

TOWN COUNCIL
September 11, 2017

The Flora Town Council met Monday, September 11, 2017 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were; Jim Hancock, Ron Fritz, Bill McCarty, Lauri Rice, Karla Jenkins, Angie Brown, Joyce Yoder, Kevin & Jill Clothier, Jessica Young, Paul J. Redmon, Abigail Diener, Darrell Yoder, Vince Seward, and Joretta Tinsman.

Vince Seward opened the meeting with welcome in Josh Ayres' absence.

PUBLIC HEARING ~ Vince read the 2018 Budget proposed at \$2,950,600.00. Darrell moved to approve first reading. Vince seconded. Motion carried. No public comment. Budget is available for public review on the website at www.budgetnotices.in.gov.

Darrell moved minutes of previous meetings (August 7, & August 28, 2017) be approved as presented; Vince Seward seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Bid for Old School ~ Previously advertised with no bids submitted. Distributed specifications and received a bid from Stuber Construction, Peru IN for \$52,327.00 to provide and install new siding, new furring strips, new flashing & gutters, new concrete footers and concrete block with clean up of the total project. Darrell moved to accept the Stuber bid and Vince seconded. Motion carried. Construction expected to begin this fall.
- B. Demolition of 105 W Columbia St. property ~ Darrell moved to approve Coomler Contracting bid of \$14,000.00. Vince seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Rhonda Parsley ~ Resident asked to be on agenda but was not present.
- B. Angie Brown-Carroll County Health Dept. ~ Three issues: 1. Numerous cats (15 outside and reported more inside) at 312 S Division St property owned by Ron Wiles. Animal control does not take care of cat issues. Will send tenant, Misty Bluemke, a copy of Ordinance 2006-7 and a letter notifying her of a \$50.00 per day fine for non-compliance. 2. Council will stand behind the Health Department if there is a way they can condemn Harry Cole's property (Hoop St. apartments) that are infested with bed bugs, roaches, and mice. 3. Bill McCarty will do some investigation to try to answer the question if the Stiles property at 204 East Hoop Street is hooked up to the town's sewer system or a faulty sewer.
- C. Trash Contract ~ Darrell moved to approve specs for a three year trash contract with a couple of minor changes (4 black trash bag limit rather than 5 bag or two barrels and a small two lid dumpster behind town office and one tote at 27 W.

Main Street). Vince seconded. Motion carried. Will advertize for bids and review trash contract bids at the November 6th town council meeting.

- D. Carl Schneckloth ~ Resident at 305 North Center requested town assist him in paying Accu Dig for locating his and two neighbor's sewers not clearly marked by the town. Council declined helping with these costs stating other residents have had similar issues and the town did not assist them.

REPORTS:

- A. Town Marshal – Paul Redmon submitted and reviewed the August police report. There were 6 Misdemeanor arrest, 8 Felony arrest, 2 Citations, 2 Parking Tickets, 8 Warnings, 57 Calls for service, 4 Accidents, and 5 Warrants. Paul submitted three quotes from Digital Video Solutions & Security for cameras. Will seek another quote and the council will review and meet with Digital Video prior to making a decision on cameras for the park and the downtown area.
- B. Plan Commission – Issued three building permits. Permit for garage to Barry & Amy Sisson. Robert Draper for addition to house. Kim Black for a new home.
- C. Fire Department – No one present.
- D. Park Department – No one present. The new building has downspouts and gutters and this has created a drainage issue around the building. Council suggested getting a quote for grating, dirt work and planting grass seed to improve the drainage issue and to help with draining the storm water toward an existing catch basin at Park Row. There are no catch basins in the park.
- E. Airport – No one present. Passed airport inspection and received annual permit. In the process of upgrading runway lights to LED lights as they burn out.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Vince reviewed report. Tractor pull at the park on Saturday September 9, 2017 was a success and very well attended. Thanks to all the work put into that by the utility workers. Abigail Diener will have the new general terms and conditions for electric service reviewed and resolution ready to adopt at the October town council meeting. Grinding of streets began this morning for the street repaving project. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Flora Solar Park at 1257 South Willow St. will be held Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 1:15 PM. Fire Department will get rid of their trailer and items back at the town dump that they were using for training but no longer use. The recycling truck has been broken down for two weeks. Should get a part this week to get truck up and going. Borrowed a truck from Clinton County Disposal to pick up recycling last week.

- G. WWT Superintendent – Vince reviewed report. Bill McCarty asked that the gates at the park around ball diamonds be left open now that ball is over. He will be given a key to the gate as well so he has access to the water tower at the park.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Next meeting will be Monday, October 2, 2017 at 6:00 PM.
2. Town Offices closed Monday, October 9, 2017 for Columbus Day.

Darrell made a motion to adjourn, Vince seconded; motion carried.

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ABSENT
Joshua S. Ayres, President

Vincent A. Seward, Vice President

Darrell Yoder, Finance Chairman

ATTEST:

Joretta L. Tinsman, Clerk-Treasurer