

I. WELCOME

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

The roll call was as follows:

Board Members Present: Brent Brashier, John Bushemi, Christine Cash, Shane Evans, Bernard Grisolia, Fred Koegel, Matthew Maloney, Chareice White, Kymberli Roberts, Matthew Schuffert, Doug Spencer, Terry Velligan and Andy Qunell.

Board Members Absent: Taryl Bonds, Salvador Espino, Pete Klideris, Darnail Lyles, Patrick Reardon, Elliott Segarra, Terry Velligan

Staff members in attendance: Heather Becerra, Greg Falkowski, Nicole Wolverton

II. Approval of Minutes from August 15, 2023 Regular Meeting

Motion made by Brent Brashier to approve the 8/15/23 meeting minutes, and 2nd by Doug Spencer.

Ayes: John Bushemi, Christine Cash, Shane Evans, Bernard Grisolia, Fred Koegel, Matthew Maloney, Chareice White, Kymberli Roberts, Matthew Schuffert and Andy Qunell.

A. Addition of new items to agenda

III. REPORTS

A. President/CEO Report

Report enclosed.

1. September 2023 Staff Reports

2. Other Corespondences

Town of Merrillville and Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce

B. CFO- Financial Report

Innkeepers, Fund, Appropriation, and Revenue reports.

1. 2024 Budget Update

2. Peoples Bank Proposal

Motion made by Matthew Schuffert to approve Peoples Bank proposal, seconded by Brent Brashier.

Ayes: John Bushemi, Christine Cash, Shane Evans, Bernard Grisolia, Fred Koegel, Matthew Maloney, Chareice White, Kymberli Roberts, Doug Spencer and Andy Qunell.

3. Approval of Claims #2056-2058, 2559-2561, 27964-30038 in the amount of \$1,219,002.60

Motion made by Taryl Bonds to approve Claims #2056-2058, 2559-2561, 27964-30038 in the amount of \$1,219,002.60, seconded by Terry Velligan.

Ayes: Brent Brashier, John Bushemi, Christine Cash, Shane Evans, Bernard Grisolia, Fred Koegel, Matthew Maloney, Chareice White, Kymberli Roberts, Matthew Schuffert, Doug Spencer and Andy Qunell.

C. Committee Reports and Updates

IV. OLD BUSINESS

none.

A. None to present.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussed bringing in A Christmas Story (ACS) actors for the 40th anniversary of the movie for the SSCVA Christmas party, ACS exhibit and autograph signing.

Motion was made by Matthew Schuffert to move forward with ACS negotiation/contracts, seconded by Terry Velligan.

Ayes: Brent Brashier, Taryl Bonds, John Bushemi, Christine Cash, Shane Evans, Bernard Grisolia, Fred Koegel, Matthew Maloney, Chareice White, Kymberli Roberts, , Doug Spencer and Andy Qunell.

2. The ACS amount approved will not exceed \$125,000. Corporate sponsorships were discussed as well to offset other costs.

Motion was made by John Bushemi to approve not to exceed \$125,000, seconded by Bernard Grisolia.

Ayes: Brent Brashier, Taryl Bonds, Christine Cash, Shane Evans, Fred Koegel, Matthew Maloney, Chareice White, Kymberli Roberts, Matthew Schuffert, Terry Velligan, Doug Spencer and Andy Qunell.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

A. Public Comment

none.

1. Two (2) minutes maximum per person or five (5) minutes for a group spokesperson. Please keep your comments civil and constructive to policy issues. The Chair, at his/her sole discretion, may recognize individuals wishing to speak on different topics at an

B. Next Regular Meeting - Wednesday, October 18, 2023

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Matthew Schuffert, seconded by Terry Velligan.

Ayes: Brent Brashier, Taryl Bonds, John Bushemi, Christine Cash, Shane Evans, Bernard Grisolia, Fred Koegel, Matthew Maloney, Chareice White, Kimberli Roberts, Doug Spencer and Andy Qunell.