

North Liberty Town Council Minutes – February 5, 2014

The regularly scheduled meeting of the North Liberty Town Council was held at the North Liberty Community Building. Gerry Brown called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. He led the Pledge of Allegiance. Richard Warner gave the Invocation.

Will Groves, Jr. and Brett Voreis Council Members, Town Marshal Michael Sawdon, Utilities Manager Skip Davidson and Jackie James Deputy Clerk-Treasurer were in attendance. Town Attorney Peddycord and Vicki Kitchen Clerk-Treasurer were not in attendance. Matthew Peterson future Town Council Member was in attendance. There were **two** meeting attendees and no representation from the press. Brett Voreis departed at 7:35 P.M. for an ambulance call.

Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to approve the consent agenda including January 8, 2014 Continuance to January 22, 2014 Minutes and vouchers. Richard Warner seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

Al Allsop addressed the town council regarding the snow plowing at the 1st Source Bank. Brett Voreis informed him the snow must remain on the bank parking lot or it needs to be hauled away. The snow can not be pushed down the alley and across Jefferson Street.

Skip Davidson reported the step screen at the wastewater plant is in need of some maintenance. Skip Davidson to obtain quotes for the step screen repairs. Skip is also to get prices for snow removal downtown.

Town Marshal Sawdon had previously submitted the January 2014 Police Report. A copy is filed with the minutes. Town Marshal Sawdon reported the Towns of North Liberty and Walkerton need a certified taser instructor. The two town marshals have agreed to send Deputy Town Marshal Charles Kulp, as he works for both police departments. Officer Kulp will be attending if the two town councils will approve paying one half of the of the taser instructor training of \$350.00. Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to pay half of the \$350.00 for the taser course. Brett Voreis seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

The town council discussed the Rezoning of 305 W. Maple Avenue. Attorney Gigli representing Stacey Jimerson was in attendance. She presented the town council a booklet on the requested rezoning. A copy will be sent to Attorney Peddycord for his review. Attorney Gigli was looking for approval from the town council on the rezoning so her client can open their restaurant. There was discussion regarding asphalt or gravel for the parking area. The final site plan has not been submitted and will have to be approved by the St. Joseph County Area Plan Commission. The town council will not grant rezoning approval without the final site plan.

Debbie Sullivan Brown spoke in opposition to the rezoning of 305 W. Maple Avenue. She is a property owner across the street of the proposed rezoning property.

The Park WPA Historic Preservation Restoration bids were discussed. The lowest bidder wants to withdraw his bid. Kurt Garner has contacted the DNR Historic Preservation and Attorney Peddycord regarding the bidding. The email had been forwarded to the town council (attached to the minutes). Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to reject the bids and re-advertise. Richard Warner seconded the motion. All in favor none opposed. Gerry Brown is going to contact Attorney Peddycord on cashing the bid bond from Mr. Birkey dba J & J.

Brett Voreis submitted his 2014 Conflict of Interest and it was approved at the January 22, 2014 meeting, however it was not signed. The town council signed Brett Voreis 2014 Conflict of Interest.

With no further business before the North Liberty Town Council, Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to adjourn at 8:05. Richard Warner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Vicki L. Kitchen, Clerk-Treasurer