

**Enrolled Minutes of the Seventieth-Eighth Regular Meeting or Special Meeting
For the Twenty-Ninth Highland Town Council
Regular Plenary Business Meeting (Electronic/In person Hybrid)
Monday, October 17, 2022**

The Twenty-Ninth Town Council of the Town of Highland, Lake County, Indiana met in a special plenary session on Monday, October 17, 2022 at 6:30 O'clock P.M. in the regular place, the Highland Municipal Building, 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana.

*This meeting was convened as both an in person and an electronic meeting. Some persons were participating remotely on a Zoom platform that allowed for real time interaction, and supported the public's ability to observe and record the proceedings. People were able to participate in person and remotely. When the agenda item provided for public comment, this was supported as well. Councilor Bernie Zemen,, Councilor Toya Smith, Councilor Tom Black, Councilor Roger Sheeman all participated in person.

Pursuant to HMC Section 2.05.130(A)(2), the Town Council considered and reviewed the agenda in an informal proceeding in the plenary meeting room before the president called the meeting to order.

The Town Council President Bernie Zemen presided. The Town Clerk-Treasurer, Mark Herak, was present to memorialize the proceedings. The meeting was opened with Councilor Bernie Zemen Sheeman reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Roll Call: Present on roll call were Councilors Bernie Zemen, Toya Smith, Mark Schocke, Thomas Black, Roger Sheeman and Clerk-Treasurer, Mark Herak were present. A quorum was attained.

Additional Officials Present: Edward Dabrowski, Director of Information Technology; John Reed, Attorney with Abrahamson, Reed & Bilse were present.

Guests: Theresa Badovich (remotely) and Robin Carlascio (remotely) of the Idea Factory were also present.

Minutes of the Previous Meetings:

Special Orders:

- 1. Ratify the Meeting. Ratify the special meeting with its additional purposes, pursuant to HMC Section 2.05.130(A) (4) and Section 2.05.130(F).**

Councilor Black moved to ratify the Highland Town Council Special Plenary Meeting of October 17, 2022 to conduct an adoption hearing to adopt the Proposed Fiscal 2023 Budget of the Waterworks District Fund. Councilor Sheeman seconded. Upon a roll call vote of the elected officials, there were five (5) affirmatives and 0 negatives. The motion passed and the meeting was ratified.

2. Adoption Hearing of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Budget of the Waterworks District, pursuant to IC **6-1.1-17-20**. *Under amendments to IC 6-1.1-17-20, the proper officers of the special taxing district shall submit the proposed budget and property tax levies to the municipal fiscal body. The fiscal body of the city, town, or county (whichever applies) shall review each budget and proposed tax levy and adopt a final budget and tax levy for the taxing unit. The fiscal body may reduce or modify but not increase the proposed budget or tax levy. The final adoption vests with the Town Council. The final adoption vests with the Town Council.*
 - (a) Memorandum regarding Taxpayer remonstrance petition. *No petition was filed. No action was necessary for the Town Council to respond.*
 - (b) **Public Hearing.** There were no comments. The hearing was closed.
 - (c) Action on **Introduced Ordinance No. 1770:** An Ordinance of Appropriations and Budget Levies and Rates for the 2023 Budget of the Waterworks District. *Councilor Black introduced the ordinance at the meeting of the Town Council of Monday, September 19, 2022. There was no further action pursuant to IC 6-1.1-17-3(a) and IC 6-1.1-17-5(a)(8).*
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Councilor Black moved the passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 1770. Councilor Schocke seconded. Upon a roll call vote, there were five affirmatives and no negatives. The motion passed. Ordinance 1770 was adopted pending the signature of the five Councilors.

ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES

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 Approved by the State Board of Accounts, 2015
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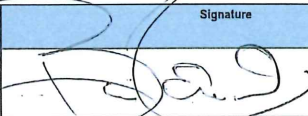

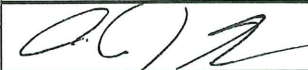
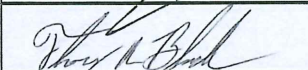
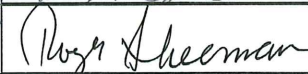
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
Be it ordained/resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Highland that for the expenses of HIGHLAND WATER DISTRICT for the year ending December 31, 2023 the sums herein specified are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided for by law. In addition, for the purposes of raising revenue to meet the necessary expenses of HIGHLAND WATER DISTRICT, the property tax levies and property tax rates as herein specified are included herein. Budget Form 4-B for all funds must be completed and submitted in the manner prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance.

This ordinance/resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Town Council of the Town of Highland.

Name of Adopting Entity / Fiscal Body	Type of Adopting Entity / Fiscal Body	Date of Adoption
Town Council of the Town of Highland	Town Council	10/10/2022

Funds				
Fund Code	Fund Name	Adopted Budget	Adopted Tax Levy	Adopted Tax Rate
8383	WATER DISTRICT DEBT SERVICE	\$338,992	\$361,130	0.0408
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Name		Signature
Bernie Zemen	Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	
Toya Smith	Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	
Mark Schocke	Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	
Thomas Black	Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	
Roger Sheeman	Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	

ATTEST		
Name	Title	Signature
Mark Herak	Clerk-Treasurer	

In accordance with IC 6-1.1-17-16(k), we state our intent to issue debt after December 1 and before January 1 Yes No

In accordance with IC 6-1.1-17-16(k), we state our intent to file a shortfall appeal after December 1 and before December 31 Yes No

Adjournment of Special Plenary Meeting. There being no further business on the agenda, the Town Council President declared the Special Plenary Meeting of the Highland Town Council of Monday, October 17, 2022, adjourned at 6:36 O'clock p.m.

Mark Herak
Clerk-Treasurer

Approved by the Town Council at its meeting of October 24, 2022.