

TOWN COUNCIL
December 15, 2014

The Flora Town Council met Monday, December 15, 2014 in the Fireside Building. Those present were; Ron Fritz, Ted Donoho, Bill McCarty, Karla Jenkins, Adam Randle, Keely Gibson (Clinton County Disposal), Tom and Peggy Stigers, Paul J. Redmon, Susan Scholl, Dick T. Bishop, David Albaugh, Josh Ayres, and Joretta Tinsman.

Joshua Ayres opened the meeting with welcome. David Albaugh moved the minutes of the previous meeting (November 3, 2014) be approved as presented; Josh Ayres seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Trash Contract ~ David moved to award three year trash contract to lowest bidder~Clinton County Disposal (\$277,500.00). Josh seconded. Motion carried.
- B. USDA grant update~ wastewater lateral upgrade ~David has no new information.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Committees & Appointments ~ Council asked that Joretta invite the following to renew their appointment terms expiring December 31, 2014:
Susan Denny to the Park and Recreation Board.
Bret Hanaway to Economic Development.
Ann Brown to the Aviation Board.
Don Shively approved for the Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals.
- B. Monroe Township Fire Protection ~ David moved to accept the 2015 agreement in the amount of \$4,000.00 yearly. Josh seconded. Motion carried.
- C. Carrollton Township Fire Protection ~ David moved to approve the 2015 agreement in the amount of \$1,700.00 yearly. Josh seconded. Motion carried.
- D. Flora Senior Center ~ David moved to accept the agreement for services in 2015 in the amount of \$5,400.00 yearly. Josh seconded. Motion carried.
- E. Umbaugh~1st Qtr 2015 Tracking Factor ~ David moved to accept first quarter 2015 IMPA tracker for the electric utility in the amount of \$0.005292 per KWH used per month. This represents an increase in the overall tracking factor of \$0.004455. Josh seconded. First quarter tracking factor approved.
- F. 2015 Council Meeting Schedule and 2015 Holiday Schedule ~ Council approved as presented with one substitution ~ Columbus Day for Christmas Eve, December 24, 2015. September town council will be the second Monday-in September (Sept 14th) due to Labor Day holiday September 7, 2015.
- G. Peggy & Tom Stigers ~ Owners of Pizza King present requesting the Mitchell's Mexican Truck not come park in the Rinehart parking lot during the peak hours of established restaurant businesses in Flora. The Stigers have always attempted

to “Shop Flora First” and would like the same respect given to them. Some investigation will be done on ordinances in other cities and towns on food vending trucks and will re-visit this issue at the January town council meeting.

- H. Health Insurance Quote ~Norris Insurance Agent, Glendon Wolfe, presented a new quote from Pekin Insurance including a disability plan for \$242,451.12 per year which is lower than United Healthcare quote of \$293,625.00 (does not include disability insurance). Council approved the Pekin quote.
- I. Recycling ~ To maintain recycling in Flora, Joretta recommended the town consider purchasing the disbanded CCRC truck and hire a part-time person to pick up recycling (approximately 16 hours per week). Josh will talk with Carroll Consolidated School about charging them to pick up recycling to help with expenses for the truck, driver, fuel and insurance. In the future may have to consider charging other businesses and possibly will have to add a charge to residents for both trash and recycling as we have discussed previously.

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REPORTS:

- A. Town Marshal – Paul Redmon submitted and reviewed November police report. There were 13 Misdemeanor arrest, 6 Felony arrest, 11 Citations, 8 Warnings, 46 Calls for service, 0 Accidents, 1 searches/probation and 2 Warrants. Paul mentioned that after the first of the year need to do a sign study and replace signs to comply with new standard, Section 2A.09.
- B. Plan Commission – Issued one building permit in November including Joe & Marian Fife a permit for a new home at 818 S Circle Drive.
- C. Fire Department – Adam Randle is the new fire chief. Assistant Chief is Todd Trent. They are working on new by-laws. Also working on a five to ten year financial plan. For month of November reported 60 medical runs and 5 fire runs. Need to have a new picture done for the website ~ probably in the spring.
- D. Park Department – No one present.
- E. Airport – No one present.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Josh reviewed report. Ted reviewed his report and answered questions from the Council. Will still be picking up leaves as long as the weather holds. Town Council needs to appoint one of the employees to go to IMPA meetings when Chuck is done in March, 2015.
- G. WWT Superintendent – Josh reviewed report. Bill has asked that contractors do no more road cuts to repair sewer laterals this winter. Asphalt cannot be repaired until spring. Dirt from sewer projects will be taken to the Brethren Home rather than to the dump area as dump area is running out of room. Nineteen of the sewer lateral repair projects are finished at this time. Bill attended a three day training seminar in Indianapolis.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Town offices closed Thursday, December 25th and Friday, December 26th and Thursday, January 1st. Trash will run on Saturday, December 27, 2014 and Saturday, January 3, 2015. Residential recycle on Wednesday, December 24, 2014, and Wednesday December 31, 2014. Business recycle will not run on Friday, December 26, 2014.
2. Year-end town council meeting will be Monday, December 29, 2014 at noon.
3. Next regular town council meeting will be Monday, January 5, 2015 at 6 PM.

David made a motion to adjourn, Josh seconded; motion carried.

TOWN OF FLORA

Joshua S. Ayres, President

David B. Albaugh, Vice President

ABSENT

Vincent A. Seward, Finance Chairman

ATTEST:

Joretta L. Tinsman, Clerk-Treasurer