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Town Council of the Town of North Judson
Special Meeting Minutes

June 30, 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: Clerk-Treasurer Rowe, Council President Rowe, Council Vice President Brown, Councilmembers Lewandowski, Banks and Windbigler were able to attend.

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

Planning Commission – Candidate Interview

Eric Blaha previously submitted a Letter of Interest in joining the Planning Commission. He stated that he graduated from North Judson-San Pierre High School and grew up in San Pierre, Indiana. Blaha has lived in the Town of North Judson for the past ten years. Professionally, he serves as a general foreman in the traffic control industry, managing over forty employees. His motivation for joining the Planning Commission is to give back to the community and help guide its growth, especially as changes begin to take shape. He expressed a deep connection to the Town and a desire to contribute positively. Blaha stated that he has a flexible schedule as he is in a leadership role at work. He is generally available in the evenings but indicated that he could make morning meetings work remotely if necessary. Clerk-Treasurer Rowe noted that Planning Commission meetings have typically been held in the mornings to accommodate most members. Flexibility remains important as meetings may shift depending on member availability. The Commission has met more frequently this year, compared to previous years. Blaha asked about the option to attend meetings via Zoom or phone. Clerk-Treasurer Rowe mentioned that calling in may be permitted and that he will review the current Indiana Code for clarification.

Rowe mentioned that meetings are generally held as needed, historically on a quarterly basis or when issues arise. He also gave details regarding the structure and responsibilities as well as membership details for the Planning Commission. Blaha supports increasing retail development opportunities, which he believes will then support housing and employment. His professional background in logistics, team

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leadership, and project coordination is seen as directly applicable and translatable. While not formally trained in planning, he emphasized his problem-solving ability, schedule management, and community-minded perspective. The Council acknowledged how difficult it is to find willing and capable volunteers. They stated that most members start with little to no experience. They reiterated that service on the Planning Commission is impactful and manageable, with meetings tailored to real needs and activity.

Council Vice President Brown made a motion to appoint Eric Blaha to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Windbigler seconded the motion, and all members present concurred.

Clerk-Treasurer Rowe presented the preliminary budget timeline for the 2026 fiscal year budget. The schedule is submitted annually to the Department of Local Government Finance by June 30th. The current draft mirrors last year's structure. He mentioned that there is a Public Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, September 2nd, to account for the Labor Day Holiday, and adoption at the second meeting in September 2025. Two October meetings are available if budget discussions require extensions or adjustments. The goal is to wrap up the 2026 budget process as early as possible. With new legislation, CFA-1 and CFA-4 forms must be submitted by elected officials to the County Clerk's Office by noon on July 11th.

Additional Business Deemed Necessary by the Council:

Nothing Presented.

Adjournment

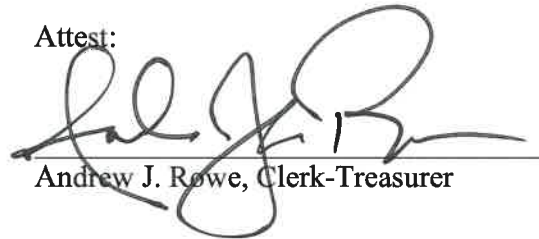
Council Vice President Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Windbigler seconded the motion, and all members present concurred.

Meeting adjourned at 6:19 P.M.



John Rowe, Council President

Attest:



Andrew J. Rowe, Clerk-Treasurer