**North Liberty Town Council Minutes – October 3, 2022**

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 Tom England, Will Groves, Jr, Joe Reed, Jr. (6:15), and Gerry Brown, Town Marshal Matt Wilber, Town Attorney Marcel Lebbin, and Clerk Treasurer Vicki Kitchen, were in attendance. There were four citizens in attendance, and Chip Thompson from Abonmarche. Utilities Manager Skip Davidson was not in attendance. There was no representation from the press.

The consent agenda was presented for approval. Gerry Brown made a motion to approve September 19, 2022, Minutes, Resolution #2022-19 Fund Transfer, Resolution #2022-20 Establish Funds 2256 Opioid Settlement Unrestricted and 2257 Opioid Settlement Restricted, Potato Creek Water Utility and 6207 Potato Creek Wastewater Expenses, Resolution #2022-21 Establish a Fund for WAF Grant Through Indiana Finance Authority, Payroll Dockets PP#19, and the vouchers as presented. Tom England seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 4/0.

Kristina Borkowski introduced herself to the North Liberty Town Council. She informed the council that her husband and herself had purchased 125 N. Main St, formerly Ted’s Barber Shop. They are planning on remodeling and putting in an antique store in the building, probably next spring.

Randy Lemert opened the meeting to public hearing for the 2023 Budget. Vicki Kitchen gave a brief overview over the proposed 2023 Budget. There was no comment from the public. The public hearing for the 2023 budget was closed.

Vicki Kitchen reported that when Baker Tilly reviewed the 2023 Budget, they completed a Report of Appealing Taxing Unit Three-Year Growth Factor per IC 6-1-1-18.5-13 (a) (2). Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to approve and submit the appeal. Gerry Brown seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion carried 4/0.

Town Marshal Matt Wilber commented he had received his quarterly budget report and everything looks good, except his fuel line item will not be sufficient for the remainder of the year, a transfer will need to be made or an additional appropriation.

An amended utility salary ordinance was submitted for approval to include the utilities managers distribution percentages. The State Board of Accounts commented while conducting their recent audit. Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to approve Salary Ordinance #2022-08 to include the distribution percentages for the utilities manager. Tom England seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 4/0.

Skip Davidson has been working with DLZ regarding Hydro’s Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Permit, to have the same limits put into their permit as is in the Town’s NPDES Permit. DLZ has a letter ready to submit to IDEM that requires the North Liberty Town Council’s signature. There was a brief discussion. Randy Lemert signed the letter to be sent to IDEM.

Shamrock Run NIPSCO is scheduled to come the end of October into November to put in the gas and electric. Town Attorney Marcel Lebbin stated the extensions for closing with Allen Edwin keep extending. Granite Ridge is interested in purchasing the lots in Shamrock Run as well.

Chip Thompson from Abonmarche, gave a brief update on the Potato Creek State Park Utilities.

The North Liberty Community Building received a request for entire refund for November rental for a terminal family member. The contract states a 30-day refund policy and it was received on the thirty third day. There was a brief discussion. Tom England made a motion to refund the money. Gerry Brown seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 5/0.

Problem properties were discussed. The feral cat problem in several sections of Town was discussed. The Town will purchase animal traps to catch the cats. The police have a farm that will take the cats.

Vicki Kitchen is still working on coordinating the appraisers are arranging appointment times with the property owner for 104 N. Jefferson St.

The illegal dumping in Town continues. The school has been hit several times. The town council and town marshal discussed if the illegal dumping is theft of government services. Dumpsters will be locked if this continues at the school and Town dumpsters not in a fenced area.

With no further business before the North Liberty Town Council, Tom England made a motion to adjourn at 6:37 P.M. Will Groves, Jr. seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Signed:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Vicki L. Kitchen, Clerk-Treasurer