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Town of North Judson
Special Meeting Minutes

July 31, 2024, 7:30 A.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: Council President Rowe, Vice-President Brown and Councilmembers Lewandowski and Banks were able to attend. Clerk-Treasurer Rowe & Town Manager Leszek were in attendance as well.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Business

2025 Budget

Clerk-Treasurer Rowe discussed that the Form 1's has been sent out and that the forms contained mostly preliminary numbers. He mentioned that Town Manager Leszek has been working on the 2024 Town matching side for paving grant budgeting between Local Road and Street, MVH and MVH Restricted in the amount of \$87,500.00, and the Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant totaling \$261,000.00. Rowe also mentioned that they would be able to use CCD for any additional matching amounts that they may want to utilize.

Rowe stated that the Norwayne Signage Improvements Appropriation has been transitioned to EDIT/Splashpad making Fund 444 EDIT/Norwayne Splashpad and Sign Improvements. He also discussed that they decided to drop the Salt and Sand budget just a bit and that Mosquito Control and Other Expenses stayed the same. Rowe mentioned to the Council that they would notice that the Police Squad Car was budgeted partially in EDIT and EDIT Park Building Improvement and Repairs would now include funds for rehabilitating the Hill Garage.

Rowe stated that after speaking with Rachel Oesterreich, former County Auditor, the State Board of Accounts considers elected officials as full-time employees for the purposes of health insurance. Rowe stated that this information would mean that all Town Councilmembers would be eligible for health insurance coverage through the Town. He continued on by explaining that they would have to include the cost of insurance in the budget if that was something the Council would be interested in budgeting these

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funds, this could be a way to attract potential members of the community for future positions within the on the Town Council. Council President Rowe mentioned that he knew that the County handles their insurance just like they would for an average employee. Leszek explained that if the Council did decide to opt in to the Town's insurance, then that amount would just be deducted from their quarterly pay and if there happened to be an overage beyond their payroll check then the member would be responsible for paying for the added cost. Leszek asked how much more money would the Town have to budget in order to add Council members to the insurance policy. Clerk-Treasurer Rowe stated that it would be a fair sum of money since there's a chance in the future that every council member could potentially add themselves and their families to the policy. He mentioned that if the prices started to weigh on the General Fund they would be able to split up the cost using the Sewer and Water funds as well. He explained that they could budget the cost from some combination of the General, Water and Sewer Funds. The Council agreed that the figures were very attractive to anyone who might be interested in becoming a member of the Council and that the good outweighs the bad.

Council Vice President Brown made a motion to move forward with offering Town Councilmembers access to Town Employee Health Insurance Coverage (medical/dental/vision) beginning in 2025. Councilmember Banks seconded the motion, and all members present concurred.

Council President Rowe asked what all the insurance would include. Rowe replied that it would include Medical, Dental and Vision, but he was not sure if they be including Life Insurance coverage as well as each full-time employee carries a \$50k policy through Anthem Life. Rowe stated that they would be able to look into the cost of adding them into the policies.

Clerk-Treasurer Rowe wanted the approval of the Council to go ahead and order the Kirby Build Tables for the new Town Park shelter. Council Vice President made a motion to approve the purchase of five tables (4-Regular, 1-ADA) for the Town Park Improvements Project New Shelter. Councilmember Banks seconded the motion, and all members present concurred.

Rowe presented two Special Event Permit Applications:

The Car Show at The Point Drive-In to be held on Saturday, August 10th, 2024; Organized by the Headhunters Car Club.

The NJ-SP class of '94 – 30-Year Reunion potluck picnic at Norwayne Field to be held on Sunday, September 15th, 2024; Organized by the Class of '94 (Megan Glisic).

Council Vice President Brown made a motion to approve the following:

The Car Show at The Point Drive-In to be held on Saturday, August 10th, 2024; Organized by the Headhunters Car Club.

The NJ-SP class of '94 – 30-Year Reunion potluck picnic at Norwayne Field to be held on Sunday, September 15th, 2024; Organized by the Class of '94 (Megan Glisic).

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

Additional Business Deemed Necessary by the Council:

Nothing to present.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 A.M.



John Rowe, Council President

Attest:



Andrew J. Rowe, Clerk-Treasurer