

**NORTH SALEM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JULY 11, 2024**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

The July 11, 2024, Council Meeting was called to order by Council President Becky Fancher at 6:01 pm. She led with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a prayer.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

Becky Fancher, President – Present

Jimmy Roberts, Vice President – Present

Bill Compton, Member – Present







**3. MINUTES:**

Bill made a motion to approve the June minutes as written; Becky seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**4. OLD ITEMS:**

a. Ordinance 2024-2 – NSF Fee – Second Read. Our NSF fee has been \$20.00 since 1992; The bank charges \$32.00 currently. This ordinance raised our fee to \$32.00 as well. Becky made a motion to pass as written; Bill seconded. Third and final read will take place next month.

**5. NEW ITEMS:**

a. TORT Claim – The attorneys for Donald and Amy Mosson have filed a Tort Claim against the town due to the building collapse. After much discussion, Harold recommended that the town send a letter denying this claim (such as the one we sent when Walmart filed a Tort Claim against us back in 2022). Becky made a motion to approve; Jimmy seconded; motion passed unanimously. Beth will put a letter together and send it to Harold for review. She will also notify our insurance carrier.

b. Digital Sign – North Salem Revitalization is raising funds to purchase and install a digital sign to be able to provide information to all town residents. This will be owned by the Town and operated from the Town Hall. Becky made a motion to donate \$4,000.00 from the Hendricks County Community Fund to North Salem Revitalization to assist with this sign; Jimmy seconded. . For the record, this sign will be installed on Town property at the entrance to Pioneer Park.

**6. REPORTS:**

a. Kevin – has been trying to gather estimates for sidewalk replacement downtown. Unfortunately, he has only received one quote. Kevin presented this quote in the amount of \$17,250.00 to Council. Becky made a motion to accept; Bill seconded; motion passed unanimously. The sidewalks on South Broadway will not be replaced until it is determined what will be happening on the corner where the building collapsed. Kevin also presented Council with three bids for generators at the Fire Station, Filter Plant, Wastewater Plant and Pump House. After much discussion, Becky made a motion to accept the bid from Basset for approximately \$171,000.00. Mark will call them and get a fully executed contract for Harold to review before we sign. Mark let Council know that they will be meeting with the State (INDOT) on Friday to discuss the bridge replacement projects they have planned for North SR 75 and East SR 236 here in town. They are talking about moving our water mains. We need to do more research to determine easements because we do not want to move our mains.

b. NSPD – Corey’s report was submitted to Council. Corey also asked if the Council could send a letter to Pike Township for allowing him to participate (for free!!) in their training that is mandated by the State. He also let the Council know that the dent in the new SUV has been fixed. He also had to get a new battery for the truck.

c. Council – Becky asked Kevin to take care of the weeds and vegetation along South Broadway and at the corner of McKinley and Vine Streets.

d. Harold – Beth had contacted Harold regarding changing the due date for the water bills. There is no ordinance in place that requires the due date to be the 10<sup>th</sup>. Beth would like to change to the 15<sup>th</sup> beginning January 2025. Harold suggested notifying customers a couple months in advance. Also, Beth received a notice from USDA regarding a strip of land that abuts the wastewater treatment plant. Apparently the Town owns this small strip (1.35 acres); Harold suggested sending this notice to the new owner and also the newly created farm that is leasing this ground making them aware of this.

e. Beth – Closing on the property on Railroad Street should happen in the next couple of weeks..

**7. PUBLIC**

a. Mikayla Lawson asked what sidewalks were being replaced downtown.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 pm. The next Council Meeting will be August 1, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

Attest:



Beth Russell

Clerk-Treasurer