**North Liberty Town Council Minutes – October 5, 2020**

The regular meeting of the North Liberty Town Council was held at the North Liberty Community Building. Gerry Brown led The Pledge of Allegiance. Ben Webb gave the Invocation. Gerry Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Council Members Tom England, Will Groves, Jr. and Gerry Brown, Town Attorney Marcel Lebbin, Town Marshal Matt Wilber, Utilities Manager Skip Davidson, and Vicki Kitchen Clerk-Treasurer were in attendance socially distanced. Randy Lemert was not in attendance due to quarantine. There were three citizens present. There was no representation from the press.

Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to approve the consent agenda including the September 21, 2020 Minutes, August 17, 2020 Park Board Minutes, and the vouchers as presented. Ben Webb seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

Kyle and Brooke LaBere, along with their realtor Lisa Patton, were in attendance to discuss 306 E. Center Street. Town Attorney Marcel Lebbin had reviewed the site plan. Town Attorney Lebbin and Skip Davidson drove by the property and there is no problem if a secondary driveway would be required if Hydro would not allow them to use the current access to their driveway. A brief discussion followed. Ben Webb made a motion to approve the site plan with a secondary driveway. Will Groves, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted to approve. A copy of the site plan is filed with the minutes.

Skip Davidson reported he had the annual IDEM inspection of the water plant and pump house. The sign at the Washington Street Pump House sign needs to be increased from 100 feet to 200 feet. The piping at the water plant needs arrows, secondary containment area for hydro chlorite spill protection needs to be increased, and well 4 has some split electrical conduit.

Town Marshal Matt Wilber distributed the September Police Report. A copy is filed with the minutes. Town Marshal Wilber reported that he filed a grant with IPEP for AED’s for the clerk’s office, the North Liberty Community Building, both utility plants and the police station. The grant would pay 80% of the costs.

Town Marshal Wilber provided two quotes for a 2021 Dodge Charger with the government discount. One of the quotes had the police package. A brief discussion followed. Ben Webb made a motion to purchase a 2021 Police Charger for $28,035.00 less the trade in value of the 2011 Crown Vic from Sorg Dodge. Tom England seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

Gerry Brown stated he had received complaints about two little cars with exhaust issues racing around Town.

The 2021 budget adoption Ordinance #2020-12 was presented for approval. Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to approve Ordinance #2020-12 for the 2021 Budget. Ben Webb seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

Problem properties discussion: 108 W. Harrison St. town attorney to follow up with another letter and start fining. This property has been listed on Zillow for sale. A Tri Kappa representative wanted to look at the building but did not enter due to the condition of the floor. Church of Christ is interested in the stained glass and corner stone of the building. 811 S. State Street contacted the town attorney and working on repairing the fence, and 900 S. State Street pictures were provided, Liberty Tire debris on the roadways, and Maple Avenue properties were discussed.

Vicki Kitchen gave an update on the Liberty Motors 409 S. State Street. After the last meeting the town attorney and the clerk reviewed the statutes. Since this property is on a tax deed, the Town did not advertise but notified the abutting property owners by certified mail. After fourteen days if anyone is interested in the property, we can conduct an internal auction.

DLZ came out and walked the Community Crossings project area. They are running their calculations through the INDOT calculator to get the required information for the Community Crossings grant application.

Vicki Kitchen stated all right of way has been approved for Stellar Trail. DLZ has requested the letting be moved up to January 2021 from March 2021. No further update at this time.

With no further business before the North Liberty Town Council, Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 P.M. Tom England seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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Vicki L. Kitchen, Clerk-Treasurer