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Town of North Judson
Redevelopment Commission Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2024 – 6:15 P.M.

The North Judson Town Council met in Regular Session at the North Judson Town Hall, 310 Lane Street, North Judson, IN on the above date and time with the following present: Commissioner President Rowe, Commissioner Vice President Brown, Commissioner Banks, Lewandowski and Windbigler were able to attend. Town Manager Leszek and Clerk-Treasurer Rowe were also able to attend as well.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commission President Rowe asked for approval of the agenda. Commission Vice President Brown moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion, and all council members present concurred.

Commission President Rowe asked for approval of the Minutes from the Meeting Minutes on November 18th, 2024. Commission Vice President Brown moved to approve those Minutes. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion, and all Commission members present concurred.

Business

Town Park Improvements Project: Payment Application No. 7/8

Clerk-Treasurer Rowe presented the following Purchase Orders for Commission Approval:

P.O. 2682 to Recreation Insites, LLC for Forever Lawn Playground Grass, Freight, Greensoft EWF System and installation, Invoice 1209, in the amount of \$97,138.50.

P.O. 2708 to Brown & Brown General Contractors, Inc. for Payment Application No. 7 – October 2024 through November 2024 – Project General Contractor, Payment Application No. 8 – Final Retainage Release General Contractor Substantial Completion, in the amount of \$71,528.32.

Commission Vice President Brown made a motion to approve the following Purchase Orders:

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Councilmember Banks seconded the motion, and all members present concurred.

Town Manager Leszek explained that the landscapers are responsible for any plants that die within the first year; the landscapers would be in charge of replacing it. Leszek stated that this also included any grass that does not take within the first year. He also informed the Commission that the landscapers will be coming every few years to check on the turf mound to see how it is holding up, but he had already noticed some areas in the surface that had loosened up of which the landscapers are aware. Leszek stated that the smaller mounts that needed the correct color were on back order and would not arrive for another eight weeks. Clerk-Treasurer Rowe mentioned that they should be receiving the reminder of their reimbursements by mid-January.

2025 Redevelopment Master Plan & Spending Plan Projects

Rowe mentioned that they will be looking into creating a master plan for the Redevelopment Commission for the upcoming year. He would not only like the Commissioners to be involved but, as with other planning, members of the community as well. Rowe stated that he had been in contact with James Young from the Heartland Christian Center regarding the Main Street Organization/Committee to help with the downtown beautification project. James Young has been very motivated to try and find some grant funding to help cover the cost of items like banners and flowerpots for the downtown area in the past and he's expressed interest in staying involved.

Leszek mentioned that he would like to get the Starke County Community Foundation involved since they have been a great entity to work with in the past. Leszek explained that he is currently seeking grant opportunities to help update the Town's comprehensive plan. He explained that keeping up and updating the plan helps with more grant opportunities for projects in the community. Rowe stated that the plan also allows for better control over our growth and development.

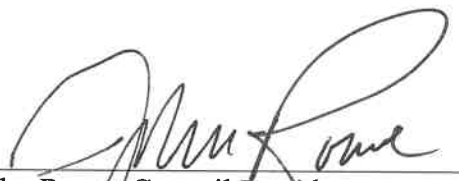
Additional Business Deemed Necessary by the Council:

Nothing Presented.

Adjournment

Commission Vice President Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion, and all members present concurred.

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 P.M.



John Rowe, Council President

Attest:



Andrew J. Rowe, Clerk-Treasurer