**North Liberty Town Council Minutes – July 17, 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, Will Groves, Jr., Joe Reed, and Gerry Brown, Town Attorney Marcel Lebbin, Town Marshal Matt Wilber, Deputy Clerk Jackie James, and Clerk-Treasurer Vicki Kitchen were in attendance. Tom England and Utilities Manager Skip Davidson were not 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. Joe Reed, Jr. made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the Town Council Minutes for July 3, 2023, Payroll Docket #14, and the vouchers as presented. Gerry Brown seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 4/0.

Gene Knowlton asked about sidewalks and the condition of the property at 108 E. Center. The town council stated they would notify Tom England, Code Enforcement, of your concern. Will Groves replied to Gene Knowlton’s sidewalk concerns and grant filings.

Town Marshal Matt Wilber reported that excise police had replied to his inquiry regarding the Wabash Tavern. Excise police will contact Town Marshal Wilber if there is a public hearing on their liquor license. Town Marshal Wilber also gave a thank you to DC Door for working on the police garage door. Chief Deputy Town Marshal Kelly and Deputy Town Marshal Torres are attending a three-day rifle school. North Liberty Police Department will be swearing in Tabias Mead as a new North Liberty Police Reserve Officer.

Utilities Manager Skip Davidson June Report was mailed in the town council packet.

Chip Thompson gave an update on Potato Creek State Park Utilities. The specification for utility bidding is 95% complete. Abonmarche, Town of North Liberty, Baker Tilly, and Indiana Finance Authority are coordinating on the forgivable loan closing.

Gerry Brown gave an update on the Tree Board.

Feral cats continue to be a problem. There was a lengthy discussion on options for animal control. The Town newsletter will include a section on three animal limits and call us for cat trapping. Town Marshal Wilber reported that Officer Kelly was dispatched to a medical call in North Liberty. There were at least ten cats inside the dwelling.

Demolition quotes for 27101 were discussed. The quote was sent to three contractors. One company notified us, their quote was not received but an email was sent saying it would be late. One quote received was incomplete. The Town only received one qualified quote for the demolition of $19,950. Gerry Brown seconded the motion. A lengthy discussion followed about getting additional quotes. All voted to approve except Will Groves, Jr. abstained. Motion passed 3/0/1.

There is no update on broadband currently. The Town hopes to hear more from St. Joseph County in August 2023.

With no further business before the North Liberty Town Council, Gerry Brown 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

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