

North Liberty Town Council Minutes – March 18, 2015

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 7:00 P.M. He led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Member Matthew Peterson gave the Invocation.

Brett Voreis, and Thomas England Town Council Members, Utilities Manager Skip Davidson, Eric Walsh of Umbaugh and Vicki Kitchen Clerk-Treasurer were in attendance. Attorney Peddycord and Will Groves, Jr. were not in attendance. There were two citizens present and no representation from the press.

Matthew Peterson made a motion to approve the consent agenda including the vouchers. Brett Voreis seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

Gerry Brown opened the public hearing for the wastewater rates. Eric Walsh distributed charts with the Town's proposed wastewater rates compared to other communities. The town council requested Elkhart rates be added to the chart since SAPA has a plant in Elkhart. A copy is filed with the minutes. The proposed staggered rates will be effective on the May 1, 2015 utility bills and the January 1, 2016 utility bills. The Town was received a \$500,000 grant from OCRA and \$2,800,000 from State Revolving Fund, that is federally funded to the state agency, with a 2.3% interest rate for the lowest rate impact possible for the wastewater users. Skip Davidson added that the wastewater plant is currently at a 65-80% capacity. There was no discussion from the public. The public hearing was closed.

Gerry Brown read Ordinance #2015-03 by title AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE OF AND SERVICES RENDERED BY THE SEWER UTILITY OF THE TOWN OF NORTH LIBERTY, INDIANA. Tom England made a motion to approve Ordinance #2015-03. Matthew Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

Pete Seal asked if a decision had been made regarding the Town owned fire station. The town council advised him that there have been some discussion. Pete Seal stated he was interest in a building for a small group training fitness area for local athletes and residents. He will continue to check with the Town.

Tom England asked about the two hour parking signs, if they were in force as of yet. Ordinance violation fines including parking fines need to be increased. Vicki Kitchen will get more ordinance fees from other communities.

With no further business before the North Liberty Town Council, Matthew Peterson made a motion to adjourn at 7:22. Brett Voreis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Vicki L. Kitchen, Clerk-Treasurer