

**Agenda**  
**Twenty-Eighth Regular or Special Meeting**  
**of the Thirtieth Town Council of Highland**  
**Regular Plenary Meeting of Monday, February 17, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Agenda organized pursuant to Section 2.05.090 of the Highland Municipal Code**

Topic: Town of Highland, IN - Town Council Plenary Meeting  
Time: February 17, 2025 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

\*This meeting is convened as an in person meeting and lived streamed to the Town of Highland Facebook. Facebook permits the public to observe and record the proceedings but allows no interaction between and among the Town Council and members of the public. The public is able to participate in person.

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**Prayer:**

Tom Black

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**Pledge of  
Allegiance:**

Tom Black

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**Roll Call:**

George Georgeff



Doug Turich

**A GREAT PLACE  
TO CALL HOME**

Alex Robertson

Thomas (Tom) Black

Philip Scheeringa

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**Minutes of**

**Previous Session:** Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 10 February 2025.

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**Special Orders:** 1. Ratify the calling of the special meetings for Monday, February 17, 2025, pursuant to HMC Section 2.05.130(A) (4) and .Section 2.05.130(F).

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**COMMENTS FROM  
THE PUBLIC or  
VISITORS**

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- Staff Reports:**
- Building & Inspection Report.
  - Fire Department Report.
  - Workplace Safety Report.
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**Communications:** Tuesday's Garbage and Recycling will not be affected by Monday's holiday and pick-up will be as normal.  
Sanitary Board – Tuesday – February 18 at 6:30  
Plan Commission – Wednesday- February 19 at 6:30  
Park Board – Thursday- February 20 at 6:30  
Restaurant Crawl February 25<sup>th</sup>  
South Shore Convention - 2025 Restaurant Weeks – February 17 to March 2nd  
All on-street parking is banned when there is more the 2 inches of snow

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- Appointments:**
- **Statutory Boards and Commissions**  
*Executive Appointments (May be made in meeting or at another time)*

Regional Statutory Commissions or Boards

1. **Economic Development Commission.** (1) Appointment to be made by the municipal executive, but requiring nomination from the Town Council. *(Currently held by Blane Roberts, term ending 1<sup>st</sup> Monday February 2025 and up to 90 days after term expires if no action)*
2. **Lake County Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors.** (1) Appointment by Town Council President. (NOT DUE UNTIL JUNE 30 2025) *(Currently serving Christine Cash) Appointing authority must give sole consideration to individuals who are knowledgeable about or employed as executives or managers in Hotel, Motel, Banking, Real Estate and hospitality. Cannot hold an elected or appointed political office*

#### **Home Rule Boards and Commissions**

3. **Main Street Bureau Board of Directors.** Town Council President appointment. (1) Appointment. Town Council Representative must be a member of the Town Council. *Term co-extensive with term of appointee. (Note: Currently serving is Alex Robertson)*
  4. **Tree Board.** (2) Appointments to be nominated by the Town Council but appointed by the Town Council President. *(Note: Currently held by Richard Underkofler and Blane Roberts, term ending 1<sup>st</sup> Monday January 2025). Term is for three (3) years Richard Underkofler; Blane Roberts)*
    - a. Nomination by the Town Council. *(The council would pass a motion to nominate.)*
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b. Appointment by executive. *(If nominee is acceptable, the Town Council President may appoint.)*

- **Tree Board Chairperson.** The Town Council President also appoints the Chairperson to be selected from the membership of the board. (See HMC Section 8.25.030 (C)) *(Currently held by James Colias.)*

### ***Legislative Appointments***

1. **Advisory Board of Zoning Appeals:** (1) appointment to be made by Fiscal Body. *(Note: Currently held by David Helms, term ending 1<sup>st</sup> Monday January 2025). Term is for three (3) years.*

*Toya Smith (appointed by the Plan Commission to the Advisory Board of Zoning Appeals) (Term co-extensive with her Plan Commission term – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in January 2025)*

2. **Park and Recreation Board.** (1) appointment to be made by the Town Council. *(Note: Current appointee is Carlos Aburto (D), term ending 1<sup>st</sup> Monday January 2025) Term is for four (4) years. (Current composition is 2 democrats and 2 republicans. Not more than 2 members may be of the same party.)*

3. **Town Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners.** (2) appointments to be made by the Town Council. *(Note: Current appointees are Mike Danko (R) and Larry Moses (R), term ending 1<sup>st</sup> Monday January 2025). Term is for three (3) years. (Current composition for these five citizen positions is three democrats and two republicans)*

Regional Statutory Commissions or Boards

Home Rule Commissions

4. **Main Street Bureau Board:** (17) appointments to be made by the Town Council. Term: Two years ending 1 Jan 2025. *Currently serving are Renee Reinhart, Alex Robertson, Diane Barr-Roumbus, James Roumbus Sandy McKnight, Al Simmons, Ben Reinhart, Sandy Ray, Ben Tomera, Laura Pilewski and Desiree Biro.*

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## **Unfinished Business & General Orders:**

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| <b>NEW BUSINESS:</b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Resolution No. 2025-02:</b> A Resolution Authorizing Temporary Interfund Loan or Transfer Pursuant to IC 36-1-8-4 of the Indiana Code and Section 3.20.040 of the Highland Municipal Code for the</li></ol> |
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Corporation Bond and Interest Fund, the Park District Bond and Interest Fund, the Sanitary District Bond and Interest Fund and the Waterworks District Bond & Interest Fund.

2. **Proposed Ordinance No. 1780-A:** An Ordinance to Amend the Compensation, Benefits and Personnel Program of the Municipality, to be known as the Compensation and Benefits Ordinance Commonly known as the Employee Handbook, in particular to Section 4.03.13 Residency Stipend, Pursuant to IC 36-1-3 and other Relevant Statutes.
3. **Proposed Ordinance No. 1808-B:** An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 1808 to establish the Wage and Salary Rates of the Elected Officers, the Non-Elected Officers and the Employees of the Town of Highland, Indiana particularly creating a Residency Stipend Provision in the Metropolitan Police Department.
4. **Authorizing the proper officer to publish legal notice of a public hearing:** A Public Hearing to consider additional appropriations in the amount of \$265,000.00 in the **Redevelopment Capital Fund**. If approved, the public hearing will be held on March 10, 2025, at 6:30 P.M. O'clock in the Municipal Building, 3333 Ridge Road, Highland.

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**Comments or  
Remarks from the  
Town Council:  
(Good of the Order)**

Councilor George Georgeff  
  
Councilor Doug Turich  
  
Councilor Alex Robertson  
  
Councilor Tom Black  
  
Councilor Philip Scheeringa

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**ACTION TO PAY  
Accounts Payable  
Vouchers**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The Town Council's February 17, 2025 study session immediately following the Regular Plenary Meeting.

*Posted pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-4(a)*

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