NORTH SALEM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 3, 2024

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The October 3, 2024, Council Meeting was called to order by Council President Becky Fancher at 6:00 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. PUBLIC HEARING – 2025 BUDGET ADOPTION (ORDINANCE 2024-3)

Bill made a motion to adopt the 2025 budget; Becky seconded. Beth will finish budget process on Friday and upload documents to Gateway.

4. MINUTES:

Becky made a motion to approve the September minutes as written; Bill seconded.

5. OLD ITEMS:

a. None

6. NEW ITEMS:

- a. Halloween Trick or Treat hours were set for 6 to 8 pm on Halloween night.
- b. INDOT DiMinimis Determination Kashif Khan, Engineer for INDOT project on State Road 75, was in attendance to ask for permission to purchase a right of way near the Park entrance on State Road 75 for a project. This project is to replace the existing culvert with a concrete box structure that will help reduce flooding. This project will not adversely affect the Park. They are looking at fall 2025 to begin this project. Comments were made regarding farming and farm equipment coming through Town as they will be taking State Road 75 down to one lane. The lanes may not be wide enough for semis and combines, etc., to pass through. Kashif said this is something that will be discussed as the project progresses. After much discussion, Bill made a motion to approve the right of way; Becky seconded. Kashif was asked to keep the Town in the loop as things progress.
- c. Development Plan Mike Baumer/Kruse Consulting Inc. Plans were presented to Council for a single family home to be built on South Nebraska Street by Mike Baumer. He requested a letter stating that they would be able to tie in to sewer and water. After some discussion, Bill made a motion to approve; Becky seconded.
- d. Letter/Complaint Richard Hardman A letter was received from Richard regarding the sign at Pioneer Park. He was saying that it was too bright and blinding. Bill stated that he has reduced the size of the lettering and the brightness of the sign. It is on DIM mode from 8 pm to 7 am each evening now and should be okay.
- e. 2025 Salary Ordinance Beth presented Council with the proposed 2025 Salary Ordinance. After a brief discussion, Becky made a motion to approve; Bill seconded.

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7. REPORTS:

- a. Kevin Water line inventory has been completed and submitted. Alliance of Indiana Rural water helped us tremendously! He also reported that they have been working with INDOT on the State Road 236 project happening some time next year; sidewalks are being replaced; generators are still on order; they had a lot of storm clean up to do; had to have a couple of trees taken down; had a problem with bees at the pumphouse but they have been taken care of. New truck is doing great! Been very very busy.
- b. Council None
- c. Harold Asked about the Town Marshal situation. It was discussed that we would look for part time officers. After some discussion, it was decided that Beth would send applications to those candidates who have expressed interest.
- d. Beth None

8. PUBLIC

Mark Wills was in attendance and let Council know that he has a friend who could possibly install flashing yellow lights in the school zones, similar to the ones going into Danville on State Road 39, at no cost to us. He will keep us updated

9. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm. The next Council Meeting will be November 7th at 6:00 pm.

Attest:

Beth Russell

Clerk-Treasurer