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Town of North Judson
Redevelopment Commission Meeting Minutes

March 17, 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 Vice President Brown, Commissioner Banks, and Windbigler were able to attend. Clerk-Treasurer Rowe was also able to attend as well.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Commission Vice President Brown asked for approval of the Minutes from the Meeting Minutes on March 17, 2025. Commissioner Lewandowski moved to approve those Minutes. Commissioner Windbigler seconded the motion, and all Commission members present concurred.

Business

Town Park Improvements Projects – Phase II: Request for Proposals – LWCF Grant Application Consultant

Clerk-Treasurer Rowe presented two proposals for the LWCF Grant Application Consultant. The first proposal was from Troyer Group in the amount of $13,800.00 for the schematic design and the LWCF application. The second proposal was from Jones, Petrie, and Rafinski (JPR) in the amount of $28,800.00. He suggested that the RDC continue discussions before any decisions are made. The Commissioners agreed to setting a final decision meeting for sometime during the week of Monday, April 28th. Rowe expressed his desire to gather the input from the Park Board, regarding future park development options. There were discussions about potential projects like adding an additional pickleball court, enhancing the skate park, and utilizing undeveloped land near the Hidden Diamond area. There was a suggestion to conduct a public survey in May or June to gather feedback on preferred features.

2025 Redevelopment Master Plan & Spending Plan Projects
Clerk-Treasurer Rowe stated that the order had been placed for the new benches, trash receptacles and tables for the downtown and park areas. The Town had received grants from the Starke County Community Foundation to help with the beautification projects. Rowe explained that initial placement plans are underway, but future adjustments may be needed based on community activity. There is also flexibility in ordering additional items if activity increases.

Clerk-Treasurer Rowe presented the following Purchase Orders for Commission Approval.
P.O. 2784 to CMS Entertainment for Henry Lee Summer to perform a 120-minute show (9:00-10:30pm) with (1) Opening Support Act/Setup, in the amount of $3,000.00.
P.O. 2786 to Kirby Built, LLC for Benches (6), Trash Receptacles (6), Rain Bonnets (6), Olympia Planters (10), Message Center (2), Wall Mount (1), and Picnic Tables (20) for Park and Downtown, Invoice #SOKSA14649, in the amount of $35,731.55.

Commissioner Lewandowski made a motion to approve the following Purchase Orders for Commission Approval.
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Commissioner Banks seconded the motion, and all commissioners present concurred.

Additional Business Deemed Necessary by the Council:
Councilmember Banks started a discussion about replacing aging benches at Pioneer Cemetery, something more durable with accessible options. Rowe stated that he would speak to Leszek about looking into updating the seating at the cemetery.

Radtke mentioned that he would like to use the beautification funds more effectively for signage, landscaping, and park enhancements. He stated that there have been issues with current fund control due to unclear tax ID assignments, but efforts are underway to transfer the funds to a proper ID for better management.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 P.M.

John Rowe, Council President

Attest:

Andrew J. Rowe, Clerk-Treasurer