

# Inc. Town of North Judson's Town Council Special Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2018 6:00 P.M.

The North Judson Town Council met in a Special Meeting at the North Judson Town Hall at 310 Lane St. North Judson, IN on the above date and time with the following present: Council Members Felchuk, Rowe, Brown, Young and Council President Hoppe were in attendance. Clerk-Treasurer Rowe, and Town Attorney Schramm were also able to attend.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council Member Brown made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Young seconded the motion. All members present concurred.

#### **Business:**

Town of North Judson 2018 Salary Ordinance - Ordinance No. 2018-01

In Council President Hoppe's initial absence, Council Vice-President Rowe and Council Members present went through the 2017 Salary Ordinance line by line to increase by 3% the salaries of Town Council Members, Building Commissioner, Firemen Compensation, Fire Chief, Clerk-Treasurer, Deputy Clerk/Utility Billing Clerk, Town Superintendent, & Utility Employees paid on an annual, quarterly, or biweekly.

Town Marshal Fisher elected not to take a pay increase but to instead give Chief Deputy Town Marshal Thomas and Deputy Town Marshal Simpson a 4% increase in pay for the year 2018.

Council Member Felchuk made a motion to pass the Town of North Judson 2018 Salary Ordinance – Ordinance 2018-01. Council Member Brown seconded the motion and all members present concurred expect for Council Vice-President Rowe who abstained from voting on the 2018 Salary Ordinance 2018-01.

## Bond Counsel Engagement Letter Approval

Town Attorney Schramm received an engagement letter from Bose McKinney & Evans who, along with Schramm, will be the Town's representative counsel for the upcoming bonds process related to the Town's Water Project. The Letter established Bose McKinney & Evans' price points in terms of hourly work on pehalf of the Town. Schramm commented that the only change he might recommend is to include a 'Do

Not Exceed' figure in the letter. Council President Hoppe inquired as to whether or not there was a projected cost and she agreed that it would be a good idea to include a 'Do Not Exceed' figure.

Council Member Brown made a motion, pending the Do Not Exceed Amount, to accept the contract with Bose McKinney & Evans. Council Member Young seconded and all members present concurred.

## **Recognition of Guests**

Donna Henry inquired as to whether or not the Council would need to conduct a second and third reading, and then ultimately vote on the Salary Ordinance. Town Attorney Schramm informed her that as long as 60% of the Council votes in favor of the Ordinance it can be passed on the first reading, and with four out of five Council Members voting, as Council Vice-President Rowe abstained, the Ordinance 2018-01 was passed on the first reading.

### **Additional Business**

**Adjournment** 

Council Member Felchuk made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Brown seconded the motion.

Adjourn: 6:22 PM

Attest:

Wendy Hoppe, Council President

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