

**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: Aug 7, 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.)*
 - a. Nomination by the Town Council. *(The council would pass a motion to nominate.)*

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- b. Appointment by executive. *(If nominee is acceptable, the Town Council President may appoint)*
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 11 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, Ben Reinhart, Sandy Ray and Kathy Smailis..*
- 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: Board of Sanitary Commissioners Rate Ratification.** The Board of Sanitary Commissioners at a its Regular Meeting of 18 July 2023 did introduce and set for a hearing Sanitary District Resolution No. 2023-16: A Resolution Modifying and Establishing User Fees for the Collection, Treatment and Disposal of Waste water pursuant to IC 36-9-25-11. The public hearing on the introduced Resolution and rates was conducted on August 1, 2023. There were no remonstrances filed. The Board passed and adopted Resolution No. 2023-16 on August 1, 2023. For the rates and charges to take effect for all partially or fully taxable properties, the

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legislative body must approve the rates by ordinance, pursuant to IC 36-9-25-9(c).

(a) **Proposed Ordinance No. 1783:** An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 12.20.350 of the Municipal Code regarding wastewater rates and charges of the Sanitary District.

x. **Discussion: Consideration of Proposed Additional Appropriations:** *(controlled funds)*
Proposed Additional Appropriations in Excess of the 2023 Budget in the **Public Safety Income Tax Fund – Police Cars** in the amount of \$172,000, in the **Special Events Fund – Public Relations/Donations** in the amount of \$14,000, **Redevelopment Capital Fund – Façade Improvement** in the amount of \$3,289.56.

(a) **Attorney verification of Proofs of Publication:** awaiting notification from The TIMES

x. **Discussion:** **Discussion:** Interlocal Agreement for the EVP Grant – Resolution 2023-15 of the Town of Highland, Lake County, Indiana, Approving the Interlocal Governmental Agreement with the Town of Munster, Indiana, the City of Hammond, Indiana, the Town of St. John, Indiana and the City of Gary.

Approval and instruction. Action to approve and instruct the Town Council President to affix signature to the Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Highland, Town of Munster, Lake County, Indiana, the City of Hammond, the City of Gary and the Town of St. John.

x. **Discussion:** Reapproval of the bands for the BBQ Fest.

• **Plenary Business Meeting of Monday August 7, 2023**

- Minutes of the Meeting of Monday, July 24, 2023.
- Reapproval of the Bands for the BBQ fest
- Proposed Ordinance 1783
- Resolution 2023-15

- Proposed Additional Appropriation hearing
- Accounts Payable Docket
- Payroll Docket for the payday of July 31, 2023

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