**North Liberty Town Council Minutes – October 17, 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., and Gerry Brown, Town Marshal Matt Wilber, Town Attorney Marcel Lebbin, Utilities Manager Skip Davidson, Deputy Clerk Treasurer Jackie James, and Clerk Treasurer Vicki Kitchen, were in attendance. There were four citizens in attendance, six representatives for Surf Air, and three representatives for Single Source Medical LLC. There was no representation from the press.

The consent agenda was presented for approval. Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to approve October 3, 2022, Minutes, Park Board Minutes September 12, 2022, Payroll Dockets PP#20, and the vouchers as presented. Gerry Brown seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 5/0.

Bill Newman addressed the town council regarding 127 N. Main Street. He has trapped one feral cat and delivered to the farm outside of Town. He is not having any luck getting any other cats. The wood in the backyard, feral cats, and Town Center does not allow for any outside storage were all discussed with the resident. The resident will have until April 1, 2023, to have all the wood removed. No additional wood can be added. Tom England will meet with the resident at 10:00 am on Friday, October 21, 2022.

Surf Internet made a brief presentation regarding proposed project timeline for fiber internet. Town Attorney Marcel Lebbin inquired if they were a regulated IURC Utility. They confirmed they were a regulated IURC Utility. They want to start November 1, 2022. The Town can not meet the proposed timeline with leaf pick-up and winter weather to do all the utility locates. The town council prefers a spring construction period and still reviewing all options. Tom England made a motion to take the proposal under advisement. Will Groves, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

Town Marshal Matt Wilber provided a letter regarding Presidential Executive Order (EO) 14074, date May 25, 2022 “Advancing Effective, Accountable Policing and Criminal Justice Practices to Enhance Public Trust and Public Safety” for the town council packet. The letter must be posted for thirty days at Town Hall and reflected in the minutes that it was provided to the town council.

Town Attorney gave an update on the Sula judgement.

Skip Davidson provided his September Utilities Report. A copy is filed with the minutes.

The utility service charge ordinance will be ready for the November meeting.

Leaf pick-up will be November 1st – 23rd with existing equipment and a borrowed dump truck, weather permitting.

Debra Hughes, Surveying and Mapping LLC (SAM) was in attendance to discuss the drainage site review from DLZ LLC regarding her client Single Source Medical. She asked for relief from the requirements of comments that were more than the requirements of the St. Joseph County Standards. The SWPPP was reviewed by St. Joseph County Soil and Water District. Town Attorney Marcel Lebbin explained that the Town relies on DLZ as Single Source relies on SAM. Discussion followed. Town Attorney Lebbin said the town council could approve without the recommendations of DLZ, but Single Source Medical is responsible for any water and/or drainage issues from its property. Representatives from SAM and Single Source both acknowledged Single Source Medical is responsible for keeping water on its property. Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to allow the SAM drainage plan reiterating hat single Source Medical is responsible for keeping all water on its property. Gerry Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.

Single Source Medical President Dean Trippiedi introduced himself to the North Liberty Town Council.

MACOG contacted the clerk-treasurer’s office regarding interest by a GM dealership installing electric vehicle charging station. Discussion followed. The town council wants to know if they get to choose the placement of the charging station. Tom England made a motion to approve a vehicle charging station within the Town limits. Gerry Brown seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 5/0.

The 2023 Budget Adoption Ordinance #2022-09 was presented for approval. Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to approve. Joe Reed Jr. seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 5/0.

Shamrock Run NIPSCO is scheduled to come in November to put in the gas and electric. The North Liberty Town Council wants the road open. Discussion regarding the signs and crosswalks. Tom England made a motion to have Shamrock Dr. opened within seventy-two hours. Gerry Brown seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 5/0.

Potato Creek Utilities the test drilling is tomorrow.

North Liberty Community Building – Gerry Brown gave an update on the SJC Election Board meetings he has attended. Vicki Kitchen said the election agreement paperwork has already been signed.

Problem properties were discussed. The feral cat problem in several sections of Town was discussed. The smell downtown continues to be a problem. The police have a farm that will take the cats.

The appraisals have been received for 104 N. Jefferson St. with the average of the two appraisals at $72,000.00. Discussion followed. Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to offer $72,000.00 for the property based on the two appraisals average of $72,000.00. Gerry Brown seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 5/0. Clerk-Treasurer Vicki Kitchen asked where the funds would be coming from for the purchase. Further discussion followed. Tom England is going to present the two appraisals to the owner of 104 N. Jefferson on Friday, October 21, 2022. The summary appraisals are filed with the minutes. The full appraisal is available for review by the public in the clerk-treasurer’s office.

The illegal dumping in Town continues throughout random dumpsters.

With no further business before the North Liberty Town Council, Tom England made a motion to adjourn at 7:18 P.M. Gerry Brown seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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Vicki L. Kitchen, Clerk-Treasurer