

North Liberty Town Council Minutes – August 6, 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 7:01 P.M. He led the Pledge of Allegiance. Richard Warner gave the Invocation.

Will Groves, Jr., Brett Voreis, Matthew Peterson Council Members, Town Marshal Michael Sawdon, Utilities Manager Skip Davidson, Attorney John Peddycord, Interim Director APC Larry Magliozzi, Deputy Clerk Jackie James, and Vicki Kitchen Clerk-Treasurer were in attendance. There were five citizens present and no representation from the press.

Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to approve the consent agenda including July 16, 2014 and July 7, 2014 Park Board Minutes, Fund Transfer Resolution #2014-11 and vouchers. Brett Voreis seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

Larry Magliozzi informed the Town Council the staff at Area Plan Commission will be attending North Liberty Town Council meetings when there are zoning issues or concerns. The three railroad parcels A, B, and C need to be zoned. Area Plan Staff will forward their recommendations to the Town.

Larry Magliozzi reported the Shamrock Estates 5 x 9 sign would be considered an off premise sign per the North Liberty Town Code, so it cannot be located on the utility easement on Shamrock Drive at East Center Street. The subdivision sign needs to be located on the first lot. An information sign can be located on East Center Street.

Jerry Hardman explained his intentions for Industrial Park Lot 7. He lost his inside storage and has not been able to find any rented storage space in North Liberty or Walkerton. His trusses have been delivered and he is currently setting them and they should be up within a week. He asked for some resolution with the town for temporary outside storage. The town council informed him to tarp the items outside for a short term fix until the siding and trusses are on the building.

Jerry Hardman informed the Town Council that a piece of metal flashing came down. He has secured the flashing. He still has some cosmetic problems and needs to be tuck pointed. He intends to finish the industrial park building first, but anticipates being done by the next meeting.

Ollie Nichols of South Main Street asked about removal or trimming of Town tree limbs endangering his house. The town council informed him it would take a month.

Jim Sabinas, owner of 140 N. Main Street, asked for the utility services to be turned on at his property. He has updated the water services. Skip Davidson has inspected the water improvements and stated it is not what is typically done in North Liberty, but the plumbing improvements were ingenious by the owner. He photographed the improvements but the photos were not available for the meeting but have been filed in the customer's file for future reference.

He explained in detail what the water improvements photographs included. He stated the plumbing included the Town's accessibility requirements of separate meters and shutoffs without cutting the street. It was a good faith effort by the owner. Richard Warner made a motion to provide utility service to the customer after application and meter deposits are paid. Brett Voreis seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

Jim Sabinas inquired about the utility bill he received for the utility service at 140 N. Main Street. The clerk-treasurer provided him with an e-mail from the Town's rate consultant, H J Umbaugh. The town had previously adopted the utility billing policy stated in the e-mail.

Jim Sabinas stated his opposition to Ordinance # 2013-04.

Skip Davidson stated that he had obtained two quotes for the Community Building driveway/parking lot. The two obtained range from \$17,000 - \$25,000. He is getting a third quote.

Skip Davidson has received a quote from McMichael Fire for fire extinguishers and maintenance for the town buildings and vehicles. Vicki Kitchen stated two more quotes will be required prior to purchase.

Town Marshal Sawdon had previously submitted the July 2014 Police Report. A copy is filed with the minutes. He stated Deputy Marshal Wes Walls recently worked Operation Pullover and the K9 dog has been very successful in several callouts.

Town Marshal Michael Sawdon reported on code enforcement: 1. Hocker garage has been completely removed. 2. He observed the property at 900 S. State Street and if the property was mowed and organized it would look much better. 3. Jill Ann Marsh has not removed the chickens or ducks. Attorney Peddycord suggested Town Marshal Sawdon contact the property owner about the chickens and inform her to remove the animals. If they are not removed a daily fine will be imposed and the Town will file an injunction. Attorney Peddycord suggested Town Marshal Sawdon talk to the property owner at 900 S. State Street and see if they can continue to make a good faith effort on the clean-up of the property.

The town property of 305 S. Main Street was discussed. The two appraisals have been received \$7,500 and \$8,000. Discussion of getting the property surveyed to determine ownership of the trees and for selling or donation of the property. Richard Warner made a motion to get quotes and having the property surveyed from Palm & Associates, Lang Feeney, and Danch Harner & Associates. Brett Voreis seconded the motion. All in favor none opposed.

Attorney Peddycord has sent eight documents to Barnes and Thornburg Attorney Joel Bowers regarding the proposed fire station property owned by Liberty Township. Attorney Bowers informed Attorney Peddycord that Liberty Township is still planning on the railroad property for the proposed fire station.

Attorney Peddycord has called Indiana Brownsfield and left a message for a return call. He recommended the Town pay the \$2837.00 as requested in the Indiana Brownsfield correspondence.

The carport for the disabled property owner at 503 W. Pine Street was discussed. The attorney stated that if there was less than a 10 ft. side yard setback the property owner would require a variance through the BZA.

With no further business before the North Liberty Town Council, Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to adjourn at 8:00. Matt Peterson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Vicki L. Kitchen, Clerk-Treasurer