Agenda

First Regular or Special Meeting of the Thirtieth Town Council of Highland

Inaugural and Regular Plenary Meeting of Monday, January 8, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Agenda organized pursuant to Section 2.05.090 of the Highland Municipal Code

Topic: Town of Highland, IN - Town Council Plenary Meeting Time: January 8, 2024 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

*This meeting is convened as an in person meeting and lived streamed to the Town of Highland Facebook. Facebook permits the public to observe and record the proceedings but allows no interaction between and among the Town Council and members of the public. The public is able to participate in person.

Pledge of	Public Safety Chiefs:
Allegiance:	Ralph J. Potesta, Police Chief
	Mike Pipta, Fire Chief
Invocation:	Rev. Tim Huizenga
	Senior Pastor, Faith Church, Highland

Opening Ceremony:

Since this is the first regular or special meeting of the 30th Town Council, pursuant to IC 36-5-2-7 and Section §2.05.040(D) of Highland Municipal Code, the Clerk-Treasurer will call the meeting to order, take roll and cause the selection of the Town Council President, "which shall be first in order." Once selected, he shall assume the chair. All terms of the prior Council ended just before noon January 1, 2024, including the officers of the Council, whose holding over provisions cannot exceed the member's term (IC 36-5-2-7).

1. Administration of the Oath of Office for the Town Officers-Elect:

A. Oath of Office for the Eighth Clerk-Treasurer administered by:
The Honorable Jon DeGuilio, United States District Court Judge Northern
Indiana District.

B. Presentation of Town Councilors-Elect and Administration of the Oath of Office to be administered by:
 The Honorable Jon DeGuilio, United States District Court Judge Northern Indiana District.

Roll Call:

George Georgeff

Doug Turich

Alex Robertson

Thomas (Tom) Black

Philip Scheeringa



Special Orders:

1. Election of the **Town Council President** for 2024 pursuant to § 2.05.040 of the Highland Municipal Code. *(Once elected, Clerk-Treasurer will transfer gavel.)*

Note: Councilor x nominated Councilor y for Town Council President in 2024. There were no further nominations. Councilor x moved that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast in favor of Councilor y be elected President. Councilor z seconded.

2. Election of the **Town Council Vice President** for 2024, pursuant to § 2.05.040 of the Highland Municipal Code.

Note: Councilor z nominated Councilor x for Town Council Vice-President in 2024. There were no further nominations. Councilor z moved that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast in favor of Councilor x be elected Vice-President. Councilor y seconded.

3. Selection and Appointment of Town Attorney/Firm for the Session. (No formal action necessary as firm continues unless the Town Council acts otherwise. Since this is a new "session" of the Town Council, going from 29th to 30th, affirming the current appointment is desirable.)

Minutes of

Previous Session: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 27 December 2023.

Staff Reports:

- Building & Inspection Report for December 2024.
- Fire Department Report for December 2024.
- Workplace Safety Report for December 2024.

Appointments:

- Statutory Boards and Commissions
 - Executive Appointments (May be made in meeting or at another time)
 (Appointments have been placed on agenda in case there is readiness to act)
- 1. Municipal Plan Commission (1) appointment to be made by Town Council President. (Note: Formerly held by Mario Martini (R), term ending 1st Monday January 2027). No more than two of any party. Current composition is 1 Republican, 1 Democrat.
- 2. Municipal Plan Commission (1) appointment to be made by Town Council President. (Note: Formerly held by Hunter Balczo, Esq., (D) term ending 1st Monday January 2025). No more than two of any party. Current composition is 1 Republican, 1 Democrat.
- 3. Municipal Plan Commission (1) appointment to be made by Town Council President. (Note: Currently held by Olga Briseno (D). No more than two of any party. Current composition is 1 Republican, 1 Democrat.
- 2. Advisory Board of Zoning Appeals (1) appointment to be made by Town Council President. This appointment only necessary if there is a change to the appointment on the Plan Commission. (Note: Currently held by Doug Turich term is co-extensive with his plan commission term for which there is no fixed term)
- 3. Redevelopment Commission (3) appointments to be made by Town Council President. (Note: currently held by George Georgeff, Sean Conley, and Alex Robertson (vacant))
- **4.** Waterworks Board of Directors: (3) appointments to be made by Town Council President. (Note: Currently serving Jason Tharp (D) and George Smith (R) and formerly held by Curt Schroeder (D), term ending 1st Monday January 2025). Current composition of the board is two Republicans and three Democrats. No more than three of any one party under state law.
- 5. **Board of Sanitary Commissioners:** (1) appointments to be made by Town Council President. (Note: currently serving, David Jones (R). Current composition is two Republicans, three Democrats. Current law provides no more than three of any one party.
 - Regional Statutory Commissions or Boards
- 6. Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC): (1) appointment to be made by Town Council President. (Note: No action is necessary as the appointment continues unless the Town Council President

wishes to change appointment. Appointee must be an elected official of the community represented. Currently serving, Tom Black.)

- 7. **Economic Development Commission.** (1) Appointment to be made by the municipal executive, but requiring nomination from the Lake County Council. Term ends just before February 1st. Should instruct proper officer to ask for the County Council to submit its nomination in writing. Currently serving is Dave Beanblossom.
- (1) Appointment to be made by the municipal executive, but requiring nomination from the Town Council. Unexpired term of John Bach, term ending 1st Monday February 2025.
- (1) Appointment to be made by the municipal executive, but requiring nomination from the Town Council. Vacancy created by the resignation of Matt Reardon.
- 8. Community Events Commission Multi-Year position. (1) appointment to be made by the Town Council President. Term: 4 years. (Positions currently held by Sandy McKnight & Jacqueline Herrera)
- 9. Committee and Liaison Assignments. Assignments made by Town Council President. (Custom and Convention)
 - George Georgeff:
 - Doug Turich:
 - Alex Robertson:
 - Thomas (Tom) Black:
 - Philip Scheeringa:

Legislative Appointments

Note: If it is a reappointment then Councilor x moved to re-appoint (name of the person) to the (name of board or commission). Councilor y seconded.

Note: If it is an appointment then Councilor x moved to appoint (name of the person) to the (name of board or commission) . Councilor y seconded

 Municipal Plan Commission (1 or 3) appointments to be made by Town Council. (Note: Appointee may be elected or appointed officials or

employees of the Town. Currently 1 vacancy. No action necessary as incumbents continue to serve unless the legislative body acts to change. Currently serving: Doug Turich (Elected Official); Morgan Wright (employee))

- 2. Park and Recreation Board (1) appointment to be made by Town Council. (Note: Currently serving Christopher Ray (R).)
- 3. Town Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners (2) appointments to be made by Town Council. (Note: currently serving Steve Jurczak (D) and Danny Stombaugh (D))
- **4.** Redevelopment Commission (2) appointments to be made by Town Council. (Note: Currently held by Tom Black and Bill Leep (vacant)

Regional Statutory Commissions or Boards

- 5. Lake County Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors (1) appointment to be made by Town Council. (Note: currently held by Tom Black. Must be a member of the Town Council. Term is coextensive with term of councilor. No action necessary unless the Town Council wishes to change the appointment as the term continues until acted upon or status changes as a legislative body member)
- Shared Ethics Interlocal Cooperation Entity, Joint Board of Delegates.
 Incumbent is Councilor Tom Black. Appointment should be an elected official of the municipality. No action necessary if incumbent wishes to continue to serve.

Home Rule Commissions

- 7. Main Street Bureau Board: (8) appointments (vacant or unfilled positions) to be made by the Town Council. Term: Two years ending 1 Jan 2025. There are currently 9 of the 17 in place and serving. Currently serving are Rhonda Bloch, Teri Yovkovich, Renee Reinhart, Alex Robertson, Diane Barr-Roumbus, James Roumbus Sandy McKnight, Al Simmons, Ben Reinhart, Sandy Ray and Kathy Smailis.
- 8. Community Events Commission:
 - (4) appointments to be made by the Town Council. **Term: 4 years.** (Note: All Vacant)
 - (9) appointments to be made by the Town Council. **Term: 1 year.** (Note: There are currently 7 of the 9 in place and serving. Currently serving, Jack Rowe, Carol Parker, Maria Armagast, Michelle Coon, Linda Carter, Rachael Carter and Erica Fizer Katsepas)

Unfinished **Business & General Orders: NEW BUSINESS:** Resolution No. 2024-01: A Resolution of the Fiscal Body Approving & Fixing the Official Charges for Information and Communication Technology Services Provided by the Municipality to its Executive Departments and Offices and Accounted in the Information and Communication Technology Fund. 2. Authorizing the proper officer to publish legal notice of a public hearing: A Public Hearing to consider additional appropriations in the amount of \$302,124.00 in the Redevelopment Capital Fund and \$44,000 in the MCCD Fund. If approved, the public hearing will be held on January 22, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. O'clock in the Municipal Building, 3333 Ridge Road, Highland. **Councilor George Georgeff** Comments or Remarks from the **Councilor Doug Turich** Town Council: (Good of the Order) Councilor Alex Robertson Councilor Thomas (Tom) Black Councilor Philip Scheeringa **COMMENTS FROM** This portion of the Town Council Meeting is reserved for persons who desire to address the Town Council. Depending on the nature of the comments, the Town Council may direct the staff to THE PUBLIC or address the topic or follow-up on matters that may arise from public comments. If necessary, the **VISITORS** matter may be set for action at a future meeting. Persons addressing the Town Council are requested to limit their presentations to two (2) minutes and encouraged to avoid repetitious comments. **ACTION TO PAY** Accounts payable vouchers December 29, 2023 to January 9, 2023 in **Accounts Payable** the amount of \$854,716.19. Vouchers General Fund, \$368,128.77; MVH Fund, \$13,463.99; Information and Communications Technology Fund, \$46,440.46; MCCD, \$1,235.56; Communication Crossing Grant, \$132,722.88; Special Events, \$300.81; Insurance Premium, \$224,728.31; Police Pension \$67,695.41; Payroll Docket for payday of December 29, 2023 by fund:

The Town of Highland acknowledges its responsibility to comply with the American with Disabilities Act of 1990. In order to assist individuals with disabilities who require special services (i.e. sign interpretative services, alternative audio/visual devices, etc.) for participation in or access to Municipal sponsored public programs, services and or meetings, the Town of Highland requests that individuals make requests for these services forty-eight (48) hours ahead of the scheduled program, service and or meeting. To make arrangements, contact the ADA Coordinator for the Town of Highland at (219) 838-3185.

General, \$314,251.79

Payroll Docket for payday of December 29, 2023:

Office of Clerk-Treasurer, \$15,853.04; Building and Inspection Department, \$10,354.22; Metropolitan Police Department, \$157,777.66; Public Works Department (Agency), \$76,514.65.; Fire Department, \$2,204.25 and Information and Technology Department, \$4,009.55; Total Payroll: \$266,713.37.

Payroll Docket for payday of December 29, 2023 by fund:

Total Payroll by fund: \$79,044.79

Payroll Docket for payday of December 29, 2023

Boards & Commissions. \$10,911.82; Police Pension \$67,587.76; Total Payroll: \$78,499.58.

BENEDICTION ADJOURNMENT

Rev. Tim Huizenga Senior Pastor, Faith Church Highland

Reception and Refreshments Immediately after Adjournment In the Police Community Room.

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