

TOWN COUNCIL
December 7, 2015

The Flora Town Council met Monday, December 7, 2015 in the Board Room at 4 East Main Street. Those present were; Theresa Brown, Melissa Bishop, Laurie Brower, Bill McCarty, Dan Worl (IMPA), Karla Jenkins, Dick T. Bishop, Susan Scholl, David Pippenger, Todd Trent, Kevin Clothier, Jill Clothier, Jessica Young, Paul Redmon, James Bishop, Darrell Yoder, Vince Seward, Josh Ayres, and Joretta Tinsman.

Joshua Ayres opened the meeting with welcome. Vince moved the minutes of the previous meeting (November 2, 2016) and Executive Meeting (November 3, 2016) be approved as presented; Darrell seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Opening of Demolition Bids ~ 1. Bowyer Excavating, Peru Indiana \$17,000.00 for house plus \$193,000.00 for Brethren Home (total bid of \$210,000.00).
2. R & W Contracting, West Lafayette total bid of \$240,714.00. Vince moved to table bids for demolition of house at 105 West Columbia and Brethren Home at 801-803 West Columbia. Darrell seconded. Motion carried.
- B. Commonwealth Engineers ~ Estimate for water system improvements is high. Vince Sommers will meet with Ted Donoho & Ron Fritz to scale back project.
- C. Carroll County Chamber ~ Josh read a letter from Executive Director, Julia Leahy, reducing amount of requested 2016 chamber dues she made at the November town council meeting from \$4,000.00 to \$3,000.00. Darrell moved 2016 Carroll County Chamber of Commerce dues be paid in the amount of \$2,000.00. Vince seconded. Motion carried.
- D. Depot Project ~ Council questioned Melissa Bishop regarding location of the South stakes for building site of the Depot asking her to be sure the building is not on the railroad right of way prior to ground breaking scheduled for December 18th at 2:30 PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. IMPA/Solar Park ~ Resolution 2015-04 ~ Darrell moved to accept Declaratory Resolution 2015-04 for Solar Park Tax Abatement for equipment. Vince seconded. Motion carried. Vince moved to approve \$14,000.00 to be taken out of the EDIT fund to supplement IMPA's \$27,000.00 offer for the land purchase from Flora Community Club (4.16 acre tract on West side of Industrial Park Road appraised at \$50,000.00) making a total of \$40,000.00. Darrell seconded. Motion carried. Community Club will vote on the land sale December 14th. If project goes forward as planned construction would begin in the spring of 2017.
- B. Committee Appointments ~ Vince moved to approve the presented slate of the 2016 committee appointments. Darrell seconded. Motion carried.

- C. 2016 Town Council Meeting Schedule and 2016 Holiday Schedule ~ Darrell moved to approved as presented. Vince seconded. Motion carried.
- D. Health Insurance Renewal ~ Vince made a motion to approve a level funded healthcare plan with Group Plan Solutions, a Division of Pekin Insurance, rather than the self insured plan in 2015. Darrell seconded. Motion carried. The new 2016 monthly premium will be \$21,491.01 saving the town approx. 3% over last year's costs. Council will determine at what level to fund employee HSA accounts at year-end meeting on December 21, 2015

REPORTS:

- A. Town Marshal – Paul Redmon read submitted November report. There was 1 Misdemeanor arrest, 1 Felony arrest, 3 Citations, 2 Warnings, 51 Calls for service, Accidents. Warned residents about break-ins this time of year. Cautioned about posting too much information on face book regarding gifts received and dates going on vacation and so forth.

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- B. Plan Commission – Issued two permits to Citation Homes (Steve Schreckengast) in November for building two new homes in Carriage Estates
- C. Fire Department – Todd Trent reported 13 medical runs and 7 other runs in November. Jack Switzer retired. They have three new firefighters.
- D. Park Department – Darrell moved to approve \$15,000.00 to purchase new playground equipment from Miracles Midwest for the 70' x 80' fenced in preschool play area. Vince seconded. Motion carried. The approved \$15,000.00 from the town's park budget will be added to the \$5,000 grant received from Carroll County Community Foundation for purchasing the equipment, hiring someone to install equipment, and touch up painting and miscellaneous expenses to finish the project.
- E. Airport – No one present.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Josh reviewed report. Commonwealth is working with Ted on upgrading filters.
- G. WWT Superintendent – Josh reviewed report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Year End Town Council Meeting ~ Monday, December 21, 2015 at 6:00 PM.
2. Town Office & Utilities closed Thursday & Friday, December 24th & 25th for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

3. Town Office & Utilities closed on New Year's Day, Friday, January 1, 2016.
4. Next regular Town Council meeting, Monday, January 11, 2016 due to the Holidays.

Vince made a motion to adjourn, Darrell seconded; motion carried.

TOWN OF FLORA

Joshua S. Ayres, President

Vincent A. Seward, Vice President

Darrell Yoder, Finance Chairman

ATTEST:

Joretta L. Tinsman, Clerk-Treasurer