**North Liberty Town Council Minutes – March 20, 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 Gerry Brown 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 (6:15), and Gerry Brown, Utilities Manager Skip Davidson, Town Attorney Marcel Lebbin, Town Marshal Matt Wilber, and Deputy Clerk Jackie James were in attendance. Will Groves, Jr., and Clerk-Treasurer Vicki Kitchen 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 6, 2023, Payroll Docket PP#5 and #6, February Tree Board Minutes, November 7, 2022, Park Board Minutes, Utility Write Off Resolution #2023-04, and the vouchers as presented. Tom England seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 3/0.

Mike Pease, representing North Liberty United Methodist Church, presented an explanation regarding the sale of the overflow parking lot they want to sell. Discussion followed. A copy is filed with the minutes. The church would still like to use the lot if needed if the Town purchased the lot. The church also approached Gene’s and Dr. Knape regarding the vacant lots. Randy Lemert explained the process the Town must follow by state statute to obtain two appraisals. The first appraisal has been received. The Town is still waiting on the second appraisal.

Town Marshal Matt Wilber stated Deputy Marshal Sean Stuart has been named the Citizen of the Month for the March 21, 2023, St. Joseph County that most of the mandated training for the police department is now online. Town Marshal Wilber will be attending the meeting. Town Marshal Wilber stated Clyde’s put up some security lights that is causing concerns at the property behind the business. The lighting ordinance will be given to Clyde’s by the police department.

Skip Davidson brought up 135 N. Main Street. Town Marshal Wilber, Skip Davidson, and the St. Joseph County Building Department will inspect the property. DLZ work order for the Shamrock Run final coat was presented for approval. Skip wants to add 4 street cuts to the work. The town council concurred for the additional work.

The Potato Creek State Park was discussed. The next step is the Asset Management Plan is due April 1, 2023. Chip Thompson wants to set up a conference call with the Indiana Finance Authority in the next couple weeks.

Gerry Brown gave an update on the Tree Committee regarding the approval of Tree City USA application. Gerry delivered the signs to the Town. He is beginning work on Bird Town Project.

Problem properties were discussed regarding the continuing cat problem. The Town will be moving forward on the cat issues.

The Legal Non-Conforming Uses statuses were discussed. The two properties are Custom Body Shop and the Wabash Tavern. Town Marshal Matt Wilber reported The Wabash Tavern has not had a license since 2020. Discussion followed. Both properties should go back to residential.

Broadband options were discussed. The Town would like to pursue Bright Speed and other providers. The Town Council wants a message about permitting and locates for large projects to be put on the clerk’s list-serve.

The American Red Cross will be having a blood drive at North Liberty Community Building March 29th from 1-6.

Town Attorney Marcel Lebbin will not be in attendance at the April 3, 2023 meeting.

With no further business before the North Liberty Town Council, Tom England made a motion to adjourn at 6:46 P.M. Joe Reed, Jr. seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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Vicki L. Kitchen, Clerk-Treasurer