

## TOWN COUNCIL

April 3, 2017

The Flora Town Council met Monday, April 3, 2017 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were; Lauri Rice (Carroll County Comet), Gary Parrett, Curt Hufty, Charlotte Moppin, Jose Morales, Melissa Bishop, Ted Donoho, Bill McCarty, Ron Fritz, Karla Jenkins, Atlee Oyler, Todd Trent, Jessica Young, Kevin Clothier, Mark Thomas, Paul J. Redmon, Dick T. Bishop, Darrell Yoder, Vince Seward, Josh Ayres and Joretta Tinsman.

Joshua Ayres opened the meeting with welcome. Vince moved the minutes of the previous meetings (March 6, 2017 & March 17, 2017) be approved as presented; Darrell seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

**PUBLIC HEARING** ~ IMPA Solar Park-Josh read Resolution 2017-02. Public had no questions. Vince moved to pass Resolution 2017-02. Darrell seconded. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Commonwealth Engineer's Agreement ~ Darrell moved to approve and sign to proceed with environmental study. Vince seconded. Motion carried.
- B. Curt Hufty ~ Reported a neighborhood dog running loose and chasing a child. A discussion regarding the issue of dog ordinance followed with regard to higher fines, animal control and pet owner responsibility. Our present ordinance allows four (4) dogs per household. Council still taking under advisement.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Jose Morales ~ Wants to dig up gravel and clean out bushes on the property at 111 North Willow. Council will view the alley in question and Josh Ayres will talk to Bret Hanaway (bushes are on his property line). Discuss at next meeting.
- B. Flora Main Street ~ Melissa Bishop reviewed the annual "To-do" list of projects for downtown Flora. Will schedule street sweeping and clean up of town parking lot. The town parking lot needs to be re-surfaced. Flora Main Street group will come up with a sign design incorporating county branding and the Main Street logo to replace the signage at the east end of SR 18.
- C. Gary Parrett ~ Discussed street access at the intersection of Julius & Mohawk.
- D. H J Umbaugh-2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2017 tracking factor ~ Vince moved to approve the IMPA tracker for the electric utility in the amount of \$0.005512 representing a decrease in the overall tracking factor of \$0.000138. Vince seconded. Motion carried.
- E. Community Shred Day ~ Council granted permission to schedule - \$500.00/4hr.
- F. Willoughby's ~ Council granted permission to block off the West side of town parking lot for a Benefit Ride and Cruise-In for appreciation of Carroll County First Responders on Saturday May 13, 2017 from 10 AM to dusk. Willoughby's

will need to provide a certificate of insurance approved by our insurance carrier-RME.

REPORTS:

- A. Police Department – Paul Redmon submitted his report. There were 7 misdemeanor arrests, 7 felony arrests, 4 citations, 10 warnings, 1 field interview, 57 calls for service, 2 accidents, 1 search/probation, 1 parole, 2 consents and 1 warrant. Paul announced that his department will be contacting and citing property owners who have furniture and junk in their yards and at the curb. He asked that the council re-examine the nuisance ordinance to make it more enforceable.
- B. Plan Commission – Issued permit to Michael and Renee Guffy for concrete driveway/ sidewalk.

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- C. Fire Department – Todd Trent reported 8 medical runs and 7 fire runs in March. Fireworks ordered. Grass Rig should be done by end of April. Fire Department breakfast at the Flora Pak 4-H event & education building on Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> 7 AM to 11 AM. Awaiting awarding of a submitted grant for an Arial truck.
- D. Park Department – Council approved two new park committee members for four year terms ~ Dallas Eikenberry and Atlee Oyler. Darrell moved to grant Atlee's request to purchase a surface groomer to help with maintenance of the soft ball and baseball diamonds in the amount of \$3,535.00. Vince seconded. Motion carried. Emptying the skating rink in preparation of demolition by Coomler Construction this week. Plan to save as many of the painted panels as possible. Atlee Oyler, Kenneth Coddington and Greg Hoffman will be caretaking the park again this summer. The security camera quotes that were bid last year will be rebid and installed this summer. Will get a bid from Brenneco and an updated quote from Electronic Systems Group (last year's quote was \$3,883.00).
- E. Airport – No one present.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Reviewed a lease quote from West Side Tractor Sales Company for a backhoe. Discussed an invoice from BluTower for technical support in 2017 in the amount of \$1,183.32. Ted will get two formal quotes for checking the substation transformer and bring to next meeting. Ready to advertise for the street paving.
- G. WWT Superintendent – Will begin search for a pick up to replace 1994 Dodge. Will check with Mann's and Joretta will do a search on the state bid web sites for purchase of a new or used truck. Josh, Vince, Darrell, Bill McCarty and Joretta will join T-Bird representatives in a meeting with IDEM on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss our plans for remediating the ongoing issues with our sanitary sewer system.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. David Albaugh has agreed to mow the town properties.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Next meeting will be Monday, May 1, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.
2. Spring Clean Up will be Friday May 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>.  
All trash must be out at the curb by 7:00 A.M. on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup>.
3. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Saturday June 10, 2017 ~ 8 AM to noon  
at the Flora Municipal Shop, 501 North Division Street.

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

TOWN OF FLORA

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Joshua S. Ayres, President

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Vincent A. Seward, Vice President

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Darrell Yoder, Finance Chairman

ATTEST:

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Joretta L. Tinsman, Clerk-Treasurer