**North Liberty Town Council Minutes – January 22, 2024**

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. Town Council President Randy Lemert called the meeting to order at 6:08 P.M.

Town Council Members: Randy Lemert, Tom England, Will Groves, Jr., Joe Reed, Jr., Gerry Brown, Town Attorney Marcel Lebbin, Utilities Manager Skip Davidson, and Clerk-Treasurer Vicki Kitchen, were in attendance. There were two citizens in attendance. Town Marshal Matt Wilber was not in attendance. Chip Thompson from Abonmarche, was in attendance. The sign-in sheet is on file with the minutes.

The consent agenda was presented for approval. Joe Reed made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the Town Council Minutes for January 8, 2024, Resolution #2024-02 Two Year Outstanding Checks, Resolution #2024-03 New Funds per Baker Tilly, Payroll Docket #1, and the vouchers as presented. Tom England seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 5/0.

Al Allsop was in attendance to hear about the demolition of the old church at 108 W. Harrison. A brief discussion followed.

Utilities Manager Skip Davidson distributed the December Utility Report. In the report was a quote for the rebuilding of the high service pumps discussion followed. The amount of the cost to rebuild is within Skip’s purchase amount. The town council stated they wanted him to get another kit to have in stock, so we are ready to rebuild when needed.

There was no Police Report.

The Town has been awarded a public Level 2 charging station for downtown by the end of 2025 through the federal Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Program. This will require a $12,000 payment in 2025.

The Town has been working with MACOG for two Electrical Vehicles through the IN OED’s Electric Vehicles and Fleet Electrification Blueprint. Discussion followed. A match is not required for this grant, however the $12,000 from the other grant adds points to the scoring of this grant. Will Groves Jr. made a motion to approve applying for this grant. Joe Reed seconded the motion. Four voted to approve, Gerry Brown voted against. Motion passed 4/1.

The Town is preparing a 2024-1 Community Crossing Grant that is due on January 31, 2024, at 5 pm EST. There is a signature authorization ordinance required by INDOT. Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to approve Ordinance #2024-01 Authorization to Sign Documents. Gerry Brown seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed.

Problem properties and Town Zoning was discussed. The owner of the Wabash Tavern has not responded to Tom England’s calls.

108 W. Harrison was discussed. The letter will be prepared and sent certified mail allowing him access to the property for fourteen days. Bids and/or quotes will be prepared for demolition. The town attorney will write the new deed.

Joe Reed gave an update on Town Center Zoning proposal. The proposal is extending Town Center Zoning from the five corners south on SR23 to the Town limits, west on SR4 to the post office, and east from Shamrock Drive to the town limits. Discussion followed. The current Comprehensive Plan was one consideration. The North Liberty Town Council will review each re-zoning request and follow the procedure to submit the request to Area Plan Commission. The clerk-treasurer will request updated traffic counts for MACOG and INDOT.

Potato Creek Utility signed contracts have been received and notice to proceed has been given for contracts 1-5.

The clerk-treasurer received annual Conflict-of-Interest forms from Randy Lemert, Tom England, and Will Groves, Jr. Joe Reed made a motion to accept all three annual Conflict-of Interest forms. Gerry Brown seconded the motion. Each town council member abstained for voting their form.

The Tree Board will be hosting two activities at the library for Arbor Day. Gerry Brown also reported there is a broken branch on S. Maple St. Hattery Tree Service will be removing the branch as an emergency for safety reasons.

With no further business before the North Liberty Town Council, Tom England made a motion to adjourn at 7:05 P.M. Will Groves, Jr. seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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Vicki L. Kitchen, Clerk-Treasurer

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