

**Memorandum of the Meeting
Regular Study Session/Meeting
Twenty-Sixth Town Council of Highland
Monday, April 06, 2009**

The regular session of the Twenty-Sixth Town Council of the Town of Highland was convened at the regular place, the Highland Municipal, 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana, in the plenary meeting chambers on **Monday, April 06, 2009** at the regular time of 7:00 o'clock p.m.

Silent Roll Call: Councilors Bernie Zemen, Konnie Kuiper, Brian Novak, Mark Herak and Dan Vassar were present. The Clerk-Treasurer Michael W. Griffin was present to memorialize the proceedings. A quorum was attained.

Also present: Mark Roorda, Town Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners; and Ed Dabrowski of the Park and Recreation were also present.

John Bach, Public Works Director, was also present.

General Substance of Matters Discussed

1. The Town Council discussed with Mr. Bach the proposed interlocal cooperation agreement with the Lake County Highway Department regarding the Kennedy Avenue Bridge, and our request to raise the bridge in order to perfect the flood protection relative to the flood control levee on the Little Calumet River. The agreement would share funding for a feasibility study related to the request and the several other bridges. The County offered to pay half the cost with communities paying the other half. In Highland's case, the amount is 5% of \$75,000 or \$3,750.
 - . The discussion included why the bridge has not been raised in the flood control plans. The discussion included whether or not it would be easier to raise the sides instead of the entire bridge, such as a break wall or a seawall. The council informally requested that the Public Works Director explore if the sea wall approach would be feasible as well.
2. The Town Council and the Public Works Director discussed the public hearing on the allocation of the CDBG funding that is made available to Highland in consequence of its participation in Lake County's entitlement program. The public works director indicated that he wished to schedule a public hearing at the April 27, 2009 meeting. The public works director discussed the examples of previous uses including grants for some of the assessment programs including paying share of assessments for those who qualified as low to moderate income. The amount of the grant is valued at **\$113,350**.

The Town Council discussed whether or not repaving the Park Bike Trail and extending access for persons with disabilities in the several parks. In addition, the Public Works Director reported that he had inquiries from residents on 8700 block of Highland Street, for its reconstruction provided it qualified under the CDBG guidelines. It has not qualified historically. There was also a suggestion of providing curbs on the north side of Lincoln Street between Grace and Carolina Street, as none exist in that location.

3. The Town Council and the Public Works Director discussed scheduling the roadway tour to review the streets and roads that are being recommended for repaving in 2009. The Town Council discussed perhaps having the tour on Saturday, April 11 or April 18 at 6:30 a.m. The Town Council President would arrange the actual time. A tour of sites is not subject to meeting and notice requirements under the open meeting act.

4. The Town Council and the Public Works Director discussed the adequacy of plans for improving the storm water management in the north end, currently underway by the Sanitary District. A concern was expressed about whether or not an ordinary rain would occur and the problems would still be present.
5. The Town Council and the Public Works Director discussed the status of the properties on 3315 and 3309 Ridge Road. The public works director reported that a resident contacted him about acquiring the house on the 3315 lot. It was the consensus of the Town Council to dispose of the houses that occupy the lots.
6. The Town Council discussed the implementation plan for the Census Implementation plan and the responsible officer. It was determined that the building commissioner would be the point person for the forthcoming census.
7. The Town Council discussed the status of the Select Centennial Commission. It was noted that most appointments were in place and that it was necessary to move forward with organization of the commission. It was noted that the Town Council President's designee was tasked with meeting with the Clerk-Treasurer to determine an appropriate date for the inaugural meeting and fixing the standing times.
8. The Town Council did cursory review of Chapter 114 Peddlers and Solicitors Ordinance. Some suggestions were shared regarding possible increases in licensing and restrictions on the places in which soliciting or peddling could take place in residential property. It was noted that the Town Council determined that there was no readiness for acting on the ordinance soon. Councilors suggested a desire to further study the existing language and review the changes suggested during this meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Town Council, the regular study session of the Town Council, **of Monday, April 06, 2009**, was adjourned 8:11 o'clock p.m.

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