**North Liberty Town Council Minutes – September 6, 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, and Clerk Treasurer Vicki Kitchen, were in attendance. There were four citizens in attendance, and Chip Thompson from Abonmarche. There was no representation from the press.

The consent agenda was presented for approval. Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to approve August 15, 2022, Minutes, Resolution #2022-15 Establish Funds 6107 Potato Creek Water Utility and 6207 Potato Creek Wastewater Expenses, Resolution #2022-16 Fund Transfer to 6107 Potato Creek Waste Utility from Water Operations, Payroll Dockets January – July 2022, August 5 and August 19, 2022, Payroll Dockets, and the vouchers as presented. Gerry Brown seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 5/0.

Randy Lemert opened the meeting to public comments.

Don Brubaker spoke on his environmental concerns regarding Potato Creek State Park and the addition of North Liberty Utilities.

Kelly Sutherlin spoke about the trees and property line stakes for her property and the property to the north. Tom England stated he had talked to her over the weekend and told her to come to the meeting. The best way to resolve the issue is to get the property surveyed. The town council advised her it was a civil matter.

The public comments were closed.

Town Marshal Matt Wilber had nothing to report at this time. Gerry Brown stated that he was advised of trash burning at 404 and 406 N. Lafayette St.

Resolution #2022-13 Summer Sprinkling Credit through September meter reading and CEDIT Funds Transfer to Utilities Resolution #2022-14 approved at the August 15, 2022, will be signed after the meeting.

Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to power wash the elevated tower for $7,500.00. Tom England seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 5/0.

The Town received a quote to power wash and seal the Stellar boardwalk for $11,690.00. The Town reached out to another company, but they only do steel and concrete. Gerry Brown made a motion to approve the power washing and sealing quote from N. A. Logan for $11,690.00. Will Groves, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 5/0. This needs to be done every two years.

The Town of North Liberty has maps to submit to INDOT for the Washington Street Extension for the fill station and Shamrock Drive for the new construction. Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to accept Washington Street extension of 985 linear feet and Shamrock Drive 1163 linear feet of newly constructed street. Gerry Brown seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 5/0.

The Meadows requested the Town accept ACH funds transfer generated by The Meadows. Discussion followed. Tom England made a motion for the larger customers be allowed to pay by ACH to the Town. Joe Reed seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 5/0.

The 2023 budget preparation is almost ready to send to Baker Tilly for maximum levy and tax cap calculations.

APEX Trash Service came into the clerk’s office to see if the Town of North Liberty was unhappy with current trash service, they could be up and running in North Liberty in about sixty days.

The town council concurred not to approve Alliance of Rural Water’s information regarding ServLine Leak Protection. The item will be removed from the agenda.

Shamrock Run NIPSCO contract has been signed. Town Attorney Marcel Lebbin stated if the gas and electric can be put in this fall, one or two houses will be started this fall. Utilities Manager Skip Davidson will follow up with NIPSCO.

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

Halloween Trick or Treat hours were discussed. Gerry Brown made a motion to have Trick or Treat on Halloween from 5-7 P.M. Joe Reed, Jr. seconded the motion. Four voted to approve the motion, one voted against motion. Motion passed 4/1.

There were not any North Liberty Community Building items for discussion.

Problem properties were not discussed.

Vicki Kitchen is still working on coordinating the appraisals with the property owner for 104 N. Jefferson St.

The illegal dumping in Town and the township. North Liberty Police Department is now in contact with St. Joseph County Code Enforcement. The dumping in Town dumpsters, other people’s properties being dumped on, and out of town’s residents coming into Town dumping is still continuing.

With no further business before the North Liberty Town Council, Tom England made a motion to adjourn at 6:33 P.M. Joe Reed, Jr. seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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Vicki L. Kitchen, Clerk-Treasurer