

TOWN COUNCIL
December 5, 2016

The Flora Town Council met Monday, December 5, 2016 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were; Jim Hancock, Lauri Rice (Comet), Charlotte Moppin, James Bishop, Karla Jenkins, Kevin & Jill Clothier, Jessica Young, Laurie Brower, Alexa Milburn (WLF), Darrell Yoder, Vince Seward, Josh Ayres and Joretta Tinsman.

Joshua Ayres opened the meeting with welcome. Darrell moved the minutes of the previous meeting (November 7, 2016) be approved as presented; Vince seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. 2017 Appointments, Commissions, & Committees ~ Council asked Joretta to call or send letters to the following appointees with expiring terms in December of 2016. David Albaugh ~ Plan Commission; Don Shively ~ Board of Zoning Appeals; Jacob Adams and Eric Miller ~ Park and Recreation; Bret Rinehart ~ Economic Development; and Russ Kasper ~ Aviation Board.
- B. Ordinance 2016-05 ~ 2017 Salary Ordinance ~ Vince moved to approve first reading of Ordinance 2016-05. Darrell seconded. Motion carried. Vince made a motion to suspend local home rules and read by title only for second and third readings. Darrell seconded. Motion carried. Darrell moved to approve second reading and Vince seconded. Motion carried. Vince moved to approve third and final reading. Darrell seconded. Motion carried to adopt Ordinance 2016-05
- C. Umbaugh 1st Qtr 2017 tracking factor ~ Josh read. Darrell moved to approve the IMPA tracker for the electric utility for first quarter of 2017 in the amount of \$0.001095 which represents an increase in the overall tracking factor of \$0.005650. Vince seconded. Motion carried.
- D. Monroe and Carrollton Township Fire Agreements ~ Vince moved to approve Monroe Contract in amount of \$4,000.00 and Carrollton Contract in the amount of \$1,700.00 for January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. Darrell seconded. Motion carried.
- E. Senior Center Agreement with Monroe Township ~ Darrell moved to approve the Agreement for services with Monroe Township that they will pay \$5,400.00 to the Town of Flora for senior citizen services for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. Vince seconded. Motion carried.
- F. Tyco SimplexGrinnell ~ A second back up phone line is required by Tyco SimplexGrinnell at 27 W Main Street in order to monitor a monthly system trouble signal for the Fire Alarm at that location. Will table this and Council will talk to fire department (Adam Randle) and investigate the need of the fire alarm

and an added second phone line expense just for the purpose of monitoring the alarm system prior to the next town council meeting. Will bring to next meeting.

- G. 2017 Meeting Schedule and 2017 Holiday Schedule ~ Council approved both schedules as presented.

REPORTS:

- A. Town Marshal – James Bishop submitted the October police report. Josh reviewed the report which included 2 Misdemeanor arrests, 1 Felony arrest, 2 Citations, 1 Field Interview, 49 Calls for service, 4 Accidents, and 1 Consent.
- B. Plan Commission – Issued no building permits in November 2016.

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- C. Fire Department – No one present. Josh reviewed Adam Randle's submitted report including 8 fire runs, and 10 medical runs. The report also included a list of the new officers elected in November. Have installed several smoke detectors in the community and are still receiving requests.
- D. Park Department – No park board members present. Kiddie playground equipment has been completed. Laurie Brower representing the Community Club was present to discuss some issues with tractor pull area and plans. 1.) Winter crop has been planted. Council: The farmer is aware that some of the crop will be lost when work is begun on the pull area. 2.) The current curfew at the park is 11:00 PM. Council: Will notify the police when a tractor pull event is happening and the curfew would not be enforced that evening. 3.) Community Club is asking permission for a Beer Garden during tractor pull events. Council: Will do research on this and check with Dick T if it is decided to allow alcohol at the park ~ currently there are no alcoholic beverages allowed in the park.
- E. Airport – No one present. Debbie Lowe submitted a letter recommending Russ Kasper be re-appointed to the Airport Board for another four year term. The Board will meet on January 25, 2017 at 5 pm at Flora Pizza King and they invited Town Council members to attend the meeting as well as airport tenants. The agenda topics at this meeting will include officer elections, 2017 meeting dates and possible 2017 events.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Josh reviewed Ted/Gator's report.
- G. WWT Superintendent – Josh reviewed Bill's written report. Hoffman Family Farms cleaned out ponds. Fines will begin (\$25.00 per day) on utility bills of property addresses who have not submitted a viable plan for sewer lateral upgrade in January 2017.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Lee Sorrells stopped by the office to thank the Town and Mr. Rider for their attention to the issues with the property at 503 South Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Town Offices closed Monday, December 26th for Christmas Holiday and Monday, January 2nd for New Year's Day Holiday.
2. Next meeting will be Monday, January 9, 2017 at 6:00 PM
3. Town Christmas tree lighting in front of The Butterfly Thursday December 8th at 6:30 PM.

Vince moved 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