

**Enrolled Minutes of the Twenty-ninth Regular or Special Meeting
Special Meeting
Twenty-Ninth Town Council of Highland
Monday, January 25, 2021**

The Twenty-Ninth Town Council of the Town of Highland, Lake County, Indiana met *electronically* in a special meeting on **Monday, January 25, 2021** at 5:00 O'clock P.M., in the regular place, the Highland Municipal Building, 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana.* The special meeting was convened immediately before the standing regular plenary meeting of the Town Council.

**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 Bernie Zemen, Mark Herak, Mark Schocke, Tom Black and Roger Sheeman were present. All were electronically participating with Councilor Sheeman in the plenary meeting room 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 **Ms. Deborah Trevino (D)**, 3012 Lakeside Drive, Highland, who expressed interest in being appointed to the Economic Development Commission, Redevelopment Commission, Town Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners, Lake County Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Community Events Commission. She participated by way of the Zoom platform.

Ms. Trevino offered a brief narrative regarding her work background. Ms. Trevino responded to questions regarding her interest in the Economic Development Commission, Redevelopment Commission, Town Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners, Lake County Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Community Events Commission.

2. The Town Council conducted an interview with **Mr. Danny Stombaugh (R)**, 2049 Porte de Leau, Highland, who expressed interest in being appointed to the Town Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners. It was noted that he had served on the board for several years in the 2006 through 2012.

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

3. The Town Council conducted an interview with **Mr. Jeffery Pena**, 10294 Timberidge Lane, Highland, who expressed interest who expressed interest in being appointed to the Tree Board and the Community Events Commission.

Mr. Pena offered a brief narrative regarding his work background. Mr. Pena responded to questions regarding his interest in the Tree Board and the Community Events Commission.

4. The Town Council conducted an interview with **Carlos Aburto**, 9139 Prairie Drive, Highland who expressed interest in being retained on the Park and Recreation Board. (Electronically)

Mr. Aburto offered a survey of his contributions and experiences as a member of the Park and Recreation Board. Mr. Aburto responded to questions regarding his service on the Park and Recreation Board.

There being no further interviews or business to come before the Town Council, the special meeting of the Town Council, of Monday, January 25, 2021, was adjourned at 6:18 o'clock p.m.

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