

TOWN COUNCIL

January 11, 2016

Flora Town Council met Monday, January 11, 2016 in the Board Room. Present were; Ron Fritz, Bill McCarty, Ted Donoho, Lane Simpson, Doug Simpson, Ruby Roberson, Tim Roberson, Don Mull, Doug Eversole, Emily Atwood (IMPA), Karla Jenkins, David Albaugh, Susan Scholl, Kevin & Jill Clothier, Todd Trent, Josh Disinger, Paul Redmon, Dick T. Bishop, Joshua Ayres, Vince Seward, Darrell Yoder and Joretta Tinsman.

Joretta Tinsman opened the meeting with welcome and election of officers. Vince Seward moved to appoint Joshua Ayres as President. Darrell Yoder seconded. Darrell Yoder moved to appoint Vincent Seward as Vice President and Josh Ayres seconded. Vince Seward moved to appoint Darrell Yoder as Finance Chairman and Josh Ayres seconded. 2016 Officers set. Josh assumed duties and proceeded with the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING: Emily Atwood with IMPA explained Solar Park Project and the needed tax abatement on the personal property and equipment used to generate electricity at the Solar Park. Construction will begin either in 2016 or 2017.

Resolution 2016-01 ~ Darrell moved to approve the Declaratory Resolution designating an economic revitalization area on application of the Indiana Municipal Power Agency. Vince seconded. Resolution 2016-01 adopted.

Vince moved minutes of previous meetings (December 7 and December 21, 2015) be approved as presented; Darrell seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and Payroll signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Commonwealth ~ Ted reviewed Preliminary Project Design and is working with Commonwealth to trim costs of the water project. Will obtain an income study as first step in obtaining funding. Commonwealth furnishing information to KIRC on a company to do a door to door survey gathering resident's income information to help in setting perimeters for applying for OCRA grant or other funding.
- B. Demolition Bids ~ Vince moved to table the Columbia Street House and former Brethren Home building demolition bids. Darrell seconded. Motion carried.
- C. Depot Project ~ Josh read a letter from Melissa Bishop informing council that Flora Main Street was not awarded the Place Based Investment Fund grant this round for Phase II of the Depot Restoration Project. Will continue to search for funds and work to see this project through to successful completion. Council approved the normal fee of \$100.00 for building permit for the Community Club.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Vietnam Moving Wall ~ Doug Eversole with Carroll County Veterans Assoc. asked permission to bring the Vietnam Moving Wall to the Flora Park from August 4th thru 7th 2016. Seeking the town's support with set up, lighting and traffic. Veterans Association is seeking sponsors and donations to raise money to bring wall to Carroll County at a cost of \$7,500.00. Council granted permission.

- B. Riverboat Funds ~ Town of Flora has not received the \$12,000.00 from the County for 2015. County Auditor, Vicky Snipes, is working to disburse funds.
- C. Flora Park Playground Equipment /Eagle Scout Project ~ Lane Simpson asked permission to spearhead the project of equipment installation and fixing up the toddler playground area. Council approved submission of project to Boy Scouts.

REPORTS:

- A. Town Marshal – Paul Redmon submitted and reviewed the December police report. There were 7 Misdemeanor arrests, 8 Felony arrests, 9 Citations, 17 Warnings, 42 Calls for Service, 3 Accidents, 1 Search/Probation, 4 Consents, and 1 Warrant served. Paul reported a lot of gun permits being issued and added there are still life-time gun permits available. Paul is working with Fletcher Dodge Chrysler on purchasing the new Car budgeted for in 2016.

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- B. Plan Commission – There were three building permits issued in December 2015. Tom Kressley Storage Shed. Jose Morales renovation of building. Mary Fisher a sidewalk permit.
- C. Fire Department – Todd Trent reported 11 medical runs and 3 fire calls in December. Trent requested guidance from the Council on replacing aging equipment. The grass rig truck #635 (Dodge pickup with 120,000 miles and 25 years old) needs to be refurbished or replaced. The motor is sound but the chassis is giving away. They will do the band aid repairs needed to keep truck in operation until town can budget for a new or used truck in 2017. Fire Department is to present a plan with quotes/figures for trade in or purchase of replacement truck before budget deadline-May or June of 2016.
- D. Park Department – Council reviewed two mower quotes from John Deere. Council made decision to not trade in the one year old and three year old park mowers. Darrell made a motion to trade in the 2011 John Deere gator ~ allowance of \$3,000.00 for a new PR15 TS (Turf Tires) MY 16 Gator with a balance due of \$ 4,275.00. Vince seconded. Motion carried.
- E. Airport – No One Present.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Foreman – Josh read the December Utility report. Ted was present and reported working with Vince Sommers who plans to be present at the February council meeting to present final plans of the water study. Vince Seward moved to trade in the X730 tractor mower at a trade in value of \$7,004.00 on 2015 John Deere X730 with balance due of \$2,350.00 for the new tractor mower with deck. Darrell seconded. Motion carried. Darrell moved to approve the Accounting Services Agreement in the amount of \$6,000.00 from Umbaugh and Associates for the Municipal Water Utility Rate Study. Vince

seconded. Motion carried. Department is dealing with issues caused by the loss of usage of laptop computer for reading meters.

- G. WWT Foreman ~ Josh read the December Wastewater report. Inspected lateral installations and connections at Carriage Estates for two new residences.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1. David Albaugh agreed to serve as Flora's representative on the KIRPC Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. Office closed Monday, January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.
- 2. Next meeting will be Monday, February 1, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

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