

TOWN COUNCIL
September 12, 2016

The Flora Town Council met Monday, September 12, 2016 in the Town Hall Board Room at 4 East Main Street. Those present were; Atlee Oyler, Paul Redmon, James Bishop, Theresa Brown, Bill McCarty, Ted Donoho, Karla Jenkins, Lauri Rice, Ron Fritz, Mick Graham, Melissa Bishop, Curt Hufty, Adam Randle, David Pippenger, Judy Beaver, Kevin Clouthier, Jill Clouthier, Jessica Young, Paul Rider, Dick T. Bishop, Darrell Yoder, Vince Seward, Josh Ayes, and Joretta Tinsman.

Joshua Ayres opened the meeting with welcome.

PUBLIC HEARING ~ Josh reviewed and explained the 2017 Budget as advertised. Darrell moved to accept first reading of 2017 Budget. Vince seconded. Motion carried.

Vince moved the minutes of two previous meetings, July 28th executive meeting and August 1st town council, be approved as presented; Darrell seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Depot-Phase II ~ Melissa Bishop and Curt Hufty present seeking funds to start the depot site development by Coomler Construction (utilities, sidewalks, guttering, lighting, fill dirt, etc.). Vince moved to release \$7,000.00 previously committed by the town for Phase II. Darrell seconded. Motion carried. Dann Kiser will contact Ted and Bill regarding town's preparation for utility hook up.
- B. Community Crossings Matching Grant ~ Awarded \$295,150.00. Josh reviewed a street maintenance improvement plan prepared by First Group for street paving including mill & overlay, mill patch & overlay, reconstruction, and slurry seal that will be used to advertise for bids hopefully yet this fall. Josh asked Ted to check on a sidewalk plan so we can apply for a sidewalk grant next year.
- C. Signs on Walking Trail ~ Darrell Yoder and Paul Redmon reported their suggestions for signage at new drive at the park; to add one stop sign westbound crossing the walking trail and one yield sign exiting the soccer field. Will get needed info to Dick T Bishop for preparation of an Ordinance for new signage.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Community Club-Tractor Pull Site ~ Council granted permission to proceed with site preparation so it can sit over the winter. The Community Club has been meeting with Camden Lion's Club on working jointly for pulls ~ Camden is landlocked and desires to join Flora in putting on pulls. Their experience and financial help would be beneficial.
- B. Flora Main Street-Torch Relay ~ Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay will pass down Columbia Street October 6, 2016 at approx. 3:30 to 4:00 PM. Darrell moved to spend \$150.00 for 100 4x6 flags (1/2 of the cost). Vince seconded. Motion carried. Jake Adams will put a notice on face book informing the public.

- C. Judy Beaver ~ Resident complaint regarding 503 S Center Street (dogs & cats running at large, vehicles blocking sidewalk, trash overflowing and trash cans left in the street, metal laying in yard). Paul Rider, landlord for the property, was present and will do what he can to rectify. County working on animal control.
- D. Umbaugh-Fourth Qtr Tracking Factor ~ Josh reviewed the rate adjustment of \$0.004555 per KWH used per month representing a decrease in overall tracking factor of \$0.002568. Vince moved to accept. Darrell seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

- A. Town Marshal – Paul Redmon reviewed his submitted report. There were 6 Misdemeanor arrest, 2 Felony arrest, 10 Citations, 15 Warnings, 79 Calls for service, 6 Accidents, 1 Consent, and 1 Warrant. County Prosecutor paid for an interrogation video system installation in a dedicated interview room for county-wide use in the Flora Police Department downstairs at 4 East Main Street.
- B. Plan Commission – Issued one building permit to Paul Rider for a storage shed.
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- C. Fire Department – Adam Randle reported 7 fire runs, 24 medical runs and 3 trainings. Finishing up hose testing.
- D. Park Department – Will put a note on face book for suggestions about tennis courts ~ which one to repair or if there is a need for tennis court/courts at the park. Have plans for a new building to replace the old skating rink in town office and will send drawings to the state for approval in a week. Will advertise for bids after it has been approved. Received an estimate for large tree removal and clean up for \$2200.00. Town employees will remove the tree rather than hiring it done. Council approved \$3,000.00 for new tree planting. Work day scheduled for Saturday, September 17th to install the new playground equipment.
- E. Airport – Airport Fly In and pancake breakfast scheduled for Saturday, September 17, 2016 from 9 AM to ???. Public and Planes are both invited.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Darrell moved to approve \$1.00 per hour raise for Tom Routt retroactive to May when he passed the second phase of his electric apprentice with excellent grades. Vince seconded. Motion carried. He has two more phases to complete. Vince moved that Tom be given .50 cents per hour raise each time he completes a phase for next two phases. Darrell seconded. Motion carried. James Bishop will prepare a street light outage list for the electric department. Council granted permission for Gator to attend IMEA Fall Conference September 14-16 in Lawrenceburg IN.
- G. WWT Superintendent – T-Bird Designs is addressing a non-compliance letter the town received from IDEM dated August 22, 2016. The WWTP employees are addressing the weeds that are mentioned in the letter and Bill will obtain three estimates to have both tertiary ponds cleaned by the next town council meeting. Sewer lateral deadline coming up October 31, 2016. Have 52 laterals

completed with approximately 40 left to do. After October 31st will be forced to fine residents who have not contacted us with a plan or scheduled a completion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Thank you note from Carroll School Board for the use of the Board Room.
2. Thank you note from Carroll County Veteran's for town employees help at Park with the Healing Wall set up and take down and use of park facility.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Moonlight Madness-Saturday, October 1, 2016.
2. Next meeting will be Monday, October 3, 2016 at 6:00 PM.
3. Town Offices closed Monday, October 10, 2016 for Columbus Day.

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