**North Liberty Town Council Minutes – April 3, 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 Marshal Matt Wilber, Deputy Clerk Jackie James, and Clerk-Treasurer Vicki Kitchen were in attendance. Joe Reed, Jr., and Town Attorney Marcel Lebbin were not in attendance. There was one citizen in attendance. Chip Thompson from Abonmarche was in attendance. There was no press in attendance.

The consent agenda was presented for approval. Gerry Brown made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the Town Council Minutes for March 20, 2023, and the vouchers as presented. Tom England seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 4/0.

Bill Newman asked for an extension of the cleanup and fence at 127 N. Main Street by April 30th. Discussion followed. Tom England will go there after the meeting to check out the property and report back at the work session.

Town Marshal Matt Wilber distributed his March Police Report. A copy is filed with the minutes.

Skip Davidson received a modified NPDES Permit eliminating metals testing. Stephanie Cerling from DLZ and Town Attorney Lebbin reviewed the permit. It was emailed to the council in their council meeting packets. Discussion followed. Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to approve the modified NPDES Permit. Gerry Brown seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion carried 4/0.

Vicki Kitchen reported Republic Services has dumped a dumpster over at the water plant for larger items or cleanup items. There will be no charge to dump it monthly. If it is dumped more than once a month the fee will be $375. This will be added to the trash bidding documents for later this year.

The Potato Creek State Park was discussed. The Asset Management Plan is complete and will have to be updated every five years. Chip Thompson will get with Skip Davidson and Vicki Kitchen regarding an electric service three phase for the water tower at the water plant # 2 site. Bidding will be early June on the projects. Our tenant has moved out of the house due to issues with the house. She says she has one inside load and her outdoor stuff to remove from the property. The horses and other animals are not on the property.

The second appraisal has been received for 102 S. Main Street from Douglas E Edison & Associates for $29,000. Discussion followed. Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to offer to purchase 102 S. Main Street for the average of the two appraisals of $24,000 to the North Liberty United Methodist Church. Tom England seconded the motion. All voted to approve except Gerry Brown who abstained. Motion passed 3/0/1.

Gerry Brown gave an update on the Tree Committee. The tree committee needs marking paint for trees to be removed, and the purchase of 100 trees for forty dollars. There are two trees down over Tamarack Trail.

Problem properties were discussed regarding the 137-139 fire status update. An additional letter needs to be sent to 115 S. Main Street regarding all the vehicles moved from the street to the yard by the town attorney.

The North Liberty Community Building and Real Services memo of understanding was discussed. The town attorney has approved the agreement pending receipt of a certificate of insurance. Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to approve the Real Service MOU for use of the North Liberty Community Building pending the receipt of the certificate of insurance. Gerry Brown seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion carried 4/0.

Broadband options were discussed. The Town Council wants a message about permitting and locates for large projects to be put on the clerk’s list-serve and AIM’s list-serve. Pressure is being applied to St. Joseph County regarding the trunk being put in.

Will Groves, Jr. brought up a couple items for discussion.

* The faded banners downtown, he is going to check with LaPorte about their athletic banners.
* The retention pond by the senior housing. The property to the west of Stellar Trail. Three trees are on the building, windows broken. Skip and Tom to check it out.
* Shamrock Run Area Plan Commission signs, Skip will remove.
* The Park Plan and the proposed park in Potato Creek Crossing

With no further business before the North Liberty Town Council, Tom England made a motion to adjourn at 6:55 P.M. Gerry Brown seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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Vicki L. Kitchen, Clerk-Treasurer