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Town of North Judson Redevelopment Commission Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2025 - 6:00 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, 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 December 16, 2024. Commission Vice President Brown moved to approve those Minutes. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion, and all Commission members present concurred.

Business

2025 Officer Appointments

Commission Vice President Brown made a motion to retain the officers of the Redevelopment Commission from the previous year – John Rowe: Commission President; Josh Brown: Commission Vice-President. Councilmember Banks seconded the motion, and all members present concurred.

2025 Redevelopment Master Plan & Spending Plan Projects

Clerk-Treasurer Rowe explained that they would begin working on the cemetery projects next month. He mentioned that he would be working with Leszek to begin organizing the signage and engineering work that will need to be done at Highland Cemetery. They will be conducting a survey done on the property in order to see what potential space may be out there.

Rowe presented a proposal from Mad Bomber for the firework show during the Mint Festival and that the price remained the same as the previous year. Rowe mentioned that the commission could wait to approve

the proposal until they approved of the Mint Festival's Special Event Permit Application at the February 17th meeting. The Commissioners agreed to wait until the next meeting to entertain the proposal.

Town Manager Leszek stated that he had received a few quotes regarding the signage for an LED sign at Norwayne Field. He stated that the first quote was for \$21,000 and that the signage was not a part of any spending plans for 2025. Leszek spoke with the Pastor Speckhard from the St. Peter Lutheran Church regarding their new LED sign and their price was much higher than the first quote Leszek received. He explained that since they already had some projects planned for 2025, the LED sign would be a part of the 2026 Spending Plan.

Leszek explained that he had received two quotes from Premiere Signs regarding the signage for Town Hall. He stated that Premiere Signs Inc. was the same company that did the Fire Department signage and that they were the cheapest quote. Leszek explained that a round, six-foot, lighted sign would be \$6,240 and eight-foot would be \$8,280. He stated that Premiere was able to come out and superimpose where the sign would be, and the eight-foot looked the best. Leszek explained that the quotes include installation as well, but they would be responsible for getting an electrician out to make the connection. Clerk-Treasurer Rowe explained that they could also do a metal sign and have awning lights facing it. After some discussion, the commission decided that they were prefer a lighted sign for the Town Hall.

Commission Vice President Brown made a motion to order the eight-foot, pre-lit sign for Town Hall from Premiere Signs Inc. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion, and all commissioners present concurred.

Leszek informed the commission that Rowe and himself were going to start getting quotes for items at the cemetery. He also mentioned that they were going to apply for a grant from the Starke County Community Foundation in order to see if they could receive some funding for benches and trash cans along downtown.

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 6:16 P.M.

John Rowe, Council President

Attest: