

**Enrolled Minutes of the Thirty-Sixth Regular Meeting or Special Meeting  
For the Thirtieth Highland Town Council Regular Plenary  
Business Meeting (In person) Monday, June 2, 2025**

The Thirtieth Town Council of the Town of Highland, Lake County, Indiana met in its regular plenary session on Monday, June 2, 2025 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 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. Councilor Georgeff, Councilor Doug Turich, Councilor Alex Robertson, Councilor Tom Black, Councilor Philip Scheeringa 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 George Georgeff presided over the meeting. The Town Clerk-Treasurer, Mark Herak, was present to memorialize the proceedings. The meeting was opened with Councilor Philip Scheeringa reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and offering a prayer.

**Roll Call:** Present on roll call were Councilors George Georgeff, Doug Turich, Alex Robertson, Thomas Black, Philip Scheeringa were present as indicated. Clerk-Treasurer, Mark Herak was also present. A quorum was attained.

**Additional Officials Present:** Patrol Commander John Banasiak; Ed Dabrowski, Director of Information Technology; Redevelopment Director Maria Becerra; John Reed, Attorney with JPR Legal Services were present. Alex Brown, CPRP, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, Mark Knesek, Public Works Director; Metropolitan Police Chief Ralph Potesta; Kenneth J. Mika, Building Commissioner; Mike Pipta, Fire Chief were absent.

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

**Minutes of the Previous Meetings:** The minutes of the May 27, 2025 Plenary meeting were approved by general consent.

**Special Orders:** None

**Comments from the Public or Visitors:**

Rodney Langel, Langel's-Highland, spoke about the DORA. He said in reference to the item of DORA on your agenda, I think it's a good thing for the future of the Town. It gives all the businesses a chance in a downtown area to kind of play in the same field, so to speak

and it also gives folks an outdoor atmosphere which a lot of communities have had for decades. People like being outside. They like dining outside. They like to be out in the fresh air and the freedom to go from one area to another. It's been a great success in other areas. He thought it is business wise as it'll give the opportunity for other businesses that are looking for a new homestead to expand, to come into Highland, to kind of jump on that bandwagon. It will also bring more businesses to downtown Highland. More restaurants might spark some interest and make downtown Highland one of their destinations. He thought it's a great thing and he thought it's going to really pave the path for the future.

Larry Kondrat, Highland asked if the Town is having a beer garden at the festival, does it have to be a DORA participant because per the ordinance, Main Square is not listed and only DORA participants can sell beer or alcoholic beverages. He also questions paragraph 5C, which reads, "alcoholic beverages in a DORA container are prohibited from entering the premises of another designated DORA vendor". So, if he got a cup from Fuzzyline, he cannot walk into another DORA participant but forced to consume my cup in a public area.

Councilor Robertson said it could also be consumed in a private area or in a business other than a DORA participant, if they permit it. That private business would have to have a sign posted in the front of their business saying that you are welcome to come into their business with your cup and consume it in there.

Larry asked if he could buy a beer or drink and then walk downtown to the Counter for some ice cream.

Councilor Robertson said no because the way the map is drawn, the Counter is not included in the DORA area but the auto parts store is and if the business allows it. You cannot go into another DORA business participant. He said DORA participants have to have a garbage can at the entrance of their facility for discarded cups.

Larry said the ordinance says containers cannot be refilled. Does that mean that each time I want to buy another drink, I'm going to have to buy a new cup?

Councilor Robertson replied yes. He said it is no different when you go into a bar and buy a drink. When you finish the drink, you don't give it to the bartender and ask them to refill the same glass. The cups are plastic and when done, you toss them. The cups are not reusable.

Larry then asked how much do these containers cost?

Councilor Robertson said it all depends on the quantity purchased. He said he saw costs as low as \$0.05 to as high as \$0.25

Larry asked with the cups have the DORA emblem on them and how much will they cost the consumer and will the Town get a cut?

Councilor Robertson said the cups will have a DORA emblem and Town would not receive a cut.

Larry said per the ordinance, it says the Town will use its cut to pay for security and police and other things. He concluded with the Council voting on the DORA what was purpose of spending over \$600,000 on a fence around Main Square?

**Staff Reports:** none filed

**Communications:**

Summer Concert Series, Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, Main Square, 7:00 o'clock pm.  
June 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 o'clock p.m. to 9:00 o'clock p.m. at the Lincoln Center  
Banquet Hall, Paws for a Cause Building Fundraiser. Donations \$25  
Flag Day, Saturday, June 14, 2025  
Highland Shred Day – June 21, Highland Public Works Facility

**Appointments:**

• **Statutory Boards and Commissions**

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

Regional Statutory Commissions or Boards

Home Rule Boards and Commissions

*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.

*Action.* Councilor Turich moved the appointment of **David Helms**, 9306 Waymond Avenue, Highland, to a three (3) year term, on the Advisory Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilor Scheeringa seconded. Upon a roll call vote, there were five (5) affirmatives and no negatives. The motion passed. David Helms was appointed to the Advisory Board of Zoning Appeals. The Clerk-Treasurer noted he would prepare the required certification of appointment as required and give Mr. Helms his oath.

Regional Statutory Commissions or Boards

Home Rule Commissions

5. **Main Street Bureau Board:** (17) appointments to be made by the Town Council. Term: Two years ending 1 Jan 2075. Currently serving are Alex Robertson, Diane

*Barr-Roumbus, James Roumbus Sandy McKnight, Al Simmons, Ben Reinhart, Sandy Ray, Ben Tomera and Desiree Biro.*

**General Orders and Unfinished Business:**

1. Consideration of Proposed Additional Appropriations: (controlled and non-controlled funds): Proposed Additional Appropriations in Excess of the 2025 Budget for the MCCD Fund in the amount of \$65,000.00.
  - a) Action on Appropriation Enactment No. 2025-19: An Enactment Appropriating Additional Moneys in Excess of the Annual Budget for the MCCD Fund, all pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-18, and I.C. 36-5-3-5. Introduced by Councilor Black at the May 27, 2025. Motion failed to receive unanimous consent to pass at the same meeting of introduction. A simple majority is required to pass.

Councilor Scheeringa moved to approve Appropriation Enactment No. 2025-19.  
Councilor Black seconded.

Discussion:

Councilor Turich asked how much of the MCCD Fund is allocated to the PD?

The Clerk-Treasurer said the agreement between the Chiefs Fire and Police, most of the funding is allocated to the police, however, in the 2025 budget, the leases of fire department truck #2 and street sweeper lease are being paid out of that fund. The majority spent thus far is the purchase of police vehicles.

Councilor Turich asked if anything else had been paid?

The Clerk-Treasurer said some expenditures like PD computer supplies and equipment were also paid from that fund. He reminded the Council that the public safety fund is used to fund many of the capital projects for the Fire Department and per SB1, the public safety fund is going away.

Upon a roll call vote, there were five (5) affirmatives and no negatives. The motion passed and Appropriation Enactment No. 2025-19 was adopted pending the signature of the municipal executive.

Town of Highland  
**APPROPRIATION ENACTMENT**  
Enactment No. 2025-19

**An Enactment Appropriating Additional Moneys in Excess of the Annual Budget for the MCCD Fund, all pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-18, I.C. 36-5-3-5, et seq.**

**WHEREAS**, Following a public hearing advertised pursuant to I.C. 5-3-1, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget for the **MCCD Fund**;

**WHEREAS**, It has been determined that such additional appropriations as may be approved by this enactment, will not increase the levy set under I.C. 6-1.1-17, all pursuant to I.C. 36-5-3-5;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Highland, Lake County, Indiana, as follows:

**Section 1.** That for the expenses of said municipality, the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the **MCCD Fund** and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

MCCD FUND

*Increase account:*

4402-0000-43002	PD Cars	\$	49,000.00
4402-0000-43010	PD Computer/Printer Replacement	\$	16,000.00

*Total for 400 Series:*      \$ 65,000.00

**TOTAL for FUND:**      \$ 65,000.00

**Section 2.** That the Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized and instructed to inform the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance of this action and that these moneys be made available for expenditure **subject to an order** of the Commissioner, pursuant to IC 6-1.1-18.

**Section 3.** That in satisfaction and for the purposes of the provisions set out in I.C. 36-5-2-9.6, I.C. 36-5-3-5, I.C. 36-5-4-2, this enactment shall be deemed properly filed and introduced before the Town Council at a regular or special meeting, properly called and convened pursuant to I.C. 5-1.5-14 *et seq.*

Introduced and Filed on the 27th Day of May 2025. Consideration on the same day or at same meeting of introduction sustained a vote of 4 in favor and 1 opposed, pursuant to IC 36-5-2-9.8. Motion failed.

**DULY ORDAINED AND ADOPTED** this 2nd Day of June 2025, by the Town Council of the Town of Highland, Lake County, Indiana, having been passed by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

**TOWN COUNCIL of the TOWN of  
HIGHLAND, INDIANA**

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George Georgeff, President (IC 36-5-2-10)

ATTEST:

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Mark Herak  
Clerk-Treasurer (IC 33-42-4-1; IC 36-5-6-5)

**New Business:**

1. Ratify the calling of the Executive Session of Tuesday, May 27, 2025 and the Special Meeting of Monday, June 2, 2025, pursuant to I.C. 5-14-1.5-5(d), HMC Section 2.05.130(A)(4) and Section 2.05.130(A)(6) and Section 2.05.070(B)(3).

Councilor Robertson moved to ratify and approve the calling of the executive session of Tuesday, May 27, 2025 and the Special Meeting of Monday, June 2, 2025. Councilor Black seconded.

Discussion:

Councilor Turich wanted to confirm that last week's meeting was published before we met? He was advised by the Clerk-Treasurer that the notice was sent to the media with a copy to the Council regarding the executive session prior to the 48 hour deadline.

Council Turich said he received a couple of questions as to why wasn't the executive session ratified at the plenary meeting prior to the executive session of last week.

The Clerk-Treasurer said there was no particular reason why he didn't have it on the agenda to ratify at last week's meeting. He didn't think there was any particular time frame it had to be done in, only that the meeting had to be ratified, which it was.

Upon a roll call vote, there were five (5) affirmatives and no negatives. The motion passed. The executive session and Special Meeting were ratified.

2. To Review and Act upon the recommendation of the Highland Fire Fighters Association and select the successful candidate and extend an Employment Contract pursuant to Section 3.03 of the Compensation and Benefits Ordinance, commonly known as the Employee Handbook.

Councilor Black moved to extend an employment contract to Glenn M. Schlesser, Sr. Councilor Scheeringa seconded. Upon a roll call vote, there were four (4) Affirmatives, no negatives and one (1) abstention, with Councilors Georgeff, Robertson, Black and Scheeringa voting in the affirmative and Councilor Turich abstaining. The motion passed.

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## GLENN M. SCHLESSER, SR.

### SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Science, Fire & Emergency Management, Purdue University Global, Magna Cum Laude, IFSAC Accredited Program, Seal # 2735539  
Associates of Applied Science, Rasmussen College, With Honors  
Illinois Department of Public Health EMT-P (Paramedic) Licensed  
Illinois O.S.F.M. Fire Fighter II and Hazardous Materials Awareness Certified  
Illinois O.S.F.M. Basic Operations Firefighter Certified  
Illinois O.S.F.M. Advanced Technician Firefighter Certified  
Illinois O.S.F.M. Technical Rescue Awareness Certified  
Illinois O.S.F.M. Hazardous Materials Operations Certified  
Illinois O.S.F.M. Fire Service Vehicle Operator Certified  
Illinois O.S.F.M. Instructor I Certified  
Illinois O.S.F.M. Instructor II Certified  
Illinois O.S.F.M. Vehicle and Machinery Operations Certified  
Illinois O.S.F.M. Fire Officer 1 Certified  
Illinois O.S.F.M. Fire Officer 2 Certified  
Illinois O.S.F.M. Chief Fire Officer, Provisional Certified  
Indiana Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards & Education Firefighter I Certified IFSAC # 2328638  
Indiana Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards & Education Firefighter II Certified IFSAC # 2328639  
Indiana Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards & Education Fire Officer I Certified IFSAC # 2328659  
Indiana Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards & Education Fire Officer II Certified IFSAC # 2328660  
Indiana Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards & Education Driver/Operator-General  
Indiana Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards & Education HazMat 1<sup>st</sup> Responder Awareness Certified IFSAC # 2328640  
Indiana Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards & Education Hazmat 1<sup>st</sup> Responder Operation Certified IFSAC # 2328641  
Indiana Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards & Education Technical Rescue Awareness Certified  
Indiana Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards & Education Vehicle & Machinery Ops Certified  
Indiana Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards & Education Instructor I Certified IFSAC # 2328642  
Scuba Diving International Surface Ice Rescue Specialist Certified



Iowa Fire Service Training Bureau Fire Investigator Certified IFSAC # 3515922, Pro Board # 250078  
I.F.S.I. Champagne Campus Advanced Fire Ground Tactics and Operations  
National Center for Biomedical Research and Training Academy Law Enforcement Prevention and Deterrence of Terrorist Acts Awareness Level Certified  
Chicago Police Department Terrorism Awareness and Response Academy Completed  
New Mexico Tech Energetic Materials Research and Testing Center Certified-Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings Awareness Level Training Course  
United States Department of Homeland Security Office of Grants and Training Certified-National WMD Standardized Awareness Program (AWR-160)  
New Mexico Tech Energetic Materials Research and Testing Center Certified-Prevention and Response to Suicide Bombing Incidents Awareness Level Training  
Blue Card Incident Command Training 50 Hour Program Completed  
CSX Transportation Certificate of Completion for Emergency Response to Railroad Incidents

**FEMA-NIMS Certifications:**

IS-00001-Emergency Program Manager and Orientation to the Position  
IS-00003-Radiological Emergency Management  
IS-00005.A-an Introduction to Hazardous Materials  
IS-00015.A-Special Events Contingency Planning for Public Safety Agencies  
IS-00100-Introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS100)  
IS-00102-Deployment Basics for FEMA Response Partners  
IS-00106.10-Workplace Violence Awareness Training  
IS-00111-Livestock in Disaster  
IS-00120-An Orientation to Community Disaster Exercises  
IS-00139-Exercise Design  
IS-0197.SP-Special Needs Planning Considerations for Service and Support Providers  
IS-00200-ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents  
IS-00200.HC-Appling ICS to Healthcare Organizations I200 for Healthcare / Hospitals  
IS-00208-State Disaster Management  
IS-00230-Principles of Emergency Management  
IS-00235-Emergency Planning  
IS-00240-Leadership and Influence  
IS-0241-Decision Making and Problem Solving  
IS-00242-Effective Communication  
IS-00244-Developing and Managing Volunteers  
IS-00250-Emergency Support Function (ESF15) External Affairs  
IS-00271-Anticipating Hazardous Weather and Community Risk  
ICS-300 Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents  
IS-00301-Radiological Emergency Response  
IS-00302-Modular Emergency Response Transportation Training  
IS-317-Introduction to Community Response Teams

IS-00331-Introduction to Radiological Emergency Preparedness Exercise Evaluation  
IS-00340-Hazardous Materials Prevention  
IS-346-Hazardous Materials for Medical Personnel  
IS-00362-Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools  
IS-00366-Planning For the Needs of Children in Disasters  
IS-00393.A-Introduction to Hazard Mitigation

**SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS CONTINUED:**

ICS-400 Advanced Incident Command System for Complex Incidents  
IS-00420-Implementing The Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program  
IS-00520-Introduction To Continuity of Operations Planning for Pandemic Influenzas  
IS-00522-Exercising Continuity Plans for Pandemics  
IS-00546-Continuity of Operations (COOP) Awareness Course  
IS-00547-Introduction to Continuity of Operations (COOP)  
IS-00548-Continuity Of Operations (COOP) Manager  
IS-00630-Introduction to the Public Assistance Process  
IS-00700-National Incident Management System (NIMS) an Introduction  
IS-00701-National Incident Management System Multi-Agency Coordination System  
IS-00703-NIMS Resource Management  
IS-00704-NIMS Communication and Information Management  
IS-00706-NIMS Intrastate Mutual Aid an Introduction  
IS-00775-EOC Management and Operations  
IS-00800.A-National Response Plan (NRP), an Introduction  
IS-00801-Emergency Support Function (ESF) 1-Transportation  
IS-00802-Emergency Support Function (ESF) 2-Communications  
IS-00803-Emergency Support Function (ESF) 3-Public Works and Engineering  
IS-00804-Emergency Support Function (ESF) 4-Firefighting  
IS-00805-Emergency Support Function (ESF) 5-Emergency Management  
IS-00806-Emergency Support Function (ESF) 6-Mass Care, Emerg. Assistance, Housing, Human Service  
IS-00807-Emergency Support Function (ESF) 7-Logistics Management and Resource Support  
IS-00808-Emergency Support Function (ESF) 8-Public Health and Medical Services  
IS-00809-Emergency Support Function (ESF) 9-Search and Rescue  
IS-00810-Emergency Support Function (ESF) 10-Oil and Hazardous Materials Response  
IS-00812-Emergency Support Function (ESF) 12-Energy  
IS-00813-Emergency Support Function (ESF) 13-Public Safety and Security  
IS-00860-Introduction to the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP)

**National Fire Academy Courses:**

Q-118-Community Safety Educator  
Q-217-Alternative Water Supply: Planning and Implementing Programs

Q-297-Awareness Of Command-and-Control Decision Making at Multiple Alarm Incidents  
Q-318-Fire Service Supervision  
Q-464-ICS 300 Intermediate All Hazards NIMS ICS Review for Expanding Incidents  
Q-534-Emergency Response to Terrorism: Self Study  
National Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education Program-Political and Legal Foundations in Fire Protection

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

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November 8, 2021, to Present, Fire Chief, Storm Lake Fire Department, 820 Oneida Street Storm Lake, IA 50588.

Job Responsibilities: Oversee all administrative and operational aspects and operations of the Storm Lake Fire Department. Prepare budget reports, equipment replacement plans, long and short-term financial plannings. Formulate 5-, 10- and 15-year capital outlay and purchase plans. Formulate equipment purchase and replacement plans. Oversee recruitment, retention, and DEI programs. Oversee ISO compliance and NFPA compliance and equipment upgrades. Perform fire & life safety code inspections in conjunction with the Building and Codes Department. Create, oversee, implement, and update the department's strategic plan and goals. Responsible for disaster management planning and response plans in coordination with the Chief of Police. Oversaw fire and emergency plans for large city events. Responsible for fireworks inspections on behalf of the State of Iowa and the issuance of associated permits. Oversee the public education, outreach, and community risk reduction programs. Perform the administration function for the Knox Box program and the Community Connect Program.

May 17, 2017, to November 1, 2021, Fire, Life Safety & EMS Manager, Navy Pier, Inc. 600 E. Grand Ave. Chicago, Illinois 60611

Job Responsibilities: Fire Suppression and EMS Response for Navy Pier. Fire Code Inspections and Enforcement. Fire Alarm and Fire Suppression System Inspections. Air Quality Monitoring. Field Training Officer (FTO). EMS Provider Billing, Scheduling, and Payroll. Ordering, Re-Stocking EMS Supplies for the MPEA EMS System. Public Education. Instructing CPR and AED Classes for Navy Pier Employees. General Fire Safety and Loss Prevention Duties. Interact/assist security with their duties daily. Oversee daily Fire/EMS Operations at Navy Pier, as well as budgeting and equipment replacement and EMS system coordination with St. Francis medical director. Oversight and emergency planning for various large-scale events, oversight of in-house occupancy safety inspections, vehicle safety inspections.

August 1, 2018, to November 1, 2021, Deputy Fire Chief, Operations & Administration, Ford Heights Fire Department, 1345 Ellis Avenue, Ford Heights, IL 60411.

Job Responsibilities: Administrative functions, payroll, onboarding of new staff, training and maintenance records. Responsible for incident management and command of all field operations.

August 2017 to Present, Assistant Chief/Paramedic, Steger Estates Fire Protection District, 23940 S. Kings Road, Crete, Illinois 60417

Job Responsibilities: Fire Suppression, EMS Response, Engineer, Training, EMS Scheduling, EMS supplies, Oversight of ALS ambulance program. Line officer duties, Training Officer, EMS Officer, Replacement vehicle planning and design, grant writing. Incident Command Officer, Recruitment, New employee orientation

July 2020 to November 1, 2021, Firefighter, Munster Fire Department, 550 Fisher Street Munster, IN 46321

Job Description: Assigned to Station 3. Fire suppression, equipment maintenance, training, engineering duties, public education and other duties as assigned.

January 3, 2005, to May 2017, Fire Safety Officer-Paramedic, Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority & SMG, 600 E. Grand Ave, Chicago, Illinois 60611

Job Responsibilities: Fire Suppression and EMS Response for Navy Pier. Fire Code Inspections and Enforcement. Fire Alarm and Fire Suppression System Inspections. Air Quality Monitoring. Field Training Officer (FTO). EMS Provider Billing, Scheduling, and Payroll. Ordering, Re-Stocking EMS Supplies for the MPEA EMS System. Public Education. Instructing CPR and AED Classes for Navy Pier Employees. General Fire Safety and Loss Prevention Duties. Interact/assist security with their duties daily. Currently oversee ALL daily Fire/EMS Operations at Navy Pier, as well as budgeting and equipment replacement and EMS system coordination with St. Francis medical director. Oversight and emergency planning for various large-scale events, oversight of in-house occupancy safety inspections, vehicle safety inspections. Obtained Storm Ready Certification for Navy Pier through the National Weather Service, making Navy Pier the first outdoor venue in the City of Chicago to obtain this certification.

November 11, 2010, to October 2017, Captain/Paramedic, Thornton Fire Department, 115 E. Margaret St. Thornton, IL 60476

Job Responsibilities: Fire Suppression, EMS Response, Engineer (Driver), Training, EMS Scheduling, EMS supplies, Oversight of ALS ambulance program. Line officer duties, EMS officer, Training Officer, EMS Officer, Replacement vehicle planning and design, grant writing. Incident Command Officer, Recruitment, New employee orientation

March 15, 2007, to February 1, 2011, Paramedic, Sandwich Community Fire Protection District, 310 E. Railroad Street Sandwich, Illinois 60548

Job Responsibilities: EMS for Community and Rural Setting Covering 60 Square Miles In 3 Counties. Responsible for fire suppression as needed.

December 1998 to February 28, 2006, Part Time Fire Fighter-EMT, Lansing Fire Department, 19300 Burnham Ave Lansing, Illinois 60438

Job Duties: Fire and EMS Response, Engineering of Engine, Truck, Squad, and Ambulance Companies. Public Education. Fire Inspections. Completed Accredited Cadet Program at The Rank of Lieutenant In 2002 And Completed Fire Fighter II Academy and Assumed the Rank of Firefighter in September 2002.

March 13, 2003, to July 19, 2005 & September 22, 2008 to October 1, 2011, Paramedic, Bud's (Daley's) Ambulance, 1234 E. Sibley Blvd. Dolton, Illinois 60419

Job Duties: 911 Ambulance For 16 Contract Towns. Non-Emergency Transport. Vehicle Upkeep. New Employee Training

**EDUCATION**

1998-2002, T.F. South High School, High School Diploma

January 2002 to July 2002, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Fire Fighter II Academy, OSFM FF II And Hazardous Materials Certified

August 2002 to December 2002, South Suburban Hospital-College EMT-B Program, IDPH EMT-B Licensed

August 2009-August 2010, South Suburban College / Ingalls Hospital Paramedic Program

April 2006, American Heart Association-UIC Hospital BLS Instructor Course, American Heart Association BLS Instructor Certified

May 2002, I.F.S.I. Champagne, Advanced Fire Ground Tactics and Operations

February 2002, Scuba Diving International Surface Ice Rescue Specialist Course, SDI Surface Ice Rescue Specialist Certified # 90537

Rasmussen College, Mokena, Illinois. January 2016-June 2016. A.A.S with Honors, Fire Science

Purdue University Global, B.S. Fire & Emergency Management, 2020, Magna Cum Laude

Various other training topics covered thru in house-in district training that certificates were not issued for, Such as but not limited to: Extrication, Engineering Ops, LP Gas Firefighting, EMS for animals in fire situations, high angle rescue assistance, dive rescue assistance, fire investigation and crime scene preservation, driving safety, RIT & self rescue, Airport response and air vehicle firefighting.....

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Member Of the International Association of Fire Marshalls

Member of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)  
Member of the Iowa Association of Professional Fire Chiefs  
Member of the Iowa Fire Chiefs Association  
Member of the International Fire Chiefs' Association  
Member of the Iowa Firefighters Association

#### AWARDS

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2002 Lansing Fire Department Training Award for Most Training Hours Department Wide  
MPEA Certificate of Excellence Award for Masters of The Street Chrome Ball-November 2005  
FEMA Certificate of Achievement for Completion of The Professional Development Series Courses-May 2007  
MPEA Certificate of Excellence for New Years Eve 2008 at Navy Pier  
MPEA Certificate of Excellence for Locating Missing Elderly Man from Wisconsin and Reuniting Him with Family in Chicago-February 2008  
MPEA Certificate of Excellence Assistance related to the Elevator Mechanical Room Fire at Navy Pier October 2008  
MPEA Certificate of Excellence for Duties on Presidential Election Night 2008 at Navy Pier-November 2008  
MPEA Winning with Teamwork Award Certificate for: EMS Scheduling, Billing & Payroll duties-November 2008  
MPEA Certificate of Excellence for Response/Actions relative to the Windglider (Carnival Ride) Accident/Crash During Winter Wonder Fest-December 2008  
Navy Pier Life Saving Award, April 2019, Successful resuscitation of a cardiac arrest.  
Navy Pier Life Saving Award, July 2019, Traumatic injury on a 6-week-old child during a civil unrest event.  
Iowa Society of Fire Service Instructors 2025 Instructor of the Year Award  
Storm Lake Fire Department, Unit Citation Award, Ice Rescue, 2025

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2. Proposed Ordinance No. 1822: **An Ordinance establishing the Town of Highland** Downtown District a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA). (Introduced by Councilor Scheeringa at the May 27, 2025 Town Council Plenary Meeting. No further action was taken. A simple majority is required to pass.

Councilor Scheeringa moved the passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 1822. Councilor Black seconded. Upon a roll call vote, there were four (4) affirmatives, No negatives and one (1) abstention, with Councilors Georgeff, Turich, Black and Scheeringa voting in the affirmative and Councilor Robertson abstaining. The motion passed an Ordinance No. 1822 was adopted pending the signature of the municipal executive.

ORDINANCE No. 1822  
**of the**  
TOWN of HIGHLAND, INDIANA

**An Ordinance Establishing the Town of Highland Downtown  
Designated Outdoor  
Refreshment Area.**

WHEREAS, Ind. Code 7.1-3-31 provides authority to a municipality, defined as a city or town, to enact an ordinance creating Designated Outdoor Refreshment Areas (DORA); and

WHEREAS, the Town Council believes it is in the best interest of the Town to create a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area in the downtown area, as authorized by Indiana Code 7.1-3-31 et seq., which area is shown on the attached Map, which is designated as "Exhibit A" and incorporated by reference herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Highland, Indiana, as follows:

1. All definitions in Ind. Code 7.1-2-31 et seq. shall apply to this Ordinance.
2. The map of the Downtown Highland Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area attached hereto as "Exhibit A", and incorporated herein by reference is hereby approved and confirmed.
3. That the Downtown Highland Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area boundary (Exhibit A) shall be defined as follows:



Starting at the Northeast corner of 2705 Highway Avenue and heading south along 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to the corner of Ridge Road at American Legion Post 180, 8727 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Following due East adjacent to Ridge Road to Kennedy Avenue. Continuing East Across Kennedy Avenue along the Erie Lackawanna Trail to 5<sup>th</sup> Street. From 5<sup>th</sup> Street traveling East on the North side of Ridge Road to Main Square Park. Circumnavigating the perimeter of Main Square Park, within the park, not extending beyond the South, East, and North borders of the fence. Exiting Main Square Park at the Southeast corner of Highway Avenue and traveling across 5<sup>th</sup> Street to the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Street at 2943 Highway Avenue. Then, traveling North on the West side of 5<sup>th</sup> Street to the Southeast corner of 2943 Highway Avenue. Traveling West along the Northside of Highway Avenue to 2849 Highway Avenue. The border then extends to the Northern wall of each business on Highway Avenue between 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Kennedy Avenue to the West wall of 2803 Highway Avenue. Crossing on the North side of Highway Avenue to the West side of Kennedy Avenue and traveling North along the West side of Kennedy Avenue to the Northeast corner of 2756 Kennedy Avenue. Heading West on the South side of Condit Street to the Erie Lackawanna Trail and heading Southeast to the trail intersection at Highway Avenue. Continuing from the trail intersection at Highway Avenue due West on the Northside of Highway Avenue and ending at the Northeast corner of 2705 Highway Ave.

4. The Town Council finds that the DORA is consistent with zoned areas that allow for commercial, retail and entertainment establishments.
5. IC 7.1-3-31 gives retailer permittees and temporary permittees located in a DORA the ability to allow persons twenty-one and over to leave their premises with open containers of alcohol up to a certain threshold, which the person may consume anywhere in the DORA.
  - a. Nothing in this Ordinance prohibits a business, landlord, or other establishment from prohibiting open containers of alcoholic beverages to enter their premises or from prohibiting alcoholic beverages purchased from another establishment to enter their premises. Any such establishment shall post conspicuous notice of such prohibition at the entrances to such establishment.

- b. The Town of Highland maintains full authority and control over the sidewalks and common area, and no one may prohibit or limit open containers in accordance with Indiana Code 7.1-3-31 within the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area in those spaces, except for the Town of Highland Police Department in the exercise of its law enforcement duties.
  - c. Alcoholic beverages in a DORA Container are prohibited from entering the premises of another Designated Permittee and/or Vendor.
  - d. Any business, residence, landlord, building owner, retailer, real property owner, lessee, and/or other establishment located in a DORA may, on a non-discriminatory basis, refuse to allow patron(s) to enter their premises, building, property, or business with an alcoholic beverage. Any business or premises which elects to exercise a right of refusal or to otherwise deny patrons entry with alcoholic beverages shall post signage indicating such an election.
6. The Downtown Highland Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area shall be active during the following days and times:  
January I -December 31  
Monday - Thursday,  
12pm to 10pm  
Friday- Sunday,  
10am to 11pm
7. The following are proposed Designated Permittees within the Highland DORA:  
Designated Permittees:  
1. American Legion Post  
180, 8727 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
2. Fuzzyline Brewing Co,  
2712 Condit Street  
3. Growlers on Highway, 2816 Highway Ave  
4. Langel's Pizza, 2833 Highway Ave  
5. Jose's Family Restaurant, 2934 Highway Ave

8. Any additional licensed premise located within the Downtown Highland DORA that desires to be a "Designated Permittee" and/or any business the desires to be a "Vendor" within the Downtown Highland DORA and granted a "refreshment area designation" shall submit "State Form 57288 - Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area Designation", which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as "Exhibit B", for approval by the Town Council by resolution prior to submittal of State Form 57288 being sent to the Indiana ATC for review.

Furthermore, and more specifically, this form shall be submitted to the Town for placement on a Town Council agenda as a resolution for review and potential approval prior to:

- a. A Designated Permittee expanding their operations into the Area outside of their designated outdoor patio area.
  - b. An Approved Vendor, either by this Ordinance or future Resolution, requesting a temporary permit to serve in the area.
  - c. Any Organization holding a special event in the Area with a Vendor requesting a temporary permit to serve.
9. The signage designating the Downtown Highland DORA attached as "Exhibit C" and incorporated by reference is hereby approved and adopted and directs the Town to place the signage at designated locations at the boundaries of the DORA. Signs shall be a combination and include but may not be limited to pole mounts and sidewalk decals.
10. The Town Council recognizes that additional signage designating the Town of Highland Downtown Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area may be warranted and necessary, and therefore town staff is hereby authorized and granted full authority to increase the number or change the type of signage in their sole discretion.
11. Participating, licensed designated permittees, vendors and patrons within the established DORA will be required to follow the local guidelines herein attached and more specifically set forth as "Exhibit D", all of which is in accordance with local and State laws.
12. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication pursuant to Indiana law.

13. Persons may not consume beverages within a DORA which (1) were not purchased from a Designated Permittee or Vendor and/or (2) which were brought from outside a DORA into the subject DORA. The refilling of an authorized container with alcoholic or other beverages is strictly prohibited. Individuals found to be in violation of this section shall be subject to a fine of up to Five Hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$500.00).

14. In accordance with Indiana Code 7.1-3-31 et seq.:

a. A person may consume an alcoholic beverage purchase from a

designated permittee or vendor anywhere within the refreshment area boundaries, subject to the right of any retailer permittee or business within the refreshment area to refuse to allow individuals to enter the licensed premises or business with an alcoholic beverage.

b. All Designated Permittees and Vendors may allow a person to exit the designated permittee's or vendor's licensed premises with not more than two (2) open containers of an alcoholic beverage at a time. The contents of an open container may not exceed the following:

1. Beer or flavored malt beverage of not more than sixteen (16) ounces.
2. Wine, cider, or hard seltzer of not more than twelve (12) ounces.
3. A mixed drink of not more than ten (10) ounces containing not more than two (2) ounces of liquor.

15. Glass containers may only be allowed in a Designated Permittee's Outdoor dining area and may not be removed into the Downtown Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area.

16. Designated Permittees and approved Vendors may use only non-breakable plastic or metal bottles, plastic cups, paper cups, or metal cups affixed with a logo or label that identifies the container for use only in the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area.

17. The Town of Highland shall adopt and approve a DORA container label, the design of which shall include the DORA Logo and/or any other information approved or so required by the Highland Town Council.
18. The Highland Town Council may delegate and designate a department, agent, entity, or individual the right to serve as the exclusive designer, manufacturer, distributor, and/or retailer and service provider of DORA Containers and/or Container Labels for use in DORA(s).
19. Proceeds obtained from the sale of authorized DORA Containers and/or Container Labels shall be used, in part, to assist the town of Highland in payment of costs and expenses associated with signage, public safety, sanitation costs, events, improvements, and operations of the DORAs. All other proceeds shall be the exclusive and sole property and/or be incorporated into the budget of the designated department, agent, entity, or individual responsible for those obligations.
20. Beverages consumed within a Designated Permittee's or Vendor's premises are not required to be in a DORA Container.
21. A Designated Permittee approved by the Town of Highland and Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission shall continuously maintain a trash receptacle(s) outside of all main entrances to their premises at their sole cost and expense.
22. The carryout privileges that a Designated Permittee may have under the scope of the Designated Permittee's other permits or licenses shall not be impacted or otherwise affected by being located within a DORA. Carryout of sealed original containers shall be permitted, but said containers shall not be opened or consumed within a DORA.
23. Failure of a Designated Permittee and/or Vendor to comply with this ordinance shall result in an immediate revocation of a Designated Permittee's and/or Vendor's right and ability to participate in a DORA. In such an event, the Town of Highland or its designated department or agent, shall deliver or serve notice of such revocation to Designated Permittee and/or Vendor. Said revocation shall contain the following: (i) that the revocation shall be immediately effective; (ii) that the

Designated Permittee and/or Vendor shall immediately cease their participation in the DORA; and (iii) the basis for the revocation.

- ☹☹ Fine. In the alternative of a revocation of a Designated Permittee's or Vendor's right and ability to participate in the DORA, the Town of Highland or its designated department or agent may issue a fine to a Designated Permittee or Vendor for their failure to comply with this ordinance in an amount not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00). The issuance of said fine shall comply with the notice requirements set forth in the preceding section.

Introduced and Filed 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025. Consideration on same day or at same meeting of introduction was not considered pursuant to IC 36-5-2-9.8.

**DULY ORDAINED and ADOPTED** this 23rd Day of June May 2025, by the Town Council of the Town of Highland, Lake County, Indiana, having been passed by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 opposed and 1 abstaining.

**TOWN COUNCIL of the TOWN of  
HIGHLAND, INDIANA**

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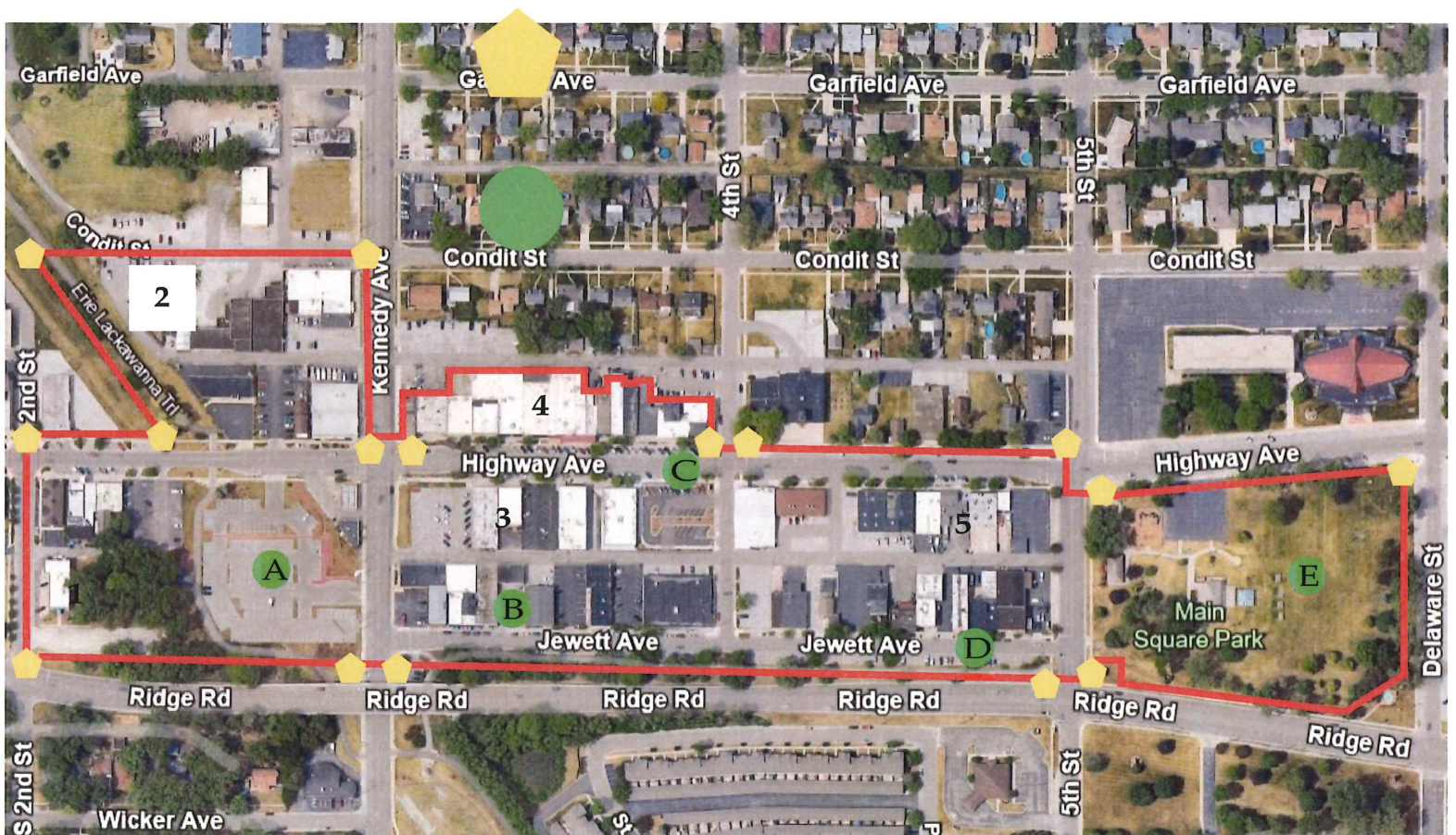
George Georgeff, President (IC 36-5-2-10)

Attest:

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Mark Herak  
Clerk-Treasurer (IC 33-42-4-1; IC 36-5-6-5; IC 36-5-2-10.2)

"Exhibit A"



Sign Locations  
 Parking Lot

1) American Legion Post 180

A) Municipal

2) Fuzzyline Brewing Co B) Jewett Ave Alcove Lot

Vendor Areas  
 Ave Block

3) Growlers on Highway

C) Highway

Ave Block

4) Langel's Pizza / Rodney's

D) Jewett

Permit Holders  
 Square Park

5) Jose's Family Restaurant

E) Main





**"EXHIBIT B"**

**DESIGNATED OUTDOOR  
REFRESHMENT AREA (DORA)  
DESIGNATION  
State Form 57288 (R / 7-24)**

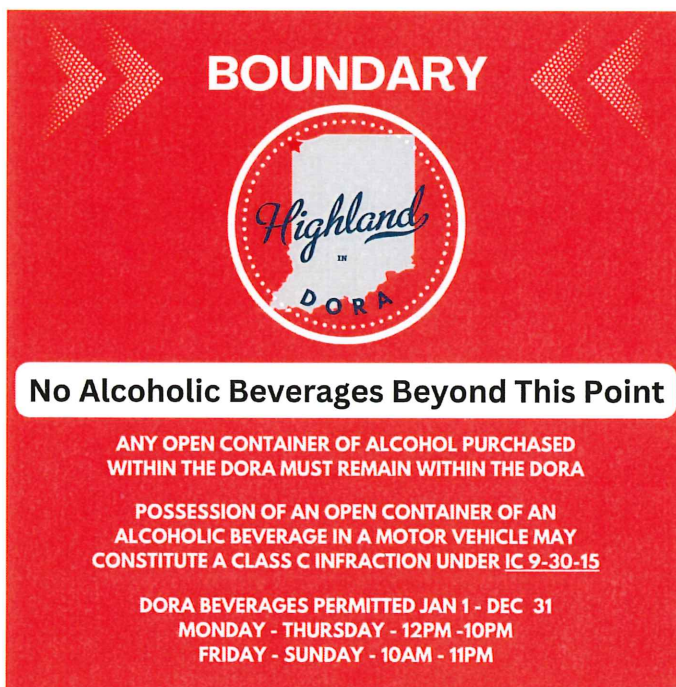
INDIANA ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO COMMISSION  
302 West Washington Street, Room E-114 Indianapolis,  
IN 46204  
(317) 232-2430  
[www.in.gov/atc](http://www.in.gov/atc)

- INSTRUCTIONS:** 1. Please type or print clearly.  
2. There is no fee or charge to be designated as part of a designated outdoor refreshment area (DORA).  
3. If you hold a retailer or craft manufacturer permit that is located within the boundaries of a DORA and are requesting to be a designated permittee, please complete Sections 1, 3, and 4 below.  
4. If you are or will be obtaining a temporary beer and wine permit, requesting supplemental catering authority, or are a craft manufacturer requesting to operate within a DORA on a temporary basis, please complete Sections 2, 3, and 4 below.  
5. If you have any questions regarding DORAs, please visit [www.in.gov/atc/alcohol-permit-resources/designated-outdoor-refreshment-areas/](http://www.in.gov/atc/alcohol-permit-resources/designated-outdoor-refreshment-areas/).

SECTION 1: RETAILERS & CRAFT MANUFACTURERS		
Permittee name (as printed on permit)	Permit number	
Doing business as (d/b/a)	Permit expiration date (mm/dd/yyyy)	
Address of permit premises (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code)		
Name of person making application	Telephone number	E-mail address
Has the DORA already been approved by the ATC? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	DORA number (approved DORAs only)	
SECTION 2: TEMPORARY VENDORS, SUPPLEMENTAL CATERERS & CRAFT MANUFACTURERS		
Please select one: <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary beer and wine permit <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental catering permit <input type="checkbox"/> Craft manufacturer (artisan distiller, farm winery, small brewer)		
Permittee name (as printed on permit)	Permit number (caterers and craft manufacturers only)	
Doing business as (d/b/a)	Permit expiration date (mm/dd/yyyy) (caterers and craft manufacturers only)	
Name of person making application	Telephone number	E-mail address
DORA number (approved DORAs only)	Start date (mm/dd/yyyy)	End date (mm/dd/yyyy)
SECTION 3: LOCAL JURISDICTION APPROVAL		
Printed name of city or town official	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	
Signature	Title	
SECTION 4: CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE		
I hereby certify that I have reviewed this application form prior to signing, and that all information provided herein is true and correct. I acknowledge and understand that it is a felony under Indiana law to misrepresent or falsify any portion of this application or attached documents.		
Printed name of applicant	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	
Signature	Title	



"EXHIBIT C"



"EXHIBIT D"

Downtown Highland Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area

The DORA is a designated area where alcoholic beverages can be purchased in a marked container from participating establishments and carried within the district.

- The Downtown Highland DORA is in effect January 1-December 31. Monday through Thursday from 12pm to 10pm & Friday through Sunday from 10am to 11pm.
- Patrons must be age 21 or over.
- No outside alcoholic beverages are permitted to be consumed in the DORA.
- DORA beverages may be purchased only at participating liquor establishments.
- DORA drinks are allowed only within the DORA boundaries.
- Exit signage is placed at the boundaries of the DORA, and DORA beverages are not permitted outside of these exit points.
- Pre-packaged beverages are not permitted to be dispensed as a DORA beverage.
- Only specific cups with the DORA logo are permitted to be used for DORA beverages.
- No glass containers are permitted in the DORA area.
- Patrons may enjoy their beverage outdoors (staying within the DORA boundaries).
- Any business or premises located in a DORA which allows patrons to enter their premises, building, property, or business with an alcoholic beverage shall be required to post signage indicating that said business or premises is a participant in the DORA and that alcoholic beverages are permitted.
- Alcoholic beverages in a DORA Container are prohibited from entering the premises of another Designated Permittee and/or Vendor.
- Possession of an open container of an alcoholic beverage in a motor vehicle may constitute a Class C infraction under IC 9-30-15.

- All Designated Permittees must continuously provide and maintain a trash receptacle(s) outside of each main entrance to their establishment at the sole cost of the owner/permittee.

Safety and nuisance laws are strictly enforced. Patrons participating in the DORA should enjoy the DORA responsibly, respect the residents and businesses, and never drink and drive.

**Comments from the Town Council:**

*(Good of the order)*

- **Councilor Doug Turich:** *Park and Recreation Board Liaison • Liaison and Plan Commission Member • Advisory Board of Zoning Appeals Liaison • Redevelopment Commission Member • Liaison to Building & Inspection Department*

Councilor Turich said the Park Board met in a special meeting last Thursday to formalize an offer to Tim Diamond of Griffith, as the new Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, succeeding Alex Brown who is retiring. The motion to hire passed unanimously.

- **Councilor Alex Robertson:** *• Redevelopment Commission Member • Fire Department Liaison • Public Works Liaison • Liaison to Main Street Bureau • Liaison to the Tree Board • Liaison to the Highland Neighbor for Sustainability.*

Councilor Robertson had no report.

- **Councilor Thomas (Tom) Black:** *Redevelopment Commission Liaison and Member • Member of the Lake County Solid Waste Management District Board • Member of the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIPRC) • Shared Ethics Representative • Liaison Traffic Safety*

Councilor Black had no report.

- **Councilor Philip Scheeringa:** *Redevelopment Commission Member • Information Communications and Technology Department Liaison • Metropolitan Police Commissioners Liaison.*

Councilor Scheeringa congratulated the Highland Girls Softball Team who won sectionals and to the boys who were winning 10-0 when he left.

- **Councilor George Georgeff:** *Town Executive (I.C. 36-1-2-5-(4); I.C. 36-5-2-2; I.C. 36-5-2-7); • Board of Trustees of the Police Pension Fund, Chair (By Law) • Budget Committee Chairman • Redevelopment Commission Member • Liaison to the Board of Water Works • Liaison to the Sanitary Board*

Councilor Georgeff reminded the Council that at he will be absent from next Monday's plenary meeting, as he will be on vacation.

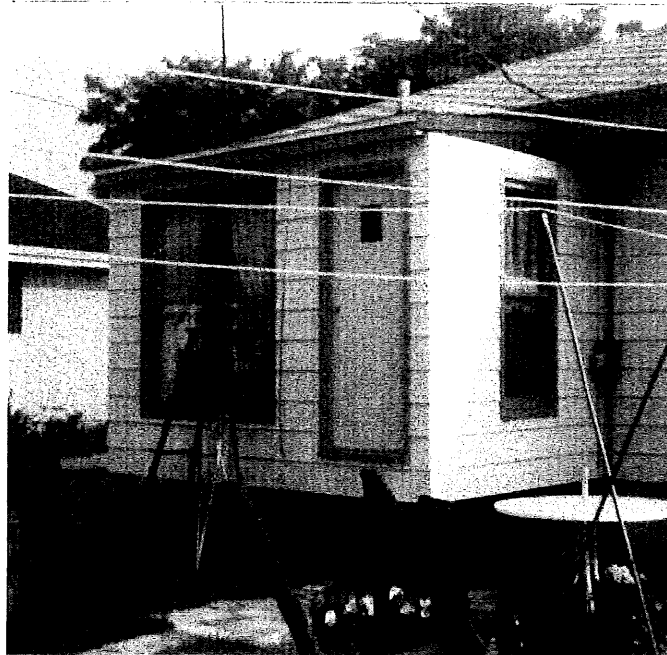
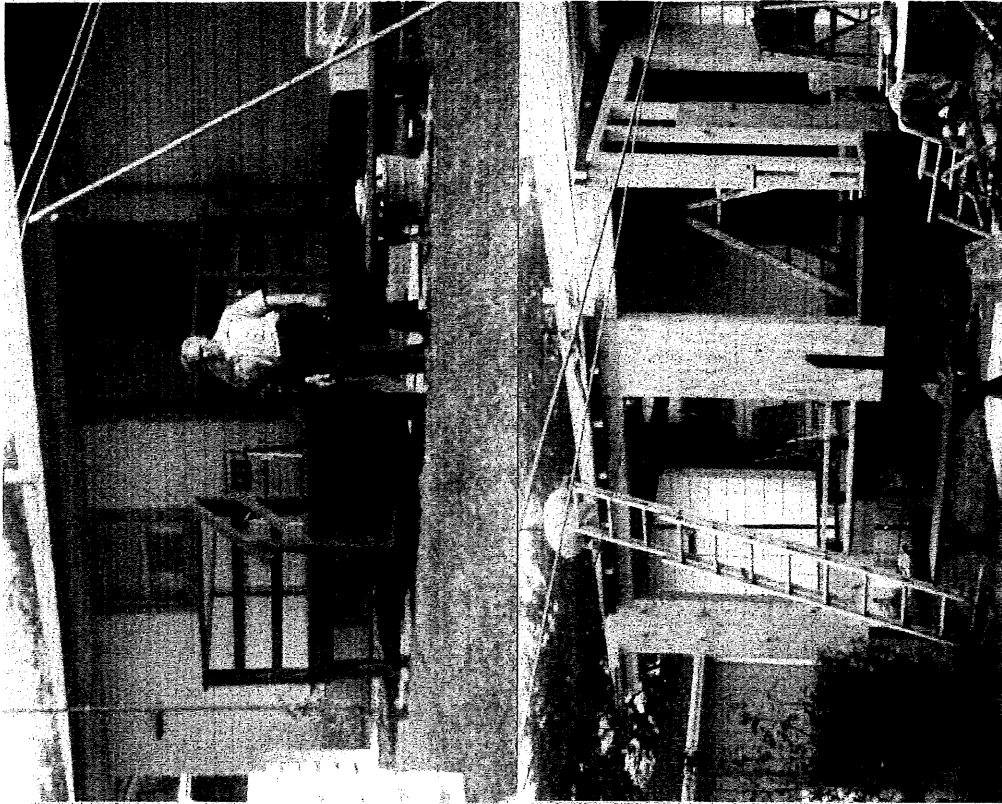
That concluded comments from the Council and President Georgeff then turned it over to comments from visitor's or residents, reminding them to limit their comments to 2 minutes.

#### **Comments from Visitors or Residents:**

Theresa Pecsek, Highland began by passing out to the Council pictures of her father building a deck onto their house at 9428 O'Day Drive. This was around 1979. She said her father began by building a deck and then decided to enclose it. She said the reason she wanted to bring this up was back in 1978 when her dad built the deck, Tony Zaktulak was the Building Commissioner and her father came to the Town and got a building permit. He later decided to enclose the porch around 1980. He came to the Town and was advised that it was no longer a deck but an enclosed structure and he would have to build a foundation. He dug a hole about 6 feet deep and poured a slab and he kind of made it l-shaped. She said her dad got disgusted with the Town and he blew off the Town and went ahead and built his structure anyway. She said she didn't remember the detail but it dealt with the way he wanted to attach a roof to the underside of the soffit and the Town wanted it attached a different way. Everything her dad did was freestanding. After her father passed, the estate hired the Ruiz Family to tear the whole thing and redo the deck. She said the contractor attached the starter board to the sill but never protected the sill and over time a hole developed in the plywood on the house. There's a massive hole there and she had to rebuild the opening where that sliding door was and she replaced it with a steel door but that did not solve the problem because she didn't know the starter board was bad and she ended up having to tear down the entire deck. When she removed the entire deck, she found out that the contractor had not protected the sill and the sill had rotted. Making matters worse, there were termites everywhere. She brought this up because Mr. Zaktulak had retired and Ken Mika has taken his place. She realized Mr. Mika was not the Building Commissioner when her dad built the porch. She knows that Mr. Mika is a member of the fire department and he spends time between the fire department and the building department. When her father was building the deck, nobody from Town of Highland came out to inspect. She felt it was the obligation of the Building Commissioner to protect our citizens from contractors who are not doing their job correctly and even homeowners who are not doing things correctly. This can't happen if our Builder Commissioner and the people working for him are going to sites to inspect jobs. When Ruiz applied the siding, they did not apply any kind of flashing or caulk. Their board was right up against the starter board and it created this v-shaped groove, which accumulated moisture and caused the wood to rot. She felt that we should select a new Building Commissioner and set stringent rules what he can and cannot do. She said it

was okay with being on the fire department but not spend time there during the daytime hours which affects his job performance. Contractors are at people's houses, mostly between 7 o'clock a.m. and 2 o'clock p.m. If he has things to do at the fire station, have him do it later in the afternoon or evening. I have seen his car in the parking lot at 8 o'clock p.m. or 8:30 o'clock p.m. and even 9:00 o'clock p.m. and she was presuming he was doing paperwork but he needs to be out in the field when the contractors are working. When her dad was building the deck and porch, no one from the Town came out to inspect. It was the same when Ruiz was rebuilding the deck and it took Ruiz four (4) months to complete the project. She even had Randy Bowman from the Town take a look at the work by Ruiz. Mr. Bowman told her that the Town has been having problem with this particular contractor since 2004. Eventually, Mr. Mika did pull their contractor's license. She didn't know why it took Mr. Mika so long to pull their license. Maybe he was related to them? She thought that this Town needs to really go out and look at people's property with more involvement from our Building Commissioner and the people who work for him so others don't end up as she did with rotten sills and termites.

The Clerk-Treasurer said Mr. Mika runs a very top notch department. He is very ethical and he's not related to the Ruiz's and has no control what happened back in 1978. We now have a department of three (3) and they are everyday inspecting job sites and finding code violations. We can't discredit Mr. Mika from what happened prior to his employment with the Town. Ken works his butt off for this Town and he's retired from the fire department. 1st thing in the morning, he's out driving around inspecting job sites. The same for Carl and Nick. He said I would have thought that once your Dad was completed, he would have called from a final inspection and get an occupancy permit. If he was disgusted as you said, maybe he didn't get another building permit or call for a final inspection.



He asked if there were any other comments. Hearing none, he closed comments from the public and brought it back to the Council. He asked for a motion to pay claims.

There being no further comments from visitors or residents, Councilor Robertson moved to allow the payroll dockets . Councilor Scheeringa seconded. Upon a roll call vote, there were five (5) affirmatives and no negatives. The motion passed. The payroll dockets were ratified and for all remaining invoices, the Clerk-Treasurer was authorized to make payment.

Payroll Docket for payday of May 30, 2025 by fund:  
General, \$323,879.74

Payroll Docket for payday of May 30, 2025:

Office of Clerk-Treasurer, 24,807.49; Building and Inspection Department, \$11,524.82; Metropolitan Police Department, \$144,659.62; Public Works Department (Agency), \$81,245.27; Fire Department, \$2,348.40; and Information and Technology Department, \$4,354.35;  
Total Payroll: \$268,939.95

Payroll Docket for payday of May 30, 2025, by fund:

Total Payroll by fund: \$79,321.49

Payroll Docket for payday May 30, 2025

Boards & Commissions. \$13,807.62; Police Pension, \$64,457.57

Total Payroll: \$78,265.19

Adjournment of Plenary Meeting. There being no further business on the agenda, the Town Council President declared the regular plenary meeting of the Town Council of Monday, June 2, 2025, adjourned at 6:55 o'clock p.m.

Mark Herak  
Clerk-Treasurer

Approved by the Town Council at its meeting of June 9, 2025.