

**Topics Tentatively Scheduled for Study Session Discussion  
and  
Topics Requested for Action at Future Business Meetings of the  
Thirtieth Town Council of Highland**

**This meeting will be convened as an in person meeting.**

Topic: Town of Highland, IN - Town Council Study Session

Time: July 1, 2024 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

*This meeting contributes to Agenda building for the plenary meeting. Please, also be aware of the running enrolled list of matters that are likely for the plenary meeting, subject to review by the municipal executive. By practice and local ordinance, study sessions are distinguished from plenary (regular business) meetings of the Town Council “as they shall be conducted with less formality and with no votes or final actions of a dispositive nature unless provided otherwise by proper notice, pursuant to IC [5-14-1.5](#) et seq.” (Confer HMC Section 2.05.130(3))*

**x. Discussion: Appointments.**

**• Statutory Boards and Commissions**

*Executive Appointments (May be made in meeting or at another time)*

- 1. Waterworks Board of Directors:** (1) appointment to be made by Town Council President. (Note: Formerly held by Curt Schroeder (D), term ending 1<sup>st</sup> Monday January 2025). Current composition of the board is two Republicans and two Democrats. No more than three of any one party under state law.

Home Rule Commissions or Boards

- 2. Shared Ethics Advisory Commission.** (1) appointment to be made by Town Council President. (Note: Fill vacancy made by resignation of Rev. Tim Huizenga.) (Made pursuant to Article 5, Subdivision (A) of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Establishing the Shared Ethics Entity. Qualifications are to be persons who live work or hold property in the county. Further persons appointed must be of good character and not hold any positions within the local government.)

**Legislative Appointments**

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Home Rule Commissions

1. **Main Street Bureau Board:** (5) appointments to be made by the Town Council. Term: Two years ending 1 Jan 2025. *There are currently 12 of the 17 in place and serving. Currently serving are Rhonda Bloch, Ben Reinhart, Renee Reinhart, Allan Simmons, Diane Barr-Roumbus, James Roumbus, Sandra McKnight, Teri Yovkovich, Sandy Ray, Kathy Smailis, Ben Tomera and Laura Pilewski.*
2. **Community Events Commission** *Multi-year positions:* (1) appointment to be made by the Town Council. **Term: 4 years.** *(Note: Currently vacant)*

*Single year positions:* (9) appointments to be made by the Town Council. **Term: 1 year.** There are currently 5 of the 9 in place and serving. *(Note: Currently serving, Rachael Carter, Olga Briseno, Kathy Camp-Burke, Linda Carter and Jack Rowe)*

- x. **Discussion:** Resolution No. 2024-14. A resolution authorizing the Town of Highland, Indiana to Enter into an Agreement with the County of Lake, Indiana in Undertaking Community Development Activities for the Fiscal Year 2025, 2026 and 2027
- x. **Discussion:** Changing the funding mechanism of paying for security for the various festivals in Highland, shifting the burden from Police & Fire and have the security costs be paid out of the proceeds from the festivals themselves. Estimated cost (2024) for both events is \$49,247. Net profit from last year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration was \$36,696.13
- x. **Discussion:** In preparation of the 2025 budget, have each department head at a public meeting, give a presentation of their department's successes through mid-year 2024 and what do they plan on focusing on for the last half of the year. Also, provide to the Council a list of potential areas that they may need help from the Council for the last half of the year.
- x. **Discussion: Consideration of Proposed Additional Appropriations:** (controlled and non-controlled funds): Proposed Additional Appropriations in Excess of the 2024 Budget for the Corporation General Fund in the amount of \$19,000. Hearing to be held July 8, 2024 at 6:30 o'clock p.m. at the Highland Municipal Building.

Action on **Appropriation Enactment No. 2024-13:** An Enactment Appropriating Additional Moneys in Excess of the Annual Budget for the Corporation General Fund, all pursuant to I.C. 6-

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*\*requires 2 readings if the Council desires to pass it on the first night.*

- x. **Discussion:** Disposing of Engine #8 & Trailer  
(this is a place holder, awaiting the documentation from the Town Attorney)

- **Plenary Business Meeting of Monday July 8, 2024**

- Minutes of the Meeting of Monday, June 24, 2024.
- Resolution approving the Town Council President to sign the agreement with Lake County
- Additional Appropriation hearing – Corporation General Fund \$19,000
- Accounts Payable Voucher
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