



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023  
6:00 P.M.

Elizabeth J McCombs, President  
Julie Mudrovich, Council Member  
Maria Gonzales-Diaz, Council Member  
Robin Ackerson, Clerk-Treasurer

Avery Minor, Town Marshal  
Peter Agostino, Town Attorney  
Heather Velez, Police Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER/  
PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE

President Elizabeth J. McCombs called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. President McCombs led the assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance; seconded by Julie Mudrovich; all in favor; motion carried.

II. ROLL CALL:

President McCombs introduced new council member Maria Gonzalez-Diaz, who was appointed by the St. Joseph County Democratic Party, and was present electronically. All members present except Attorney Agostino and Heather Velez.

III. MINUTES/DOCKET  
APPROVAL

Clerk-Treasurer Robin Ackerson presented the minutes and dockets for Council Members signatures. Upon review and signing of claims, President McCombs made a motion to approve all minutes and dockets as presented; seconded by Julie Mudrovich; all in favor; motion carried.

IV. INTRODUCTIONS/  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

V. TOWN ATTORNEY

Suspended. Attorney is on his way.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

President McCombs reminded the group that the income from Outdoor One is due on an annual basis, and is not yet due.

Clerk-treasurer Robin Ackerson reported that the Justice Grant for COPS has been granted and that the \$125,000 should be arriving soon.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

President McCombs presented Salary Ordinance 06-2023, which she read in its entirety. She then read the title two more times. She made a motion to approve Ordinance 06-2023; seconded by Julie Mudrovich; all in favor; motion carried.

President McCombs presented Resolution 08-2023; A Resolution to Transfer CEDIT Funds to the MVH Fund. She made a motion to adopt Resolution 08-2023; seconded by Julie Mudrovich; all in favor; motion carried.

President McCombs presented Ordinance 07-2023; an Ordinance Establishing a Playground Fund, Dissolving the Picnic Fund and Approving the Transfer of Funds from the Picnic Fund to the Playground Fund. She then read the title again twice, and made a motion to pass and adopt Ordinance 07-2023; seconded by Julie Mudrovich; all in favor; motion carried.

President McCombs stated that she would like to award all bonuses that were budgeted in the 2023 Salary Ordinance. Council woman Julie Mudrovich made a motion to pay all bonuses budgeted to the police, maintenance, and park employees; seconded by Elizabeth McCombs; all in favor; motion carried.

VIII. TOWN HEALTH & SAFETY

Chief Minor stated that there were 308 calls for service and 23 case reports written. The Cheers investigation is still pending, and there are no other highlights. He has been approached by a St. Mary's student majoring in social work to shadow him for domestic violence follow-up work.

The chief has also scheduled a meeting with Notre Dame, SJCPD, and the Douglas Road developer to discuss how the jurisdiction of the new project will be divided between the agencies.

Also, the department has leased two new squad cars.

IX. MAINTENANCE

President McCombs reported that the new salt-spreader has been installed on the truck, as well as a new back-up camera, as the salt-spreader impairs the view. Carolyn has patched the streets using 500 lbs. of cold patch; the weather has been very cooperative. Carolyn has picked up trash, including 3 mattresses that she disposed of, and prepared for ice, salt,

IX. MAINTENANCE shoveling, and all winter preparation is ready.

X. TOWN FINANCIAL Clerk-Treasurer Robin Ackerson reported:

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| Beginning Balance, Nov.1, 2023 | \$874,204.90     |
| Deposits, EFTs, Adjustments    | 71,467.44        |
| Checks & Disbursements         | <u>97,816.55</u> |
| Ending Balance, Nov. 30, 2023  | \$847,855.79     |

The December settlement has not yet been received; she projected that the year-end balance will be approximately \$1,000,000.00. She also noted that the 1782 form when received had cut the budget, but she had found errors and corrected them with the DLGF and the budget is ready to go.

Chief Minor stated that the agreement with Copsgear to exchange one 2017 Ford Explorer for installation of police equipment (lights, sirens, etc.) was never formalized. President McCombs made a motion to sell the 2017 Ford Explorer #2808 to Copsgear for \$6,000.00 after removal of all Roseland equipment; seconded by Julie Mudrovich; all in favor; motion carried.

XI. TOWN PLANNING, ZONING, & DEVELOPMENT Zoning Commissioner Julie Mudrovich reported that she has an application for a tear-off and re-roof at 129 Weber St. at a cost of \$8,000.00. President McCombs made a motion to allow the tear-off and re-roof at 129 Weber St.; seconded by Julie Mudrovich; all in favor; motion carried.

XII. PARK & RECREATION President McCombs stated that the sledding hill is not being used due to the unseasonably warm weather. She then stated that the town has ordered an 8 ft. Kaleidoscope Merry Go Round, costing \$3,734.00, with shipping at a cost of \$863.00, and installation costing \$3,025.00 for a total of \$7,622.00. Roseland Rotary will contribute \$5,000.00 of the cost, with the remainder to come from the Playground Fund. It will be installed in the spring, and will need mulch.

XIII. PUBLIC INPUT President McCombs noted that Attorney Agostino did not arrive for the meeting, and wished everyone Happy Holidays, whatever holiday they celebrate. She then thanked them for allowing her to serve the town for 16 years.

ADJOURN President McCombs made a motion to adjourn at 6:37 p.m.; seconded by Julie Mudrovich; all in favor; motion carried.



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President Elizabeth J McCombs

  
Julie Mudrovich, Council Member

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Maria Gonzalez-Diaz, Council Member

ATTEST:   
Robin E. Ackerson  
Clerk-Treasurer