

**Topics Tentatively Scheduled for Study Session Discussion
and
Topics Requested for Action at Future Business Meetings of the
Twenty-Ninth Town Council of Highland**

This meeting will be convened as a Hybrid in person and electronic meeting.

Topic: Town of Highland, IN - Town Council Study Session

Time: Jun 19, 2023 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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This meeting contributes to Agenda building for the plenary meeting. Please, also be aware of the running enrolled list of matters that are likely for the plenary meeting, subject to review by the municipal executive. By practice and local ordinance, study sessions are distinguished from plenary (regular business) meetings of the Town Council “as they shall be conducted with less formality and with no votes or final actions of a dispositive nature unless provided otherwise by proper notice, pursuant to IC [5-14-1.5](#) et seq.” (Confer HMC Section 2.05.130(3))

x. Discussion: Appointments.

• **Statutory Boards and Commissions**

Executive Appointments (May be made in meeting or at another time)

Regional Statutory Commissions or Boards

1. **Economic Development Commission.** (1) Appointment to be made by the municipal executive, but requiring nomination from the Town Council. Term ends just before February 1st. *(Currently vacant)*
 - a. Nomination by the Town Council. *(The council would pass a motion to nominate.)*
 - b. Appointment by executive. *(If nominee is acceptable, the Town Council President may appoint.)*

Home Rule Boards and Commissions

2. **Community Events Commission** *Multi-Year position.* (1) appointment to be made by the Town Council President. **Term: 4 years.**
Currently Serving: Jacqui Herrera, Sandy McKnight
3. • **Tree Board:** (1) appointments, to be made by the municipal executive, but requiring nomination from the Town Council. *(Position currently held by Natalie Stromberg.)*
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4. **Municipal Plan Commission** (1) (vacancy) appointment to be made by Town Council President. *(Note: Unexpired term of Hunter Balczo, Esq., (D), term ending 1st Monday January 2025) No more than two of any party. Current composition is 2 Republicans, 2 Democrats.*

Legislative Appointments

Regional Statutory Commissions or Boards

Home Rule Commissions

1. **Main Street Bureau Board:** (17) appointments to be made by the Town Council. Term: Two years ending 1 Jan 2023. *There are currently 9 of the 17 in place and serving. Currently serving are Teri Yovkovich, Rhonda Bloch, Alex Robertson, Renee Reinhart, Diane Barr-Roumbus, James Roumbus, Sandy McKnight, Al Simmons and Ben Reinhart.*
3. **Community Events Commission** *Multi-year positions.* (4) appointment to be made by the Town Council. **Term: 4 years.** *(Note: Currently vacant)*

Single year positions: (1) appointments to be made by the Town Council. **Term: 1 year.** *(Note: Currently serving, Jack Rowe, Carol Parker, Linda Carter, Rachael Carter, Maria Armagast, Michelle Coon and Erica Fizer Katsepas)*

- x. **Discussion: Medical Insurance for former Police Officer John Swisher:** The Town Council has approved to extend his insurance through December 31, 2023.
- x. **Discussion:** Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc., Review the final draft as presented by Attorney Reed and the Town's liability.
- x. **Discussion:** Presentation from the Highland Neighbors for Sustainability to help Highland attain a SolSmart's silver designation for being a solar-friendly community .
- x. **Discussion: Consideration of a Special Event with Alcohol Permit (SEAP):** The CEC permit was approved by the Park and Recreation Board at its meeting of June 15, 2023, pursuant to Section 11.10.225 of the Highland Municipal Code contingent upon the Park and Recreation Board approving an acceptable plan. *(The Community Events Commission*

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required a permit from the Park and Recreation Board to support the beer garden as part of the Back Yard BBQ Fest. This being the first regular meeting of the Town Council following the receipt of the action of the Park and Recreation Board, the Town Council must consider the permit, pursuant to HMC Section 11.10.225(F)(4)).

x. Discussion: Interlocal Agreement for the EVP Grant – Resolution 2115 of the Town of Munster, Lake County, Indiana, Approving the Interlocal Governmental Agreement with the Town of Highland, Indiana, the City of Hammond, Indiana, the Town of St. John, Indiana, the City of Gary, Indiana, and Lake County, Indiana

x. Discussion: Overlapping Taxing Units – This item has been removed from the agenda at the request of the Redevelopment Director due to a scheduling conflict and will be rescheduled for some time in July.

- **Plenary Business Meeting of Monday June 26, 2023**

- Minutes of the Meeting of Monday, June 12, 2023.
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- Payroll Docket for the payday of June 16, 2023