General Assembly Session from November 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024, and \$3,000.00/month during the non-session months of April 1, 2024, through October 31, 2024. Executive branch services will be performed at \$7,000.00/month. These rates are unchanged from the prior year.

Under the terms of the agreement, the Town will continue to retain the firm for the 2025 Session of the General Assembly beginning November 1, 2024, and beyond unless the Town notifies Barnes & Thornburg.

At the request of the Town, Barnes & Thornburg may draft or file lobby registration or activity reports for submission to the Indiana Lobby Registration Commission on behalf of the Town for an annual fixed fee of \$1,500.00. Additional expenses, including but not limited to lobbying compliance fees, would also be allowed.

Councilor Hofferth moved, with a second by Councilor Gardiner, to authorize the Council President to sign the letter of engagement with Barnes & Thornburg for legislative lobbying services. Councilors Hofferth, Gardiner, Petersen, and Nellans voted in favor; none voted against.

MOU WITH SUPERIOR AMBULANCE FOR K-9 SERVICES

The Police Department wishes to enter a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Superior Ambulance to treat Munster Police Department K-9s in the event of injury in the line of duty. The MOU states Superior will provide Advance Life Support and transportation to a designated treatment center based on IC 16-31-13-1. The services performed to transport the K-9 will be the responsibility of the Town of Munster and billed at the rate of \$900.00/call.

The Board of Safety voted in favor of recommending the Council approve the MOU with Superior Ambulance at their February 15, 2024 meeting.

Councilor Gardiner moved, with a second by Councilor Hofferth, to authorize Town Council President Dave Nellans to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Superior Ambulance Services to supply lifesaving care and

transportation to the Munster Police Department's K-9s if required. Councilors Hofferth, Gardiner, Petersen, and Nellans voted in favor; none voted against. Motion carried.

POLICE TAKE HOME VEHICLES

The Police Department has presented a request that the Town Council consider implementing a Take Home vehicle Program for the Munster Police Department Officers. The staff cited those vehicles will last five (5) to seven (7) years instead of the current two (2) to three (3) years. Staff believes offering take home vehicles will attract and retain qualified police officers to Munster.

The Police Department requested the town Council authorize the purchase of twenty (20) additional police vehicles in 2024. The vehicles need to be purchased in the next two weeks to ensure delivery this year. Police anticipate ordering thirteen (13) Ford Interceptors, and seven (7) Ford F150s from Sam Roberts Bloomington Ford. Sam Roberts Bloomington Ford is the State of Indiana Quality Purchase Agreement designee (QPA) which eliminates the requirement to seek alternate bids. The cost per vehicle is approximately \$48,350.00 along with an additional \$46,450.00 to equip each unit for patrol readiness. The price does not include any potential trade-ins. The total expenditure is expected to be approximately \$1,896,120.00.

Councilor Gardiner asked about the policy and procedures regarding the implementation of take-home vehicles. Chief Scheckel stated there is a rough draft that will go to the Board of Safety and then to the Town Council. In response to his question, Staff informed Councilor Gardiner that the vehicles will arrive as early as July.

Councilor Gardiner moved, with a second by Councilor Hofferth, to authorize the Munster Police Department to order thirteen (13) Ford Interceptors and seven (7) Ford F150s from Bloomington Ford, through the State of Indiana Quality Purchase Agreement, for a total price, including equipment to be installed for patrol readiness, of \$1,896,120.00, not including any potential trade-ins. Councilors Hofferth, Gardiner, Petersen, and Nellans voted in favor; none voted against. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO UNSAFE BUILDING BOARD

Councilor Jonathan Petersen moved, with a second by Councilor Hofferth, to table this until the next Town Council Meeting. Motion carried *viva voce*.

PORTFOLIO REPORTS

President Nellans commented on the new facility of the Lake County Solid Waste Management District.

Councilor Gardiner announced a meeting of the RDA Steering Committee on Thursday, February 22, 2024.

No reports were given.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Unless stated otherwise, all meetings of the Town Council begin at 7:00 p.m. at Munster Town Hall.)

The Town Council will hold a regular meeting on Monday, March 4, 2024. The Redevelopment Commission will hold a regular meeting immediately following.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, and upon a motion by Councilor Gardiner and seconded by Councilor Petersen, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. by voice vote.

ATTEST:

David B. Nellans, President

Wendy Mis, Clerk-Treasurer