**North Liberty Town Council Minutes – June 19, 2023**

The regular meeting of the North Liberty Town Council was held at the North Liberty Community Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Will Groves, Jr. gave the Invocation. President Randy Lemert called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Town Council Members: Randy Lemert, Tom England, Will Groves, Jr., Joe Reed, and Gerry Brown, Town Attorney Marcel Lebbin, Utilities Manager Skip Davidson, Town Marshal Matt Wilber, Deputy Clerk Jackie James, and Clerk-Treasurer Vicki Kitchen were in attendance. Karl Grupp and Brittany Davis from Hydro North Liberty were in attendance. Chip Thompson from Abonmarche was in attendance. There was one citizen in attendance. There was no representation from the press.

The consent agenda was presented for approval. Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the Town Council Minutes for June 5, 2023, Payroll Docket #12, May Park Board Minutes, and Resolution #2023-07 Demolition Policy, and the vouchers as presented. Joe Reed, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 5/0.

Karl Grupp, Plant Manager from Hydro, came to the meeting to ask about suspending the wastewater fine. Hydro and North Liberty are working closely on the sample issues. Both parties will continue monitoring the samples, Bob Frame videoing the sewer line, and a proactive cleaning schedule. Discussion followed, including Hydro has done everything the Town has requested and a good asset to the community. Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to suspend the $3,500.00 fine that was to be assessed on July 1, 2023. Joe Reed, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion carried 5/0.

Town Marshal Matt Wilber reported they found a 2023 vehicle like the one they ordered 10 months ago, but Ford has not put our truck into production. He is checking on shipping to North Liberty. distributed the May 2023 Incident/Case Report. Town Marshal Wilber reported the Potato Creek & Lions Strawberry Festival went well.

Utilities Manager Skip Davidson reported the water leak was a service line at Reed and Maple Avenue, not a water main. The Tamarack Knolls/Industrial Park lift station needs some repairs. Skip wants it to mirror East Center Street lift station. The water tower has been inspected.

Gerry Brown inquired about the Community Crossings Grant. The Town is not able to file for the grant in July but will look at applying in the second call of the year.

Vicki Kitchen asked if anyone had any thoughts of changes for the trash rebid in August. A few options were discussed. Joe Reed, Jr. and the clerk-treasurer will work on the specifications and be sent out to the town council prior to the bidding. The bids will be advertised in August and opened in September effective January 1, 2024.

Chip Thompson gave an update on Potato Creek State Park Utilities. The project is slightly behind but still ahead of the inn bidding. The bids for project one utility expansion from Town to Park and through the State Park and project four Park Lift Stations opening in August. The advertising will be in The Mishawaka Enterprise.

Gerry Brown reported that there are tree saplings in his driveway for anyone that wants some. He wants to meet with the clerk-treasurer regarding funding for projects.

Feral cats continue to be a problem.

Problem properties were discussed. Tom England distributed the problem property form for completion and needs to be returned to Tom England. You can contact the clerk’s office if you need any information to complete the form.

Retention ponds were discussed. Some retention ponds are private property, some are public.

135 N. Main Street was discussed. If the property is not up for tax sale the Town wants to move forward with foreclosure of our judgement. The clerk-treasurer will order updated title work and tax information for the property.

The vacant lot at 137/139 N. Main Street was discussed. Randy Lemert will be reaching out to the owners.

There is no update on broadband at this time.

The North Liberty Town Council wants to publicly thank Jill’s Run for the generous donation of the drinking fountain for pets and people, and the bottle fill station, where Tamarack and Stellar Trails meet.

The next meeting is July 3, 2023, at 6:00P.M.

With no further business before the North Liberty Town Council, Tom England made a motion to adjourn at 6:38 P.M. Joe Reed seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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Vicki L. Kitchen, Clerk-Treasurer