**North Liberty Town Council Minutes – January 23, 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., and Gerry Brown, Utilities Manager Skip Davidson, Town Attorney Marcel Lebbin, Clerk Treasurer Vicki Kitchen were in attendance. Town Council Member Joe Reed, Jr., and Town Marshal Matt Wilber were not in attendance. There was one citizen 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 January 9, 2023, Resolution #2023-02 Void Checks Two Years Outstanding, Payroll Docket PP#1, and the vouchers as presented. Tom England seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 4/0.

There was no public comment.

Tom England stated there was not a police report.

Hydro’s NDPES Permit was discussed. There is a meeting with IDEM tomorrow. There is a second meeting with IDEM and Hydro regarding acceptable daily limits for Hydro’s NPDES renewal permit.

Salary Ordinance #2023-02 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE UTILITIES AND STREET EMPLOYEES FOR 2023 was presented for approval for Braxton Jones based on grant agreement with Alliance of Rural Water. Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to approve Ordinance #2023-02. Gerry Brown seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 4/0.

Skip Davidson reported the leaf vac has been picked up from the City of Rising Sun.

The Conflict-of-Interest Forms have been received from Randy Lemert and Tom England. Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to approve the Conflict of Interest forms for Randy Lemert and Tom England. Gerry Brown seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 4/0.

Shamrock Run Re-Zoning Ordinance #2023-01 from R2 to R1 was presented. The rezoning was approved at the St. Joseph County Area Plan Commission public hearing on January 17, 2023. Gerry Brown made a motion to approve Ordinance #2023-01 by title, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF NORTH LIBERTY TO GUIDE THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWN AND ENSURE RESIDENTIAL AREAS PROVIDE HEALTHFUL SURROUNDINGS FOR FAMILY LIFE. Tom England seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 4/0. The clerk-treasurer will record the new plat tomorrow.

Randy Lemert reported the purchase of the property at 27101 Pierce Road is complete for the expansion of the utilities for the inn at Potato Creek State Park including elevated water tower. Town Attorney Marcel Lebbin reported the property will be annexed into Town even though it is not contiguous as there is an exception for utility plants.

Vicki Kitchen reported that Republic Services will begin picking up the one large item per month in the existing contract on the third Monday of every month beginning February 20, 2023. The large item pick up is in the February 2023 utility bill newsletter and the dates are on the calendar on the Town’s website. Randy Lemert requested a Reach Alert reminder be sent out prior to the first large item pick up. There was additional brief discussion.

Gerry Brown gave an update on the Tree Committee. The tree committee is working with the school corporation and the Boy Scouts to clean up the outdoor lab.

Problem properties were discussed regarding the continuing cat problem, the junk trailer blocking the sidewalk at Jefferson and Market Street.

Gerry Brown gave a brief overview of the North Liberty Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner on January 14, 2023.

Gerry Brown reported he had been contacted by State Representative Jake Teshka regarding nominating a citizen for the Heart of a Hoosier Award. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

With no further business before the North Liberty Town Council, Tom England made a motion to adjourn at 6:22 P.M. Will Groves, Jr. seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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Vicki L. Kitchen, Clerk-Treasurer