

**Enrolled Minutes of the Thirtieth Regular or Special Meeting
Special Meeting
Twenty-Ninth Town Council of Highland
Saturday, January 30, 2021**

The Twenty-Ninth Town Council of the Town of Highland, Lake County, Indiana met *electronically* in a special meeting on **Saturday January 30, 2021** at 11:00 O'clock A.M., in the regular place, the Highland Municipal Building, 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana.*

**Special note:* This special meeting was convened allowing members of the Town Council to participate electronically without being physically present, to be counted in the quorum and able to simultaneously listen and respond to matters taken up in the meeting, all pursuant to Governor Holcomb's Executive Orders 20-04 and 20-09, extended by Executive Order No. 20-52 allowing meetings to be convened pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-3.6 for the duration of the Corona Virus COVID 19 emergency. All members of the Town Council participated electronically with the Clerk-Treasurer participating as well. The electronic platform also allowed the public to observe and participate from on-line access.

Silent Roll Call: Councilors Tom Black (electronically) and Roger Sheeman were present as indicated. Councilors Mark Herak and Mark J. Schocke (electronically) joined after 12:00. Councilor Zemen joined the meeting after 12:51 p.m. The Clerk-Treasurer, Michael W. Griffin was present to memorialize the proceedings (electronically). A quorum was attained.

Special Orders:

Interviews of prospective appointees

1. The Town Council conducted an interview with **Mr. Thomas R. Belko** (R), 2852 41st Street, who expressed interest in being appointed to the Town Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners and the Park and Recreation Board.

Mr. Belko offered a brief narrative regarding his work background. Mr. Belko responded to questions regarding his interest in the Town Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners and in the Park and Recreation Board.

2. The Town Council conducted an interview with **Ms. Joan Roback**, (R), 8941 Ohio Place, Highland, who expressed interest in being appointed to the Town Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners, the Tree Board, the Park and Recreation Board and the Board of Waterworks Directors.

Ms. Roback offered a brief narrative regarding her work background. Ms. Roback responded to questions regarding her interest in several boards she expressed interest in.

3. The Town Council conducted an interview with **Ms. Jacqueline Herrera**, 8112 Wicker Park Drive, Highland, who expressed interest in continuing her existing service on the Community Events Commission.

Ms. Herrera offered a survey of her contributions and experiences as a member of the Community Events Commission. Ms. Herrera responded to questions regarding her service on the Community Events Commission.

4. The Town Council conducted an interview with **Mr. Richard Garcia** (D), 2912 Grand Boulevard, Highland, who expressed interest in being remining on the Board of Sanitary Commissioners.

Mr. Garcia offered a survey of his contributions and experiences as a member of the Board of Sanitary Commissioners. Mr. Garcia responded to questions regarding his service on the Board of Sanitary Commissioners.

5. The Town Council conducted an interview with **John Beebe Sr.**, (D), 9528 O'Day Drive, Highland, who expressed interest in being appointed to the Town Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners.

Mr. Beebe offered a brief narrative regarding his work background. Mr. Beebe responded to questions regarding his interest in the Town Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners.

6. The Town Council conducted an interview with **James Slagle**, (D), 3504 Eder Place, Highland, who expressed interest in being reappointed to the Town Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners. (Electronically)

Mr. Slagle offered a survey of his contributions and experiences as a member of the Town Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners. Mr. Slagle responded to questions regarding his service on the Town Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners.

7. The Town Council conducted an interview with **Hunter Balczo**, (D), 3126 Condit, Highland who expressed interest in being appointed to the Board of Sanitary Commissioners, Park and Recreation Board, and the Redevelopment Commission.

Mr. Balczo offered a brief narrative regarding his work background. Mr. Balczo responded to questions regarding his interest in the Board of Sanitary Commissioners, Park and Recreation Board, and the Redevelopment Commission.

8. The Town Council conducted an interview with **Thomas Beck**, (R), 9134 O'Day Drive, Highland who expressed interest in being appointed to the Town Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners.

Mr. Beck offered a brief narrative regarding his work background. Mr. Beck responded to questions regarding his interest in the Town Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners. The questions included suggestions regarding the recruitment of police officers.

9. The Town Council conducted an interview with **Bob Cerros**, 2840 Duluth Street, Highland who expressed interest in being appointed to the Advisory Board of Zoning Appeals and the Redevelopment Commission.

Mr. Cerros offered a brief narrative regarding his work background. Mr. Cerros responded to questions regarding his interest in the Advisory Board of Zoning Appeals and the Redevelopment Commission. Mr. Cerros responded to questions posed as zoning scenarios.

10. The Town Council conducted an interview with **Dave Helms**, 9306 Waymond Avenue, Highland who expressed interest in being retained on the Advisory Board of Zoning Appeals. (Electronically)

Mr. Helms offered a survey of his contributions and experiences as a member of the Advisory Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Helms responded to questions regarding his service on the Advisory Board of Zoning Appeals.

11. The Town Council conducted an interview with **Cyril Huerter**, 8740 Carolina Avenue, Highland who expressed interest in being retained on the Redevelopment Commission. (Electronically)

Mr. Huerter offered a survey of his contributions and experiences as a member of the Redevelopment Commission. Mr. Huerter responded to questions regarding his service on the Redevelopment Commission.

12. The Town Council conducted an interview with **Stan Allen**, 3510 Laverne Drive, Highland who expressed interest in being appointed to the Community Events Commission.

Mr. Allen offered a brief narrative regarding his work background. Mr. Allen responded to questions regarding his interest in the Community Events Commission. Mr. Allen responded to questions regarding his ability to participate electronically for meetings .

13. The Town Council conducted an interview with **Larry Kondrat**, 8115 E. 4th Place, Highland who expressed interest in being retained on the Waterworks Board of Directors. (Electronically)

Mr. Kondrat offered a survey of his contributions and experiences as a member of the Waterworks Board of Directors. Mr. Kondrat responded to questions regarding his service on the Board of Waterworks Directors.

14. The Town Council conducted an interview with **Robyn Radford**, 9527 O'Day Drive, Highland who expressed interest in being retained on the Redevelopment Commission. (Electronically)

Ms. Radford offered a survey of her contributions and experiences as a member of the Redevelopment Commission. Ms. Radford responded to questions regarding her service on the Redevelopment Commission.

15. The Town Council conducted an interview with **Judy Vaughn**, 3817 Jewett Avenue, Highland who expressed interest in being retained on the Tree Board.

Ms. Vaughn offered a survey of her contributions and experiences as a member of the Tree Board. Ms. Vaughn responded to questions regarding her service on the Tree Board.

16. The Town Council conducted an interview with **Mr. Greg Cieslak (R)**, 2104 Birchwood Lane, Highland, who expressed interest in being remaining on the Board of Sanitary Commissioners. (Electronically)

Mr. Cieslak offered a survey of his contributions and experiences as a member of the Board of Sanitary Commissioners. Mr. Cieslak responded to questions regarding his service on the Board of Sanitary Commissioners.

Councilor Schocke departed after this interview.

17. The Town Council conducted an interview with **Ms. Kristen Smith**, 9801 5th Street, Highland, who expressed interest in continuing her existing service on the Community Events Commission. (Electronically)

Ms. Smith offered a survey of her contributions and experiences as a member of the Community Events Commission. Ms. Smith responded to questions regarding her service on the Community Events Commission.

18. The Town Council conducted an interview with **Thomas Vander Woude**, 2929 Oakdale Drive, Highland who expressed interest in being retained on the Plan Commission.

Mr. Vander Woude offered a survey of his contributions and experiences as a member of the Municipal Plan Commission. Mr. Vander Woude responded to questions regarding his service on the Redevelopment Commission. The discussion included whether a new comprehensive plan is desirable.

19. The Town Council conducted an interview with **Steve Jurczak**, 2547 Wicker, Highland who expressed interest in being retained on the Town Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners. (Electronically)

Mr. Jurczak offered a survey of his contributions and experiences as a member of the Town Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioner. Mr. Jurczak responded to questions regarding his service on the Town Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners.

There being no further interviews or business to come before the Town Council, the special meeting of the Town Council, of Saturday, January 30, 2021, was adjourned at 5:23 o'clock p.m.

Michael W. Griffin, IAMC/MMC/CPFA/ACPFIM/CMO
Clerk-Treasurer