

## TOWN COUNCIL

August 7, 2017

The Flora Town Council met August 7, 2017 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were: GeeKnee & Georges Rioux, Charlotte Moppin, Charlotte Hicks, Kevin and Jill Clothier, Jessica Young, Ron Fritz, Bill McCarty, Atlee Oyler, Lauri Rice, Josh Disinger, Jim Hancock, Karla Jenkins, Abigail Diener, Dick T. Bishop, Darrell Yoder, Vince Seward, Josh Ayres, and Joretta Tinsman.

Josh Ayres opened the meeting with welcome. Vince moved the minutes of the previous meetings (July 3, 2017 and July 27, 2017) be approved as presented. Darrell seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved and will stand. Claims and Payroll were signed.

## OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Charlotte Hicks - Resident with three issues. 1. Asking about general accessibility to the restrooms and a paved path to the ball diamonds with handicap parking. Council will take under advisement to see if any ADA compliant handicap parking could be added near the restrooms or the ballpark. Explained there would be considerable expense involved. 2. Holes in the streets that need to be repaired (TriGreen and Singletree). Street paving will be done beginning in September of 2017. 3. New residents in town should be given copies of ordinances to inform them of all the laws of the town (burning, animals, trash, parking, parade routes, etc.). Council told her to call police when she smells smoke from burning.
- B. Thank you from Isaac Beery - Josh read note from Committee of Arrangements for the 2017 Old German Baptist Brethren Conference expressing their appreciation to the town for all the assistance given in the hosting of the 2017 annual conference and for the use of the building at the park to organize items for the conference.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- A. GeeKnee & Georges Rioux – Reported flooding on their property at 206 W Elizabeth Street. Vince suggested Mrs. Rioux contact the county surveyor, Don Shockley at the courthouse about the watershed and possible solutions. Vince explained he feels the flooding is more than poor drainage on the Community Club property which joins the Rioux property (Rioux's felt it was an issue for the Community Club or town to address). She would be welcome to attend a Community Club meeting but the council does not feel the town or the Community Club can be of assistance with the flooding issue at their home.
- B. Charlotte Moppin – Brought up visibility at the Columbia (St. Rd. 18) and Main Street intersection with Division Street. She stated that when big trucks park in the available spots especially on St Road 18 in front of Pizza King and on Main Street at the post office they obscure visibility to pull onto the highway and across Main Street from Division Street. Council explained there is not much the town

can do about parking on the highway or in front of a business. Suggested she and others use a different route to avoid the danger at these intersections.

- C. Demolition of Property at 105 W Columbia Street – Two quotes received:
  - 1. Xtreme Contractors for \$14,500.00. 2. Coomler Contracting for \$14,000.00.Vince moved to table the bids for further review for comparison and clarification of details. Darrell seconded. Motion carried. Will put on next month's agenda
- D. Sam's Club – Council approved an email request from Courtney Summers with Sam's Club to meet with town employees regarding Sam's Club Membership.

#### REPORTS:

- A. Town Marshal – Josh Disinger reviewed Paul Redmon's submitted police report. In the month of July reported 5 misdemeanor arrests, 2 felony arrests, 12 citations, parking citation, 24 written warnings, 52 calls for service, 2 crash calls (accidents), and 1 warrant.
- B. Plan Commission – Six building permits. Conor McIlrath a fence. Terry Bechtold a fence. Lora Blackburn a demolition permit. Dave and Marilyn Minich demolition of shed and building of new storage shed. Robert and Shirley Thompson a sidewalk permit. Paul Wisler for patio and sidewalks
- C. Fire Department – No one present.
- D. Park Department – Atlee reported the Park Committee met last week and have several projects in mind that they will be getting bids for and reporting to the Council. These include repairing and/or replacing one or both of the tennis courts, seeding around new building and drainage repairs to remediate flooding around the new building, planting trees, sealing walking trail, installing a camera system at the park. Bids will be taken as the previous quote has expired.
- E. Airport – No one present. Joretta reported receiving a non-compliant letter from INDOT-Aviation Department concerning runway lights and the height of grass. All issues have been remediated. A letter will be signed & returned in response.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Ron Fritz reviewed his report. Council will authorize reasonable spending for Bill and Ron and will trust their judgment to purchase some needed equipment at Ron Carman's liquidation auction on Tuesday, August 15, 2017. Trevor Ayres plans to attend lineman school this fall. Recycling truck is in need of repairs. Joretta will check with Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District to see if any funding would be available for repairs on the truck or to purchase a different truck.
- G. WWT Superintendent – Josh reviewed report. Bill reported eight sewers left to be completed. Four in foreclosures & he has received two phone calls on those.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Community Shred Day – Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup> @ Municipal Shop 9 AM - 1 PM.
2. Office closed Monday, September 4, 2017 in observance of Labor Day.
3. Next meeting will be Monday, September 11, 2017 at 6 PM. Second Monday due to Labor Day Holiday.

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

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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