**North Liberty Town Council Minutes – August 7, 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 Joe Reed gave the Invocation. President Randy Lemert called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Town Council Members: Randy Lemert, Tom England, Joe Reed, and Gerry Brown, Town Attorney Marcel Lebbin, Town Marshal Matt Wilber, Utilities Manager Skip Davidson, Deputy Clerk Jackie James, and Clerk-Treasurer Vicki Kitchen were in attendance. Will Groves, Jr. was not in attendance, Tom England and Utilities Manager Skip Davidson were not in attendance. Stephanie Hernandez from Abonmarche was in attendance. County Council Member Randy Figg was in attendance. There were three citizens 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 17, 2023, Payroll Docket #15, July Tree Minutes, Fund Transfer Resolution #2023-08, and the vouchers as presented. Gerry Brown seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 4/0.

Judy Rose spoke regarding the August newsletter of feral cats. She stated she has three cats that live in her garage. Her cats are vaccinated and will be chipped August 15, 2023. She just wanted the town council to be made aware of how her cats are being handled.

Town Marshal Matt Wilber distributed the July report. A copy is filed with the minutes. Town Attorney Marcel Lebbin stated the Town is out of the Myers lawsuit as a result of a successful summary judgement motion.

Utilities Manager Skip Davidson distributed the July Utilities Report. A copy is filed with the minutes. He reported on Rieth Riley paved Shamrock Run and the utility cuts last Saturday.

Sarah Hernandez gave an update on Potato Creek State Park Utilities. She reported Chip Thompson will take over project management for Contract 1 and 4. The bids will be advertised in the Mishawaka Enterprise on August 17, 2023, and August 24, 2023, for contract 1 the utility extensions out to Potato Creek State Park and contract 4 manholes and lift station within Potato Creek State Park. The bid documents will be available on August 21, 2023. The bid opening will be September 18, 2023.

There was no update on the Tree Board.

Feral cats continue to be a problem.

Joe Reed and Vicki Kitchen met regarding the trash and sludge bids. Town of North Liberty will not be bidding recycling since 2024 cost remains at $34.00 per year. The trash count will include all utility customers if they are interested.

There was a brief discussion regarding retention ponds and maintenance. Some of the retention ponds in Town belong to the developer, one is a private owner currently in the tax sale, and the one in the senior housing belongs to the Town. The town council approved the utilities to do half an hour clean up on the Pine Oak retention pond.

Randy Figg reported Bill Schalliol is still working on the county allocation and looking at grants for broadband for North Liberty.

Joe Reed made a motion for the annual reappointment of Vicki Kitchen to Indiana Office of Technology for the main contact for the Town of North Liberty. Tom England seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 4/0.

With no further business before the North Liberty Town Council, Tom England made a motion to adjourn at 6:19 P.M. Joe Reed seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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Vicki L. Kitchen, Clerk-Treasurer

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