

North Liberty Town Council Minutes – July 1, 2015

The regularly scheduled meeting of the North Liberty Town Council was held at the North Liberty Community Building. Vice President Will Groves, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. He led the Pledge of Allegiance and Matt Peterson gave the Invocation.

Brett Voreis Council Member, Town Marshal Michael Sawdon, Attorney John Peddycord, Utilities Manager Skip Davidson, and Vicki Kitchen Clerk-Treasurer were in attendance. Gerry Brown and Thomas England were not in attendance. There were two citizens present. There was no representation from the press.

Matthew Peterson made a motion to approve the consent agenda including June 17, 2015 Minutes and the vouchers as presented. Brett Voreis seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

Senator Jim Arnold gave an update on the 2015 legislative session. He discussed the upcoming summer study sessions and the 2016 short legislative session.

Jim Peterson and Gwen Beem spoke against the School Trail coming through the Potato Creek subdivision. They proposed alternative routes for the trail. Discussion followed.

The Town Council discussed ongoing complaints regarding Liberty Tire including noise complaints left on the clerk's answering machine and tire shreds along South State Street. The Town Council stated another letter needs to be sent to Liberty Tire.

Town Marshal Michael Sawdon submitted the Monthly Police Reports. A copy is filed with the minutes.

The Town Council and Skip Davidson recommended rebidding the elevated tower in January 2016 based on the recommendations from Umbaugh.

Skip Davidson stated wastewater construction is in the design stage and submitting plans to the state.

Skip Davidson reported John Glenn wants the Spell Bell Champs signs displayed in the Town of North Liberty.

Problem properties were discussed. Attorney John Peddycord will contact St. Joseph County Building Department regarding 110 E. Rupel St and Lot 7 in the Industrial Park. The time line for clean-up and construction provided by the owner of lot 7 in the Industrial Park has expired. The police department has taken new pictures of Lot 7. The clerk-treasurer will research the ownership of 403 S. State Street and 1103 Taylors Way. The clerk-treasurer will contact the bank again regarding the pool and fencing at 406 N. Main Street.

Attorney John Peddycord received a request from the Liberty Township counsel regarding the requirement for screening and sidewalk. Discussion followed. The Town Council

concluded a sidewalk was still required. The township can take advantage of the 50/50 sidewalk. Town Council is requesting a determination on the screening from St. Joseph County Area Plan Commission for the new emergency facility.

A list of interested parties for the 50/50 curb and sidewalk program has been compiled from previous years. Vicki Kitchen will submit the list to four contractors for quotes for the August meeting.

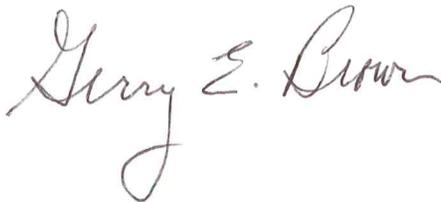
Matthew Peterson will obtain quotes for the removal of stumps from last years tree removal on South Main Street and South Stewart Street.

There were no questions regarding the INDOT School Trail and Tamarack Progress Reports.

The Stellar Strategic Investment Plan was submitted on June 30, 2015. A memo was put on the July utility bills for the July 24, 2015 state site visit. The Town Council wants a flyer sent to all property owners. Skip Davidson said he would have our summer college intern distribute the flyers door to door. Vicki Kitchen will get the message on the library sign.

Condition of the chamber signs was discussed. Tom England has received designs of new signage. Thomas England will be advised to contact Tom Fair regarding the North Liberty Area Chamber of Commerce regarding new signs.

With no further business before the North Liberty Town Council, Brett Voreis made a motion to adjourn at 8:40. Matthew Peterson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.



Vicki L. Kitchen, Clerk-Treasurer