

**Enrolled Minutes of the Twenty-ninth Regular or Special Meeting
Special Meeting
Twenty-Ninth Town Council of Highland
Monday, February 6, 2023**

The Twenty-Ninth Town Council of the Town of Highland, Lake County, Indiana met *electronically* in a special meeting on **Monday, February 6, 2023** at 6:00 O'clock P.M., in the regular place, the Highland Municipal Building, 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana. * The special meeting was convened immediately before the standing regular plenary meeting of the Town Council.

* This meeting was convened as both an in person and an electronic meeting. Some persons were participating remotely on a Zoom platform that allowed for real time interaction, and supported the public's ability to observe and record the proceedings. People were able to participate in person and remotely. When the agenda item provided for public comment, this was supported as well. Councilor Toya Smith, Councilor Tom Black, Councilor Schocke all participated in person, with Councilors Zemen and Sheeman being absent.

Pursuant to HMC Section 2.05.130(A)(2), the Town Council considered and reviewed the agenda in an informal proceeding in the plenary meeting room before the president called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Present of Roll Call were Councilors Toya Smith, Mark Schocke, Tom Black and Roger Sheeman with Councilor Zemen being absent. Clerk-Treasurer, Mark Herak was present to memorialize the proceedings. A quorum was attained.

Special Orders:

Interviews of prospective appointees

1. The Town Council conducted an interview with **Mr. Allan Simmons** (D), 3840 Jewett, Highland, who expressed interest in being appointed to the Advisory Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mr. Simmons offered a brief narrative regarding his work background. Mr. Simmons responded to questions regarding his interest in the Advisory Board of Zoning Appeals.

General Orders and Unfinished Business:

1. Meeting Authorization & Ratification. Ratify the calling of an early start (special) meeting for Monday, February 6, 2023 to conduct interviews of prospective candidates, pursuant to HMC Section 2.05.130(A) (4) and Section 2.05.130(F).

Councilor Schocke moved to ratify the calling of the special meeting as described. Councilor Smith seconded. Upon a roll call vote, there were three affirmatives and no negatives. The motion passed. The special meeting held immediately before the study session to interview prospective candidates for appointment to boards and commissions and any other business that came before the Council was authorized and ratified.

There being no further interviews or business to come before the Town Council, the special meeting of the Town Council, of Monday, February 6, 2023, was adjourned at 6:30 o'clock p.m. The Town Council immediately went into the study session portion of the agenda.

Mark Herak
Clerk-Treasurer