**North Liberty Town Council Minutes – May 1, 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. Chip Thompson from Abonmarche was 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 April 17, 2023, Payroll Docket #8, Resolution #2023-06 For the Purchase of 102 S. Main St., April Tree Board, and the vouchers as presented. Joe Reed seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 5/0.

There was no public comment.

Chip Thompson gave an update on the utilities for Potato Creek State Park. Soil borings will be done this week. Temporary NIPSCO electric service for the SR4 property will be coming this week. New utility plans will be delivered to Skip for his review. The project will be bidding in June.

Town Marshal Matt Wilber distributed his April Activity Log. Town Marshal Wilber received a donation from Al Allsop Excavating. He is donating the funds to the North Liberty Real Services North Liberty Nutrition Site.

The quotes for the final asphalt coat were sent to the town council in their meeting packets. Rieth Riley quoted $61,578.22. Milestone quoted $75,235.00 for the Shamrock Run project. Tom England made a motion to award the Shamrock Run project to Rieth Riley for $61,578.22. Joe Reed, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 5/0.

Skip Davidson reported that the town of North Liberty would be eligible for the Alliance of Rural Water utility employee apprentice grant in January 2024. Alliance has partnered with Indiana Veterans for grant employee veterans. There is a potential veteran in LaPorte that has expressed an interest for working for the Town of North Liberty.

MoMo’s temporary signs are blocking the view coming off Maple Avenue. Skip Davidson will drop off the sign ordinance to MoMo’s.

Gerry Brown gave an update on the Tree Committee. The committee is working on a tree inventory in the public right of way. Bradford and Caverle Pears will be on a separate inventory. The committee wants to remove all the invasive pear trees from the public right of way and public properties. The process is to cut the trees in the fall and apply poison to the roots.

Feral cats remain a problem. A letter will be sent to 314 W. Liberty St. regarding code violation for the number of cats.

Problem properties were discussed, 811 S. State St., 900 S. State St., 135 N. Main St., 137-139 N. Main St., 107 W. Market St., 301 E. Center St., and 404 E. Rupel. The town attorney will send letters to 811 and 900 S. State St. and 301 E. Center St. 135 N. Main St. could be purchased for $25,000. Demolition has begun at 137-139 N. Main St. The police department will stop and talk to 107 W. Market St. 404 E. Rupel was discussed regarding the condemnation, demolition permit, property sold, building remodel permit, and utility services. Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to have the new owner have water meter pit and meter installed by June 30, 2023, and utility billing to begin July 1, 2023. Joe Reed seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 5/0.

Broadband permits and options were discussed.

With no further business before the North Liberty Town Council, Tom England made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 P.M. Will Groves, Jr. seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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Vicki L. Kitchen, Clerk-Treasurer