**North Liberty Town Council Minutes – June 5, 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 Joe Reed, Jr. gave the Invocation. President Randy Lemert called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Town Council Members: Randy Lemert, Tom England, 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. Will Groves, Jr., was not in attendance. Gene and Michelle Cruise from Surf Air were in attendance. There were three citizens in attendance. There was no representation from the press.

The consent agenda was presented for approval. Gerry Brown made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the Town Council Minutes for May 15, 2023, Payroll Docket #10 and 11, and the vouchers as presented. Joe Reed seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 4/0.

Gene Feitz gave an update on 811 S. State Street. The yard is being cleaned up and they are working on compliance.

Gene Cruise from Surf Air asked for an update on broadband in North Liberty. Town Attorney Marcel Lebbin informed him, the Town of North Liberty is working with St. Joseph County and Walkerton on a bigger build broadband system. The Town is looking to partner with RTC. BrightSpeed sent an email before the meeting broadband and was not able to attend tonight’s meeting.

Rick Feitz stated he received a vague letter and was looking for clarification. Tom will contact Will Groves and work with the resident regarding the letter.

Chip Thompson gave an update on Potato Creek State Park Utilities. The out-of-town residents meeting for the project update was generally positive. Items discussed:

* The farmers shared some clay drainage pipes that run under the road.
* Water and Wastewater Taps
* List of Contractors to be put provided for residents.
* Conversation in Lieu of Annexation
* Water north side of SR4 wastewater on the south side of SR4
* Mowing of the Town’s property on SR4 & house will be bulldozed.

Chip stated that the permits will be filed in the next couple of weeks. There are power panels owned by the state in the park.

Utilities Manager Skip Davidson distributed his April Report. A copy is filed with the minutes. Skip reported a problem with a Hydro sample. The sample should be 170 mg per liter, it was 386. The fine is $3,500 for the first offense. Hydro will be fined $3,500 on July 1, 2023.

The demolition policy will be ready for the June work session.

Town Marshal Matt Wilber distributed the May 2023 Incident/Case Report. Town Marshal Wilber stated that there would be three officers on duty during the festival. He asked about the OPIOD Unrestricted Funds. He said all the NLPD training has had drug training. The town attorney stated no ordinance was needed if the Town was following the parameters.

Gerry Brown reported that two trees had been vandalized at the Town Park. The tree committee will be purchasing bigger trees.

Problem properties were discussed. Tom England wants to implement a form for reporting problem properties. He will submit a list to the clerk-treasurer to be included on the agenda. The smell has returned to 127 N. Main St.

With no further business before the North Liberty Town Council, Joe Reed made a motion to adjourn at 6:50 P.M. Tom England seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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Vicki L. Kitchen, Clerk-Treasurer