

**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 21, 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.**

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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.)*
 - 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.*
5. **Redevelopment Commission:** (1) appointment to be made by Town Council President. *(Note: vacancy created by the resignation of Bill Leep – term expires 1st Monday in 2024)*
6. **Board of Sanitary Commissioners:** (1) appointment to be made by the Town Council President. *(Currently held by Rex Burton (R)). Current composition of the board is three Democrats, two Republicans. No more than three of any one party under state law .appointments to be made by Town Council President.*

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)*

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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 1 August 2023 did introduce and set for a hearing Sanitary District Resolution No. 2023-17: A Resolution Modifying and Establishing User Fees for the Management of Stormwater pursuant to IC 36-9-25 Et SEQ. The public hearing on the introduced Resolution and fees was conducted on August 15, 2023. There were no remonstrances filed. The Board passed and adopted Resolution No. 2023-17 on August 15, 2023. For the user fees to take effect for all partially or fully taxable properties, the legislative body must approve the rates by ordinance, pursuant to IC 36-9-25-9(c).

(a) **Proposed Ordinance No. 1785:** An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 12.25 of the Municipal Code regarding modifying and establishing user fees for the Management of Stormwater pursuant to IC-36-9-25 Et Sequitur.

x. **Discussion:** The renewal status of the group health insurance for the municipal employees and the Clerk-Treasurer for FY 2024. The Plan is offering a new \$2,500 PPO (Plan 6) for 2024. Highland currently offer 2 plans, \$500 PPO Plan 1 and a \$3,200 HDHP Plan 7. The deductible had been \$3,000 but IRS deductible requirements raised it to \$3,200. Highland’s 2024 renewal rate is 6.5%. If Highland had not been part of the Trust, our rate would have gone up 10.1%. The Council needs to adopt (whatever Plan(s) they select) at their September 11, 2023 Plenary Meeting, as we have to notify the Trust by September 15, 2023. All the Plans and options will be presented at the study session.

x. **Discussion:** Modification to the section of the Animal Code, dealing with the number of dogs or cats that shall be kept, harbored, raised, or possessed at any single residence, location, or premises within the Town.

• **Plenary Business Meeting of Monday August 24, 2023**

- Minutes of the Meeting of Monday, August 14, 2023.
- Proposed Ordinance 1785
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- Accounts Payable Docket
- Payroll Docket for the payday of August 11, 2023

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