**North Liberty Town Council Minutes – February 20, 2023**

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.

The meeting began in the large hall of the North Liberty Community Building. There was a large attendance for the recognition of Police Officer Sean Stuart for saving two lives by getting them out of the fire on February 11, 2023. Tom England presented Officer Stuart with a Letter of Commendation. The family was present to thank Officer Stuart. Randy Lemert thanked Liberty Township Fire Department with a Certificate of Appreciation. Randy Lemert also thanked Liberty Township EMS, Koontz Lake Fire Department, Walkerton Volunteer Fire Department, South Bend Fire Department, Warren Fire, Lakeville Fire, and Southwest Central Fire. The public was invited to join the remainder of the meeting in the small hall of the Community Building, or they could stay and visit with Officer Stuart and the emergency services in attendance.

Town Council Members: Randy Lemert, Tom England, Will Groves, Jr., Joe Reed, and Gerry Brown, Utilities Manager Skip Davidson, Town Attorney Marcel Lebbin, Town Marshal Matt Wilber, Deputy Clerk Jackie James, and Clerk-Treasurer Vicki Kitchen were in attendance. WNDU was in attendance for the recognition of Police Officer Stuart.

The consent agenda was presented for approval. Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the Town Council Minutes for February 6, 2023, Resolution #2023-03 Transferring Funds for Shamrock Run Sale, Payroll Docket PP#3, and the vouchers as presented. Gerry Brown seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 5/0.

There was no public comment.

Town Marshal Matt Wilber thanked Dan Chamberlin/Subway and Over the Top Bakery for their assistance during the fire of February 11, 2023. He submitted a case log for February 2023. A copy is filed with the Minutes.

The fire at 139 N. Main Street was discussed. The Town incurred labor, salt, debris, 161,000 gallons were used for the fire. Skip Davidson is to contact First Response regarding additional safety barriers to keep people out of the fire remnants. Sidewalk signs to be ordered.

Utility certifications were not discussed. Town Attorney Marcel Lebbin discussed with Skip Davidson prior to the meeting.

Skip Davidson announced that Braxton Jones turned in his two-week resignation today.

The unknown of the status of the North Liberty Methodist Church was briefly discussed. Joe Reed made a motion to obtain appraisals for the Methodist Church parking lot. Tom England seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Motion passed 5/0.

The Potato Creek State Park was discussed. The next step is the Asset Management Plan is due April 1, 2023. Advertisement for utility bids will be around April 15, 2023.

The Town’s tenant at 27101 SR 4 has paid the rent. Discussion followed.

Gerry Brown reported there was not a Tree Committee Report.

Problem properties were discussed regarding the continuing cat problem, the junk trailer blocking the sidewalk at Jefferson and Market Street, the clean-up at 127 N. Main Street. Tom England reported he had been contacted by the resident at 127 N. Main Street asking for an extension past April 1, 2023. Discussion followed. The town council concurred no extension.

The North Liberty Community Building has been contacted about becoming a nutrition site for Real Services. Real Services provided a postcard to be included in the March utility bills. In a previous newsletter the WIC site was mentioned, currently all WIC timeslots are booked. WIC is looking at adding another day for North Liberty. The Necessary Pantry approached the Town about doing the monthly distribution from the North Liberty Community Building. Joe Reed and Vicki Kitchen have been discussing all these possible activities.

Gerry Brown compiled a list of names for Heart of a Hoosier.

Skip Davidson asked Brittany Davis to purchase No Truck Signs to be placed at Liberty Street and Main Street. A truck leaving the shipping dock at Hydro hit a fire hydrant at King and Liberty Street. Another truck followed the same path within a week or two of the fire hydrant accident. Town Marshal Matt Wilber found the trucking company with the help of cameras from Hydro. The trucking company has been billed for the fire hydrant and installation.

Will Groves, Jr. requested an executive session be scheduled for March 6, 2023, at 5:30 to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees except in the context of the budget process.

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

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Vicki L. Kitchen, Clerk-Treasurer