



LITTLE TOWN ON LAKE MAXINKUCKEE

## **Culver Town Council Work Session**

4:30 p.m., Tuesday January 19, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

The council meeting was held under guidance provided by Governor Holcomb's Executive Order 20-30 and the Culver Town Council Resolution 2020-002. Members of the Town Council were physically present at the Culver Beach Lodge meeting room. The meeting also was broadcast via Microsoft Teams so that the public was able to view the meeting remotely. At the start of the meeting it was explained that the meeting was being recorded and participation in the meeting was their consent to be recorded and to the rebroadcast of the recorded meeting. The recorded meeting is available on the Town's YouTube channel.

The following councilors were physically present: Bill Githens, Ginny Munroe, Sally Ricciardi, and Rich West. Town Manager Jonathan Leist also was present. William Cleavenger arrived at approximately 4:55 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting was to interview seven residents who applied to serve on the Culver Redevelopment Commission. Paul deBenedictis and John Rogers joined virtually, Mr. West, Dorothea Ragsdale, Gary Peric, Ms. Ricciardi and Mr. Cleavenger were physically present. Each candidate was given a 15-minute block to answer the following questions as presented by Mr. Leist or Clerk Treasurer Karen Heim:

- Do you live in town year-round and do you work in town or in Union Township?
- Are you able to reliably attend at least one evening meeting a month and possibly more if you participate in the Town's Economic Development initiatives?
- Are you familiar with the Town's recent plans and projects and do you agree with the objectives outlines in those?
- Culver has focused on the mission of "Stellar Town Year Round." The purpose of this was to find ways to bring full-time residents back to town, so that we could improve specific data points, such as our population, the school population, and so on. We are currently working on establishing a plan for economic development. What are your thoughts on what our mission should be for economic development? Or, do you think Culver needs to focus on a specific area of economic development, such as workforce development or growth?
- Do you support an economic development vision that includes quality-of-life initiatives, such as trails, and that includes potential residential development? Also, would you support potential property acquisition if the town or CRC wanted to build a town hall, a shell building, or some other investment? If not, please explain.
- Culver is rural and our resources and funds are limited. Many of our current projects have been paid for with grant funds. Do you support our redevelopment commission making matches on those grants? Please explain to the best of your knowledge when you would or wouldn't support this.
- What do you think uniquely qualifies you to be on the Culver Redevelopment Commission in terms of either your experience or knowledge of economic development?
- Can you provide us an example of when you've participated on another Town initiative, board, or project that showcases the skills or leadership you can offer the CRC?

As the only council members who were not applying to serve on CRC, Mr. Githens and Mrs. Munroe were allowed to ask follow-up questions.

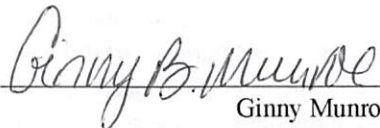
Once all of the candidates had completed their interviews, Mrs. Munroe thanked all who participated in and viewed the meeting.


The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Heim  
Clerk-Treasurer

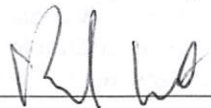
**Culver Town Council**


  
Ginny Munroe, President

  
Bill Githens, Vice-President

  
William Cleavenger

  
Sally Ricciardi

  
Rich West

  
Karen A. Heim  
Clerk-Treasurer

Official signed minutes may be requested at the Clerk's Office.