

TOWN COUNCIL

March 6, 2017

The Flora Town Council met Monday, March 6, 2017 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were: Charlotte Moppin, Jose Morales, Dick Hipsher, Shannon Wilkerson, Amanda Schoolcraft, Todd Trent, Adam Randle, Karla Jenkins, Bill McCarty, Ted Donoho, Vince Sommers, Lauri Rice, Kevin Clothier, Jill Clothier, Paul Redmon, Mark Thomas, 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 meeting (February 6, 2017) be approved as presented; Darrell seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Vince Sommers-Commonwealth – Vince presented a Water System Improvements preliminary engineering report including a proposed project schedule and costs for reduced scope of original project including only most necessary projects (\$3.5 million project scaled down to a \$1.5 million). Would like to apply for a grant of \$500,000.00 matching OCRA grant through KIRPC in the second round of 2017. Darrell moved to start on the Environmental Study which is the first step in grant application at a cost of approximately \$8,000.00. Vince seconded. Motion carried.
- B. Foreman Blasters-Fireworks – Community Club has agreed to contribute \$2,000.00 towards the purchase of 2017 Fireworks (up from \$1,500.00 in the past). Darrell moved to approve the increase in funding for the annual Fireworks show from \$6,500.00 to \$8,500.00. Vince seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Outstanding Checks – Vince moved to write off after two years and put the money back in the proper fund. Darrell seconded. Motion carried.
- B. Household Hazardous Waste & Tire Collection – Council and Ted approved the usage of the Flora Municipal Shop at 501 North Division Street for hazardous waste collection on June 10, 2017 from 8 AM to noon. Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District will prepare flyers advertising the collection.
- C. Kris Daugherty – Resident at 222 East Columbia Street presented a written request for a \$262.00 adjustment to bill which represents the amount he believes he was billed incorrectly due to a faulty water meter. Following discussion with the utility foreman, Darrell moved to approve reimbursement of \$262.00 as credit on his bill. Vince seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

- A. Police Department – Paul J. Redmon presented and read the February police report including 1 misdemeanor arrest, 4 citations, 13 warnings, 2 field interviews, 65 calls for service and 3 crash reports. Department still looking forward to Josh Disinger's return in a couple weeks following an accident in mid December. Flora Department has been assisting Delphi and other agencies with follow up on tips for the recent murder of two teenage girls in Delphi. Paul reported several social media issues with youth that have been investigated and stressed the need for parents to be aware of where their children are and who they are in contact with on all social media fronts.
- B. Plan Commission – Three permits issued in February – Barry Hutton for a chain link fence. Doug Taylor (Habitat for Humanity) a demolition permit for house at 705 S. Willow Street. Paul Wisler for a deck/patio. IMPA for Solar Generation Facility on South Willow Street extension.

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- C. Fire Department – Adam Randle read February fire report including 9 fire runs and 15 medical runs. The new truck should be here in April. Six volunteers (three new) are currently in Fire I, II and Hazmat class.
- D. Park Department – No one present. Need to check on summer workers. Still in need of two members on the Park Committee. Interested residents should contact the town office.
- E. Airport – No one present. Ted reported working on airport lights. Wiring is being chewed by rodents.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Ted reviewed his report. Discussed the \$8,588.96 quote from Best Equipment Co. Inc who would come to the shop to perform needed repairs on the recycle truck. Will table that at this time due to lack of funds for same. Will report on truck in another month. Ted and Gator have done some interviewing for the street and recycling department. They have turned in top three out of six applications. Getting quotes for preventative maintenance and work on north and south substations ~ not done since 2014.
- G. WWT Superintendent – See written report. Bill reviewed. Only have one person who has not responded to fines and turned in a plan for lateral upgrade. Will set up a time for Bill McCarty, the Council and Keith Obrien from T Bird to meet with the new representative replacing Paul Cluxton at IDEM.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1. Shannon Wilkerson of Lafayette addressed the council regarding

the proposed vicious dog ordinance. She stated there is no evidence that legislation has any impact on dog attack numbers. It is very difficult to enforce such an ordinance. Council continues to gather information and they feel safety starts with responsible dog owners. Residents are urged to register their dogs with the town.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Next meeting will be Monday, April 3, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.
2. Spring trash pick-up will be May 12th and 13th. All trash must be out at the curb by 7:00 A.M. on Friday the 12th.

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