# HEBRON TOWN COUNCIL HEBRON UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION MINUTES OF JANUARY 1, 2024

The Hebron Town Council and Regulatory Commission meeting of January 1, 2024, was called to order by President John Spinks, Jr. at 12:04 p.m.

Clerk-Treasurer Jamie Uzelac swore in the Councilmembers: Justin Albright, Mike Wallace, Shane Spagnola, John Spinks, Jr., and Tammy Grdinich.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order: In attendance were Councilmen Justin Albright, Mike Wallace, Shane Spagnola, and John Spinks, Jr; Councilwoman Tammy Grdinich; Town Attorney Brett Galvan; Board President Linda Brebner; and Clerk-Treasurer Jamie Uzelac. Not in attendance were MCO Representative Randy Decker, Building Commissioner Brad Ladwig, and Marshal Josh Noel.

<u>Public Comments</u> – President Spinks read the following Public Comment Statement.

The Town Council would like to let everyone know that the agenda for our meetings are available online on the town website the Friday before we meet to allow citizens to come and speak on topics before a decision is made. The meeting is being recorded and will be made available on the website before our next meeting. In order to give everyone an opportunity to speak and to get through business, please state your name and address before limiting your comments to 3 minutes. Comments will only be allowed during the "Public Comment" sections of this meeting directly after this statement is read.

President Spinks called for Public Comments and Jon Grdinich noted that the January Council meeting date has not been changed on the website calendar. The calendar shows the meeting will be held on January 16, 2024.

Public Hearings - None

Utility Adjustments - None

Old Business - None

Approval of Minutes - None

**Election of Officers** 

President – On motion of Councilman Albright, seconded by Councilman Spagnola, and duly carried 5-0, Councilman John Spinks, Jr. was elected President.

Vice President - On motion of Councilman Spagnola, seconded by Councilman Wallace, and duly carried 5-0, Councilman Justin Albright was elected Vice President.

Town Attorney – On motion of Councilman Albright, seconded by Councilman Wallace, and duly carried 5-0, Brett Galvan was retained as Town Attorney.

## **Board and Council Liaison Appointments**

BZA – Town Council President Appointment – On motion of Councilman Wallace, seconded by Councilman Spagnola, ad duly carried 5-0, Linda Brebner was appointed to the BZA. President Spinks noted that this is a 4-year appointment and it will expire in 2027.

On motion of Councilman Albright, seconded Councilman Spagnola, and duly carried 5-0, Councilwoman Tammy Grdinich was appointed as the BZA Council Liaison.

Clean-up of BZA Board Appointments:

Shawn Veenstra – R – Town Council President Appointment – Term ends 2025. Thomas Cichocki – R – Town Council President Appointment – Term ends 2026. Stephanie Yankkauskas – D – Town Council Appointment – Term ends 2024

On motion of Councilman Wallace, seconded by Councilman Albright, and duly carried 5-0, these appointment titles were approved.

Building Department Council Liaison – On motion of Councilman Spagnola, seconded by Councilman Wallace, and duly carried 5-0, Councilman Albright was appointed as Building Department Council Liaison.

## Economic Development Commission – Clean-up of Appointments

Town Council President Appointment – Linda Brebner – D – Term ends 2027.

Town Council Appointment - Don Ensign - D - Term ends 2027.

Porter County Council Appointment, which they will be doing yearly, but through the Town of Hebron.

On motion of Councilman Albright, seconded by Councilman Spagnola, and duly carried 5-0, these appointment titles were approved.

Fire Department Council Liaison — On motion of Councilman Wallace, seconded by Councilwoman Grdinich, and duly carried 5-0, Councilman Spagnola was appointed as Fire Department Council Liaison.

#### Park Board

Don Ensign's appointment was up in 2023. On motion of Councilman Albright, seconded by Councilman Spagnola and duly carried 5-0, Don Ensign was re-appointed.

Removal of fifth spot and recommend to School Board to appoint Cindy Ollom as the School Board Appointment. On motion of Councilman Albright, seconded by Councilman Wallace, and duly carried 5-0, this request was approved.

Town Council Liaison – On motion of Councilman Wallace, seconded by Councilman Albright, and duly carried 5-0, Councilwoman Grdinich was appointed as Town Council Liaison.

## **Plan Commission**

On motion of Councilman Albright, seconded by Mike Wallace, and duly carried 5-0, Shane Spagnola was removed from the Plan Commission. There is now a need to post for a Democrat position available on the Plan Commission.

Clean-up of Plan Commission Appointments:

Thomas Cichocki – R – Town Council President Appointment as a citizen.

Josh Carter - D – Town Council President Appointment as a citizen.

Josh Noel - Town Council Appointment – Government or Employee.

Mike Wallace – Town Council Appointment – Government or Employee.

John Spinks, Jr. – Town Council Appointment – Government or Employee.

On motion of Councilman Wallace, seconded by Councilwoman Grdinich, and duly carried 5-0, the foregoing was approved.

# **Police Department**

Town Council Liaison – On motion of Councilman Spagnola, seconded by Councilman Wallace, and duly carried 5-0, Councilman Albright was appointed as Town Council Liaison.

### **Public Works**

Town Council Liaison – On motion of Councilman Albright, seconded by Councilman Spagnola, and duly carried 5-0, Councilman Wallace was appointed as Town Council Liaison.

#### HRC

President Spinks stated that according to the Town's Ordinance members of the HRC are appointed yearly and the current appointments are as follows:

Jenny Wallace – Town Council Appointment; David Kristofzski – Town Council Appointment; Kevin Joseph – Town Council President Appointment; Mike Reick – Town Council President Appointment; Don Ensign – Town Council President Appointment On motion of Councilman Albright, seconded by Councilwoman Grdinich, and duly carried 5-0, these appointments were approved.

# Stormwater Management Board

Town Council Liaison – On motion of Councilman Albright, seconded by Councilman Spagnola, and duly carried 5-0, Councilman Spinks was appointed as Council Liaison.

## TAC Appointment

On motion of Councilman Albright, seconded by Councilman Spagnola, and duly carried 5-0, Councilman Wallace was appointed to TAC.

## **County Indiana Dunes Tourism**

President Spinks stated this is a joint appointment with Kouts. He noted that Kouts had appointed Don Ensign. On motion of Councilman Albright, seconded by Councilwoman Grdinich, and duly carried 5-0, Don Ensign was appointed to the Indiana Dunes Tourism Board.

## **Ordinances and Resolutions**

Unanimous Consent Vote – On motion of Councilman Albright, seconded by Councilman Spagnola, and duly carried 5-0, the Council approved consideration of Resolution 2024-01-01 at this meeting.

Resolution 2024-01-01 – A copy of Resolution 2024-01-01 is attached to these minutes. – President Spinks read Resolution 2024-01-01. On motion of Councilman Albright, seconded by Councilman Wallace, and duly caried 5-0, Resolution 2024-01-01.

January Council Meeting – The January 2024 Town Council meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. President Spinks noted that the reason for the change is due to the Council traveling to Indianapolis for training scheduled for January 16, 17, and 18<sup>th</sup>.

Early Voting Dates – May Primary – April 9th through May 6<sup>th</sup> and General Election – October 8<sup>th</sup> through November 4<sup>th</sup>. Times will be published later.

**Fire Department Contract** – Clerk-Treasurer Uzelac asked if the Council was signing the proposed Contract. President Spinks stated it is not being signed at this meeting as it will be signed at the regular meeting.

**Minutes** – President Spinks asked Clerk-Treasurer Uzelac to check the website as there are a few unsigned minutes and some minutes are missing.

There being nothing more before the Council, on motion of Councilman Wallace, seconded by Councilman Albright, and duly carried 5-0, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Uzelac, Clerk Treasurer

Approved:

John Spinks, Jr., President

## RESOLUTION 2024-1-1

# TOWN OF HEBRON, PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the Town of Hebron had passed Resolution 2023-03-21, to transfer money from the Water Operating fund to the Water Improvement fund each month in the mount of \$51,800 the Town of Hebron at this time needs to change the amount transferred monthly to \$32,800.00.

WHEREAS, the Town of Hebron needs to change the amount of the money transferred each month to \$32,800 and the funds are to be transferred as follow \$16,800.00 to the Water Improvement Fund and \$16,000.00 to the Army Corp Snake Flats Water Project Fund.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE Town Council of the Town of Hebron, that the Clerk Treasurer of the Town of Hebron will be directed to deposit \$16,800.00 into the Water Improvement Fund and \$16,000.00 into the Army Corp Snake Flats Water Project Fund each month to be used for the future upgrades to the Town's Water infrastructure and for the future payments for the Army Corp Snake Flats Water Project fund grant.

BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED, BY the Town of Hebron Town Council that this Resolution Number 2024-1-1 shall be in full force from and after January 1, 2024.

Adopted this 1st day of January, 2024.

John Spinks, Councilman

Justin Älbright, Councilman

Tammy Grdinich, Councilwoman

Shane Spagnola, Councilman

Mike Wallace, Councilman

lamie Vzelac, Clerk Treasurer