**North Liberty Town Council Minutes – January 18, 2021**

The regular meeting of the North Liberty Town Council was held at the North Liberty Community Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Ben Webb gave the Invocation. President Randy Lemert called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Gerry Brown, Will Groves, Jr., Tom England Council Members, Town Attorney Marcel Lebbin, Utilities Manager Skip Davidson, Town Marshal Matt Wilber, Deputy Clerk Jackie James, and Vicki Kitchen Clerk-Treasurer; were in attendance. There were four citizens present. There was no representation from the press.

Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to approve the consent agenda including the January 4, 2021 Minutes and the vouchers as presented. Ben Webb seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

Tiffany Taylor asked for a trash address exception for 105 E. Center Street for her property in the Town Center Zoning. Discussion followed. Tom England made a motion to allow the exception for 105 E. Center Street for residential trash service in the Town Center Zoning. All voted to approve. A resolution will be provided for passage at the February 1, 2021 meeting.

John Glenn School Corporation Superintendent Chris Winchell thanked the North Liberty Town Council and everyone that helped the process of helping the North Liberty Elementary School Solar Project move forward and the approval of the ABZA Public Hearing’s positive recommendation for the project. Gerry Brown made a motion to approve the North Liberty Elementary School Solar Project. Tom England seconded the motion. All voted to approve except Randy Lemert who abstained. The Improvement Location Permit was signed by Mr. Winchell and Zoning Administrator Ben Webb.

Eric Walsh, Baker Tilly reviewed the water bond sale, water bond re-issue, and the water rate increase. Discussion followed. The reports are filed with the Minutes.

Randy Lemert introduced the Water Bond Ordinance #2021-01 by title; AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND EQUIPPING BY THE TOWN OF NORTH LIBERTY, INDIANA, OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS TO THE TOWN’S WATERWORKS, THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF REVENUE BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS THEREOF, THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH BONDS, THE REFUNDING OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING INDEBTEDNESS, AND THE COLLECTION, SEGREGATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE REVENUES OF SUCH WATERWORKS AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

Randy Lemert introduced the Water Rate Ordinance #2021-02 by title;

The town council discussed the disconnection reconnection fee that has not been updated in the past water rate increases. Tom England made a motion to increase the reconnection fee to $50.00. Gerry Brown seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

Town Marshal Matt Wilber gave an update on the incident at Subway over the weekend.

Utilities Manager Skip Davidson presented his December Utilities Report.

The COVID Policy now that vaccines are available was discussed. The town council and town attorney expect new information to be released regarding COVID. No action was taken on this matter.

Ben Webb was contacted regarding school traffic at Mill and Lafayette Street. Discussion followed. Will Groves, Jr. is going to contact Mr. Winchell regarding the school traffic situation.

Ben Webb, Town Attorney Marcel Lebbin, and Vicki Kitchen are going to meet regarding the duties of the North Liberty Zoning Administrator.

The 2020 Budget Encumbrances into the 2021 Budget were presented for approval. Tom England made a motion to approve the encumbrances. Gerry Brown seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

With no further business before the North Liberty Town Council, Tom England made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 P.M. Will Groves, Jr. seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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Vicki L. Kitchen, Clerk-Treasurer