**North Liberty Town Council Minutes – December 27, 2017**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the North Liberty Town Council was held at the North Liberty Town Hall. Gerry Brown called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Will Groves, Jr. Matt Peterson, and Joe Combes (6:00 P.M.) Council Members, Town Attorney Marcel Lebbin, and Vicki Kitchen Clerk-Treasurer were in attendance. Tom England was not in attendance. There were no citizens present and no representation from the press.

Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the December 6, 2017 Minutes, December 6, 2017 Executive Session Minutes, Fund Transfer Resolution #2017-21, and Temporary Loan Resolution from Trash and Water Operations Resolution #2017-22 and the vouchers as presented. Matt Peterson seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

Will Groves, Jr. reported Tom McCormick, Sr. has a suggested route using drainage easements. The route has not been mapped out or provided to the Town.

The required INDOT paperwork to add Shamrock Drive Extension was provided to the Town Council. Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to execute the paperwork and submit to INDOT. Matt Peterson seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

Brown and Brown spray pad contract was presented for signature. Town Attorney Marcel Lebbin has reviewed the contract. Matt Peterson made a motion to approve the contract with Brown and Brown for the North Liberty Spray Pad for $385,000.00. Will Groves, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

2018 Wages were discussed. The Town Council did not take action on Park Board Ordinance #2017-12.

The clerk’s office wages were discussed. Matt Peterson made a motion to approve a 2% wage increase for Ordinance #2017-13 Clerk’s Office Wages. Will Groves, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

The North Liberty Town Council wages and health insurance in lieu of wages were discussed. Matt Peterson made a motion to approve a 1% wage increase for Ordinance #2017-14. Will Groves, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

North Liberty Police wages were discussed. The discussion included uniforms and take home vehicles. This discussion was temporarily tabled.

North Liberty street and utility department wages were discussed. Gerry Brown made a motion to approve a 3% wage increase for Ordinance #2017-16. Will Groves, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

The discussion of the police wages resumed. The town council tabled the Police Wage Ordinance #2017-15 with any increase.

The Jrayl fence removal was discussed. Second notice letters were presented for signature to Jrayl and Fair Investments. Matt Peterson made a motion to have Gerry Brown sign the letters. Will Groves, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

The $4,500.00 budget for tree removal for the extension of Washington Street was discussed. A purchase order has been issued for two and a half days of work at $1,800.00 per day. Ellis Hardwood can’t do the work until the fence is moved.

Vicki Kitchen informed the town council that the decision made at the December 6, 2017 regarding the canine fund paying the humane society fees out of the canine fund. The SBOA would take audit exception with the plan passed at the December 6, 2017 meeting. The SBOA recommendation was to transfer to the canine fund to the general fund or the rainy day. Joe Combes made a motion to transfer the canine fund into the general fund. Matt Peterson seconded the motion. All voted to approve except Will Groves, Jr. abstained.

DLZ 2018 on call contract was presented for discussion. Town Attorney Marcel Lebbin approved the contract for signature. Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to approve the on call contract for 2018. Matt Peterson seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

The St. Joseph Area Plan Commission public hearing on the proposed zoning ordinance of December 19th was discussed. The Town Council will conduct a public hearing January 3, 2018.

The 2018 Town Council assignments discussion was tabled since Tom England was not in attendance.

Gerry Brown added his name to the attendees for the North Liberty Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner.

Town Attorney Marcel Lebbin informed the North Liberty Town Council that he is going to be the in house attorney of Lippert Components, Inc. beginning January 15, 2018. He is recommending Attorney Pat Primmer from his firm. Town Attorney Marcel Lebbin will be bringing Attorney Pat Primmer to the January 3, 2018 council meeting.

With no further business before the North Liberty Town Council, Matt Peterson made a motion to adjourn at 6:27 P.M. Will Groves, Jr. seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Vicki L. Kitchen, Clerk-Treasurer