

TOWN COUNCIL

May 1, 2017

The Flora Town Council met Monday, May 1, 2017 in the Flora town hall board room. Those present were; Laurie Rice (Carroll County Comet), Ted Donoho, Charlotte Moppin, Bill McCarty, Troy Helderman, Darin Oliver, Josh Disinger, Kevin Clothier, Jill Clothier, Jessica Young, Karla Jenkins, Todd Trent, Emily Albaugh, Chris Albaugh, Dick T. Bishop, Darrell Yoder, Vince Seward, Josh Ayres, and Joretta Tinsman.

Josh Ayres opened the meeting with welcome. Darrell moved the minutes of the previous meeting (April 3, 2017) be approved as presented; Vince seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Wastewater Grant ~ Emily Albaugh with K-IRPC reviewed options of applying for a planning grant with the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for a wastewater study including a letter of intent that Josh signed. Vince moved to proceed with applying for a full grant in the amount of \$38,890.00 (\$35,000.00 with \$3890.00 match) for wastewater projects. Darrell seconded. Motion carried. This grant is on a tight schedule and must be in contract before the next grant can be applied for this fall. Public hearing will be held at June meeting.
- B. Morales Alley Update ~ Neighbors with property joining the alley, Bret & Sarah Hanaway, are cleaning out what they want to keep and they are okay with the town proceeding to clean out the bushes, fill in with dirt, and clean up.
- C. Backhoe Quote ~ Darin Oliver from McAlliser Machinery presented a quote for a CAT backhoe which was tabled at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. IMPA ~ Chris Rittig, Sr., VP & CFO did an informative video presentation on Indiana Municipal Power Agency, our not-for-profit wholesale power provider since 1983. Ron Fritz is our representative. IMPA does perform rate studies upon request if needed.
- B. Generator quotes for new generator at 27 W Main St. ~ Old generator was purchased in 1991 and has antifreeze in the oil.
 - 1. Huston Electric for 35kw Briggs & Stratton - \$17,768.00 plus \$500.00 for a total quote of \$18,268.00 (downsized from a 45kw to 35kw).
 - 2. Climatek Heating and Cooling for a 45kw Generac - \$25,563.00.Darrell moved to accept the Climatek quote and Vince seconded. Motion carried. Josh abstained from discussion and vote. Rental account funds will be used to purchase the generator.

REPORTS:

- A. Police Department – Josh Disinger reviewed the submitted April report. There were 9 Misdemeanor arrests, 1 Felony arrest, 6 Citations, 20 Warnings, 35 Calls

for service, and 1 Accident. Excessive police and fire calls (2/3 of the calls) are being made to the Dungarvin facility on South Third Street. A letter will be sent to the management of the home regarding the issue of our officers being summoned there repeatedly often resulting in transports to the hospital causing county services to be unavailable for long periods.

- B. Plan Commission ~ Issued one building permit in April to Barry Hutton for a new pool and deck.
- C. Fire Department – Todd Trent reported 12 medical runs and 8 fire runs in April. Department served 250 at the firemen’s sausage and pancake breakfast Saturday April 22nd. The new grass rig was picked up on Monday April 24th and the department trained on it Tuesday and Wednesday last week. Council will take sealed bids on the 92 Chevy grass rig at the June council meeting. Fireworks & permit have been ordered. Two new members and one retired (Chad Handy).

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- D. Park Department – No one present
- E. Airport – No one present.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Have new 50’electric poles for the lights at the Little League Diamond. Tom Routt received a certificate from IMEA for completion of a week course. Tom is beginning his third year of lineman training. Utility workers will see if the old generator that was installed in 1991 at 27 W Main Street can be repaired to be used at the Town Shop. Mosquito fogger is ready and will be used cautiously mostly in areas with reported mosquito problems.
- G. WWT Foreman – Presented four ½ ton pick up quotes ~ this truck is to replace the 1994 Dodge pick up:
 - 1. Mann’s Chevrolet \$20,577.68.
 - 2. Advantage Ford \$23,006.00
 - 3. DeFouw Chevrolet \$21,812.00
 - 4. Fletcher Dodge \$19,267.00Darrell moved to accept the low bid from Fletcher Dodge and this motion died for lack of a second to the motion. Vince moved to approve Mann’s Chevrolet Buick-GMC quote. Josh seconded the motion. Darrell voted no. Motion carried. Bill reported on sewer lateral upgrades ~ still three with no finish date, five vacant or foreclosures and five partially completed (includes laterals where new one completed but old lateral has not been closed off). Thanked all those with completed laterals. Joretta, Council and T Bird met with IDEM on Wednesday, April 5th when IDEM asked that the town keep moving forward and be proactive in remediating their sanitary sewer issues. Applying for the wastewater planning grant is a step forward in satisfying IDEM and toward beginning another sewer project in two to three years.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. Spring Trash pick up Friday and Saturday May 12th and 13th. All trash must be out by 7 AM on Friday, May 12th.

2. Town office closed Monday, May 29, 2017 in observance of Memorial Day.
3. Next Town Council Meeting will be June 5, 2017 at 6 PM.
4. 2017 Household Hazardous Waste and Tire Collection Saturday June 10th 8 am to noon at the Flora Municipal Shop.
5. Community Shred Day ~ August 19th ~ 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

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