

North Liberty Town Council Minutes – June 4, 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 7:00 P.M. He led the Pledge of Allegiance. Richard Warner gave the Invocation.

Will Groves, Jr., Brett Voreis, and Matthew Peterson Council Members, Town Marshal Michael Sawdon, Utilities Manager Skip Davidson, Attorney John Peddycord, and Vicki Kitchen Clerk-Treasurer were in attendance. There were four citizens present and no representation from the press.

Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to approve the consent agenda including May 7, 2014 Minutes, May 5, 2014 Park Board Minutes, and vouchers. Brett Voreis seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

Jerry Hardman presented before and after pictures of his property at 108 W. Center St. Discussion followed. Vicki Kitchen was instructed to send letter to St. Joseph County Building Department for an inspection of the building.

Jerry Hardman inquired about the Improvement Location Permit for his building at Lot 7 in the Industrial Park. The site plan was reviewed by the town council and the town attorney. Jerry Hardman verified that there would not be utilities to the building at this time. Town Attorney Peddycord stated that the driveway and parking must be included in accordance of the North Liberty Town Code. Jerry Hardman will be in to revise the site paln for the driveway and parking requirements.

No further comments from the citizens in attendance.

Town Marshal Sawdon had previously submitted the May 2014 Police Report. A copy is filed with the minutes. Town Marshal Michael Sawdon asked permission to purchase a police patrol bicycle including safety equipment and additional safety equipment for the other patrol bike for the Excessive Welfare Fund (safety fund). Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase of an additional bike with safety accessories not to exceed \$1,100.00. Richard Warner seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

Skip Davidson reported that Goshen had a street patcher that he thought the Town could purchase for scrap value. The Town would have to draft an inter-local government agreement as we did for the street sweeper. The town council concurred that if we could get it for scrap, it would be a great deal.

Skip brought a frozen pit meter from S. Stewart Street that had been heated up trying to thaw meter and had been melted. The question was should the property owner pay for the meter damage. The town council stated in trying to get water to a resident that the property owner should not pay for the damaged meter.

Skip reported Washington Street will be one of the streets utilizing slurry blend. Town Council advised Skip to get pricing on fixing the Community Building parking lot.

Skip Davidson also commented on the mowing of town properties. The current mowing contractor is having problems keeping up with the town properties with the amount of rain we have been having. He asked about purchasing a finish zero turn lawnmower to keep up. The amount of rain is a breeding ground for mosquitos. Skip Davidson is to get pricing for the mower for the next meeting. Additional mowing of town properties will be required in Shamrock Estates. Skip is to get prices of mowing the retention pond in Shamrock Estates.

Skip Davidson reported the Town has received IDEM approval of Phase II Wellhead Protection.

INDOT T/E Project has accumulated change orders in the amount of \$9,710.00 for material quantity changes, vault discovery, and an inlet at 202 S. State Street. Richard Warner made a motion to accept the INDOT T/E change order #2. Richard Warner made a motion to accept the INDOT T/E change order for \$9,710.00. Will Groves, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

INDOT Safe Routes to School Phase I construction inspection engineering contract was submitted by DLZ for town council approval. The contract has Attorney Peddycord's approval for passage. Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to approve the construction inspection engineering contract. Matthew Peterson seconded the motion. All in favor none opposed.

WPA Park Restoration must be completed by June 30, 2014.

There was no update on the North Liberty Senior Housing.

Tree Ordinance #2014-03 was discussed. Schererville Tree Ordinance states no Bradford Pear, Silver Maple or Willow Trees. The trees cause problems with the water and wastewater lines, messy and break up sidewalks. Tree Ordinance #2014-03 was tabled.

The code enforcement hearings for 203 N. Lafayette and 900 S. State St. are scheduled for June 18, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. Attorney Ann Carol Nash will be hearing the cases. The property at 203 N. Lafayette has asked for additional time for the demolition of the garage. The ordinance violations and utility account has not been paid on since May 29, 2012. The property taxes due in 2013 or the spring installation for 2014 has not been paid. The town council does not want to permit any extensions on the property cleanup.

Richard Warner made a motion to donate \$250.00 to the MDA 5K Spud Run. Will Groves, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

The 4th of July was discussed. The 4th of July Committee would like to turn over the accounting of funds to the Town and their current account. The committee will continue to run the festivities.

Parking on the east side of North Main Street at the five corner intersection was discussed. Current INDOT regulations will be obtained for future discussion.

A policy needs to be determined regarding temporary basketball hoops.

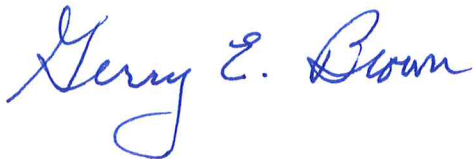
Abandon vehicle ordinance and statute need to be reviewed.

There was discussion regarding the location of the Liberty Township fire station.

The town council discussed O Connor Delivery and Barb Lauderback operating businesses in the residential neighborhood on West Maple Avenue. The truck traffic will be monitored.

There has been a good response on the Comprehensive Plan surveys being returned.

With no further business before the North Liberty Town Council, Matthew Peterson made a motion to adjourn at 8:22. Richard Warner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.



Vicki L. Kitchen, Clerk-Treasurer