

TOWN COUNCIL
January 8, 2018

The Flora Town Council met Monday, January 8, 2018 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were; Bill McCarty, Laurie Brower, Charlotte Moppin, Jim Hancock, Emily Albaugh, Jessica Young, Kevin & Jill Clothier, Abigail Diener, Susan Scholl, Karla Jenkins, Ron Fritz, Todd Trent, Paul Redmon, Josh Disinger, Chris Underwood & Mark Page with Broadway Broadband, Darrell Yoder, Vince Seward, Josh Ayres and Joretta Tinsman.

Joretta Tinsman opened the meeting with welcome and election of officers. Vince moved to set officers same as 2017; President–Joshua Ayres, Vice President–Vince Seward, and Finance Chairman– Darrell Yoder. Darrell seconded. Officers set.

Darrell moved the minutes of two previous meetings (December 4th and December 18, 2017) be approved as written; Vince seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and Payroll were signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. KIRPC-2018 Appointment ~ Council approved David Albaugh continuing to represent Flora on the Kankakee Iroquois Regional Planning Commission Board of Commissioners for 2018.
- B. Fire Department Door Quotes ~ Had a quote from Haley's (\$1323.63) and one from Mulhaupt's (\$1,000.00) for new key pad locks on the fire department bays at the old building. Vince moved to approve Mulhaupt's quote for 1 thin door kit 2 keypad locks, 2 weather protectors, 2 latch guards and labor to install. Darrell seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Emily-KIRPC ~ Vince moved to accept underwriting contract for OCRA grant administration and labor standard services for the water project not to exceed \$41,000.00. Darrell seconded. Motion carried. KIRPC will make sure town is compliant with all the rules set out in the terms of the grant acceptance.
- B. Laurie Brower-Flora Community Club ~ Requesting a beer garden for the Flora Community Club tractor/truck pull on June 16, 2018 at the Flora park. The beer garden would be in a confined space. Laurie will get a copy of the contract with an outside vendor that will oversee the beer garden for the council to review. Council will check with insurance before they will waive the current ordinance banning alcohol at the park for one evening. Will re-visit next month.

- C. AIM (formally IACT) ~ Vince moved we pay 2018 dues in amount of \$1,581.00 and make a legislative donation of \$1000.00 to continue membership in AIM (Accelerate Indiana Municipalities). Darrell seconded. Motion carried.
- D. Mike & Chris with Broadway Broadband ~ A Grissom based company presented an initial proposal to run fiber optic to all residents in the city limits of Flora at no cost to the town. Their desire is to bring Flora to the cutting edge of internet connectivity. Council okayed proceeding with this proposal and asked that they meet with Ron Fritz and Bill McCarty. Will return to a future meeting with more details as the work progresses.

REPORTS:

- A. Town Marshal – Paul Redmon submitted and read December report including 4 Misdemeanor arrests, 2 Felony arrest, 4 Citations, 6 Warnings, 47 Calls for Service, and 3 Accidents. Paul will check with Brenneco regarding a quote for cameras at their park. Paul is getting a price from Nixle for text notifications.
- B. Plan Commission – One permit issued to Raymond King for a fence.
- C. Fire Department – Todd Trent reported 25 medical runs and 4 fire runs for December. There is a significant roof leak with water running into Station 2 from melting snow. This is not a new problem and our utility foreman will look into the issues.
- D. Park Department – No one present. Attorney has advised that we not clean snow off the walking track at the park due to liability being greater for falls. After the past snow, someone cleaned off the trail without town knowledge.
- E. Airport – No one present.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Foreman – See written report. Ron Fritz reported the recycle truck is still down and hope to have it up and running by Friday, January 12, 2018. Will plan to borrow a trash truck from Clinton County to pick up residential recycle on Wednesday, January 10, 2018. Recycling has not been collected for three weeks due to temperatures below 10 degrees and the truck being in the shop. Have had several frozen meters in past two weeks with the sub zero degree weather. Fritz will have a preliminary construction design meeting with Commonwealth on Friday, January 12, 2018. Council granted Fritz permission to attend the Alliance of Rural Water spring conference in March for continuing education hours and for networking on the upcoming water project.
- G. WWT Foreman – See written report. Bill McCarty reported he inspected one sewer lateral upgrade and there are six left to be completed in the sewer project

area. Three of the six are in an estate or a foreclosure and two still need to be sealed at the sewer main.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Joretta has ordered the twelve new tables for the Scout Cabin. The utility guys will pick the tables up tomorrow (1-9-18) at Sam's in Lafayette.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Office closed Monday, January 15, 2018 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
2. Next meeting will be Monday, February 5, 2018 at 6:00 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