**North Liberty Town Council Minutes – November 7, 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 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 two citizens in attendance, Randall Figg, St. Joseph County Council, and Mike Rozycki, Abonmarche. Town Council Member Tom England was not in attendance. There was no representation from the press.

The consent agenda was presented for approval. Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to approve October 17, 2022, Minutes, Tree Board September Minutes, Fund Transfer Resolution #2022-22, Payroll Dockets PP#21 and #22, and the vouchers as presented. Gerry Brown seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 4/0.

Randy Figg reported there is a St. Joseph County ARPA grant available. The due date is November 30, 2022. The award is January 30, 2023.

Town Marshal Matt Wilber stated that Stafford Auto was to put a motor in the 2014 Taurus for $7,000.00. Town Marshal Wilber offered to pick up anyone needing a ride to vote.

Utility Ordinance #2022-10 for service charges and flat charge hydrant fees was presented for approval. Discussion followed regarding making it effective January 1, 2023, instead of upon passage and advertised for the hydrant charges, so the users could be notified. Vicki Kitchen reported that a State Board of Accounts audit verbal comment regarding a slight wording error in the current ordinance needed to be updated immediately. Randy Lemert confirmed the comment. Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to approve Utility Ordinance #2022-10 effective January 1, 2023, notices could be sent to the flat charge users. Joe Reed Jr. seconded the motion. The vote was approved 3/1, as Randy Lemert voted against. Town Attorney Marcel Lebbin will update the ordinance. The clerk-treasurer’s office will send out the notice to the flat charge users.

Skip Davidson gave an update on leaf pick up. They have seven streets to complete the route and (25) twenty-five loads have been dumped. Skip Davidson distributed his October report. A copy is filed with the minutes.

The 2023 meeting dates were approved.

The clerk-treasurer’s office followed up with MACOG regarding an installing electric vehicle charging station to be located in North Liberty. MACOG stated North Liberty Elementary School is also interested in the electric vehicle charging station. The discussion between MACOG and the GM dealership is just beginning.

Randy Lemert gave an overview of discussion with RTC Fiber Communications regarding broadband with the Town of North Liberty and discussion with Walkerton.

Vicki Kitchen reported that MACOG has requested additional information from DLZ regarding the path from North Liberty to Lakeville.

The Additional Appropriation public hearing was opened. The clerk-treasurer explained the additional appropriation was needed since the Town had not closed on Shamrock Run and if the new police vehicle comes in. There were no questions from the public or town council. Joe Reed Jr. made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation Ordinance #2022-11. Gerry Brown seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 4/0.

Shamrock Run sales agreement needs to be extended until December 31, 2022, due to the NIPSCO utilities installed. Gerry Brown made a motion to extend the sales agreement until December 31, 2022. Joe Reed Jr. seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 4/0.

Potato Creek Utilities were discussed. The Abonmarche and Baker Tilly need to be discussed with Indiana Finance Authority. Mike Rozycki gave an update on access agreements. Chip will be at the November 21, 2022, meeting for a technical update.

North Liberty Community Building –Indiana State Health Department will be giving Flu and COVID shots in the building December and January. The American Red Cross is doing a blood drive in December and January.

Problem properties were discussed. The feral cat problem in several sections of Town was discussed. The smell downtown continues to be a problem. Several complaints were received on Halloween.

Tom England met with the owner of 104 N. Jefferson St. with the average of the two appraisals at $72,000.00. The owner wants $150,000.00. This item to be removed from future agendas.

Gerry Brown stated he needed April 28, 2023, Proclaimed as Arbor Day for Tree City application. Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to Proclaim April 28, 2023 for Arbor Day. Joe Reed Jr. seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 4/0.

With no further business before the North Liberty Town Council, Gerry Brown made a motion to adjourn at 6:50 pm. Will Groves, Jr. seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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Vicki L. Kitchen, Clerk-Treasurer