

## TOWN COUNCIL

March 7, 2016

The Flora Town Council met Monday, March 7, 2016 in the Town Hall Board Room at 4 East Main Street. Those present were: David Pippenger, Charlotte Moppin, Bill McCarty, Ted Donoho, Karla Jenkins, Jim Hancock, Susan Scholl, Jacob Adams, Josh Disinger, Jessica Young, Joyce Yoder, Kevin Clothier, Jill Clothier, Dick T. Bishop, Darrell Yoder, Vince Seward, Josh Ayres, and Joretta Tinsman.

Joshua Ayres opened the meeting with welcome. Darrell moved the minutes of the previous meeting (February 1, 2016) be approved as presented; Vince seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall Exhibit ~ Flora Community Club has agreed to sponsor the program by providing complementary use of the Event and Education Center for Saturday and they requested to control the use of the Flora Park during August 4<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of preserving the dignity and solemnity of the event. Council agreed to this request and no other events or reunions will be scheduled at the park (Pavillions, Skating Rink or Scout Cabin) while the Vietnam Wall is on display.
- B. Depot Restoration ~ Melissa Bishop with the Flora Community Club is applying for another Place Based Investment Grant for Phase II (interior restoration). Vince moved to commit the same \$7,000.00 toward a match for this grant round denied the last round) and Darrell seconded. Motion carried.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Umbaugh Second Quarter Tracking Factor ~ Darrell moved to accept IMPA's proposed factor of \$0.005746 which represents a decrease in the overall tracking factor of \$0.000075. Vince seconded. Motion carried.
- B. Jacob Adams-Social Media/Website/Facebook/Twitter ~ Jake will prepare perimeters and present a proposal to administer social media for both a town page and a police page at the April town council meeting. This pay based service would be \$60.00 per month. The town presently has an informational page and the police department page would be to post the official word both informational and emergency. Jake will look at our present website and he will make suggestions on updating it or adding to it as he feels would be best. Joretta will ask the question on ILMCT of how other towns are handling Social Media.
- C. Shred - It - Day ~ Council approved scheduling a Saturday later this Fall with Echo Shred at a cost of \$500.00/4 hours for a shred service for town residents.

- D. Art at the Fair-Michelle Cox ~ Contacted the town via e mail seeking a place at the park for a permanent art decoration/painting to be done during the Fair. Council is willing for this adventure to be pursued with the Park Committee involved to decide if or where they would want an art decoration at the park.

REPORTS:

- A. Police Department – Josh Disinger reviewed the February Police Report including 4 misdemeanor arrests, 4 citations, 5 written warnings, 35 calls for service, and 1 accident. He updated on the Salin bank robberies stating one arrest has been made and they are making good progress on the investigation..
- B. Plan Commission – One Permit issued – Carl Witt for a Hobby Shop Barn.
- C. Fire Department – No one present. No report.

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- D. Park Department – Discussed the next step in construction of a new Skating Rink and the drawing up of blue prints that can be presented to all bidding contractors in order to obtain uniformity of bidding and then used for state approval. Darrell Yoder will meet with Mick Graham to determine the needs, size and uses of the replacement building and get the blue print prepared. Uses and needs will be discussed at the park committee's next meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Have three applications for part time help for Atlee at the park. Josh will talk to Atlee and will make decision at April meeting.
- E. Airport – No one present. No report.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – See written report. March 4, 2016 all utility employees were trained and received two year certification for CPR and AED. Ted presented AED options for the utility shop from Cintas. Will investigate cost further. Kathryn Weil Center may give one free if all employees CPR certified. Will get water rate study done ~ scheduled to begin March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- G. WWT Superintendent – See written report. Have completed one lateral in February and two in first week of March. Have several scheduled for spring.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. County Councilman, Jim Hancock, was present to seek the town of Flora's support of a Public Safety Tax (would be administrated similar to EDIT fund) to help fund 911 (in foreseeable future will be issues with funding 911) and an animal control program. Council would be willing to contribute the town's share to a Public Safety Tax if this proposed tax can be initiated

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Next meeting will be Monday, April 4, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.
2. Spring trash pick-up will be April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. All trash must be out at the curb by 7:00 A.M. on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup>.
3. Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District Hazardous Waste and Tire Collection at Flora Municipal Shop on Division Street will be Saturday June 11, 2016.

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