**North Liberty Town Council Minutes – February 6, 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., Joe Reed, and Gerry Brown, Utilities Manager Skip Davidson, Town Attorney Marcel Lebbin, Deputy Clerk Jackie James, and Clerk- Treasurer Vicki Kitchen were in attendance. Town Marshal Matt Wilber was not in attendance. There were 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 January 23, 2023, January Tree Board Minutes, Payroll Docket PP#2, and the vouchers as presented. Joe Reed seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 5/0.

 There was no public comment.

 Tom England stated there was not a police report.

 Hydro’s NDPES Permit was discussed. Town Attorney Marcel Lebbin has been working with Hydro’s legal counsel and consultants on the Sewer Use Ordinance. HYDRO Plant Manager Karl Grupp and Brittany Davis were in attendance for questions and comment. Everyone present expressed that the Town and Hydro want to work together to keep Hydro in our community. Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to approve ORDINANCE NO. 2023-03 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF NORTH LIBERTY, INDIANA AMENDING THE NORTH LIBERTY CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING PROHIBITED DISCHARGES. Joe Reed seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion carried 5/0.

 Skip Davidson reported on a discussion he had with John Boettcher regarding utility work in the community and Tamarack Knolls.

 Town Attorney Marcel Lebbin stated the closing on Shamrock Run should be scheduled for this week.

 A Conflict-of-Interest Form has been received from Will Groves, Jr. Joe Reed made a motion to approve the Conflict-of-Interest form for Will Groves, Jr. Gerry Brown seconded the motion. All voted to approve, except Will Groves, Jr. abstained. Motion passed 4/0.

 Baker Tilly Engagement Service Agreement was sent to the town attorney and the town council for review in their meeting packet. A brief discussion followed. Tom England made a motion to approve. Will Groves, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion carried 5/0.

 The Town’s tenant at 27101 SR 4 has not paid the rent. Discussion followed. Town Attorney Marcel Lebbin gave an overview of the eviction process. The North Liberty Town Council concurred to begin the eviction process. The tenant has animals that need to find a new place to live.

 Gerry Brown gave an update on the Tree Committee. The tree committee is working on reviewing the tree ordinance and compiling a tree inventory.

 Problem properties were discussed regarding the continuing cat problem, the junk trailer blocking the sidewalk at Jefferson and Market Street, trash and recycle bins left at the street all the time, particularly S. Jefferson Street. The North Liberty Town Council would like for Town Marshal Matt Wilber to contact Liberty Tire for the tire debris clean up with their new equipment.

 The North Liberty Community Building has been contacted about becoming a nutrition site for Real Services. A survey is being sent to community residents to see if the senior citizens are interested. The outer door may be a problem with the weight of the door. Some details may need to be worked out if moving forward.

 North Liberty Cardio Drummers would like to use the North Liberty Community Building on Monday and Wednesday’s. The drumming was a Stellar Community Healthy initiative. Discussion followed. The fee payable to the North Liberty Community Building is $2.00 per attendee. The instructor will charge her fee and collect the $2.00.

 Gerry Brown reported he had been contacted by State Representative Jake Teshka regarding nominating a citizen for the Heart of a Hoosier Award. Discussion followed. Gerry Brown will compile a list and bring it to the next meeting.

 With no further business before the North Liberty Town Council, Tom England made a motion to adjourn at 6:28 P.M. Joe Reed seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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Vicki L. Kitchen, Clerk-Treasurer