

**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: Oct 2, 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

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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 Balczko, 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)*

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..*
2. **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)*
3. **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*

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held by John Bach) This term does not expire until February 1, 2025.)

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- x. **Discussion:** *Review of 2024 Police Department Budget:* Metropolitan Police Chief Ralph Potesta and Police Department Administrative Assistant LuAnn Stirling will be present to answer any questions the Council might have regarding the 2024 Police Department Budget.
- x. **Discussion:** *Presentation by Dan Botich on the Allocation Area Merger Resolution.*
- x. **Discussion:** *Richard Underkofler of the Tree Board to make a power point presentation on the Delta Institute Tree Planting Consortium. This would be a matching grant.*
- x. **Discussion:** *Draft contract regarding ambulance service.*

- **Plenary Business Meeting of Monday October 9, 2023**

- Minutes of the Meeting of Monday, September 25, 2023.
- Additional Appropriation Hearing - A Public Hearing to consider additional appropriations in the amount of \$5,000.00 in the Special Events Fund and \$25,000 in the Redevelopment Capital Fund. The public hearing will be held, at 6:30 P.M. O'clock in the Municipal Building.
- Executive Appointment of Fire Chief Mike Pipta to fill the unexpired term of Fire Chief William R. Timmer on the Lake County Public Safety Communications Commission.
- Works Board Order No. 2023-33 approving the purchase of two (2) in car cameras and accessories
- Accounts Payable Docket
- Payroll Docket for the payday of September 29, 2023

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