

TOWN COUNCIL  
February 5, 2018

The Flora Town Council met Monday, February 5, 2018 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were; Chris Underwood, Mike Barron, and Mark Page with Broadway Broadband, Bill McCarty, Todd Trent, Charlotte Moppin, Ron Fritz, Jim Hancock, Susan Scholl, Karla Jenkins, Kevin and Jill Clothier, Jessica Young, Josh Disinger, Abigail Diener, Paul Redmon, Vincent Seward, Josh Ayres & Joretta Tinsman.

Joshua Ayres opened the meeting with welcome. Vince moved the minutes of the previous meeting (January 8, 2018) be approved as presented; Josh seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Broadway Broadband ~ Reviewed Fiber Optic Agreement. Will table until March meeting pending legal review by town attorney, Abigail Diener.
- B. Community Club Beer Garden update ~ Our insurance agent advised that the vendor would need liquor liability and need to name the Town of Flora as an additional insured as well as provide a certificate of insurance to the Community Club. Josh moved to table the request for a beer garden at the June tractor pull until next month and Vince seconded. Motion carried.
- C. Cameras at the park update ~ Vince moved to table the quotes from Digital Video Solutions & Security and Brenneco for cameras outside the park restrooms and at town office building until March meeting. Josh seconded. Motion carried.
- D. Nixile update ~ Paul reported expense would be at least \$4,000.00 per year. Will look for other sources of a cell phone notification system that would be cost effective to notify town residents in the event of emergencies, recyclable pick up cancellations, etc.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. EMA Appointment ~ Paul Redmon will attend a meeting on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM in the Courthouse Commissioner's Room Paul will be one Flora representative on the Emergency Management Association board. Council will need to appoint another person to serve with Paul on this board.

REPORTS:

- A. Town Marshal – Paul Redmon submitted and reviewed the January police report. There were 4 Misdemeanor arrest, 5 Felony arrest, 8 Citations, 13 Warnings, 54 Calls for service, and 2 Accidents.
- B. Plan Commission – Issued two building permits in January. A fence permit to Teresa Zinn. Paul Wisler for wrecking and new garage at 703 South Division St.

- C. Fire Department – Todd Trent reported 11 medical runs and 9 fire runs in January. Fire department will celebrate their 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary with an open house at the fire station on July 1, 2018. Planning a pancake breakfast on opening day of Little League Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>. Thirteen firemen attended a team building & leadership exercise at Camp Tecumseh. Firefighters were all certified in CPR & four firemen taking first responder training. Todd submitted a grant application for a 75-ft quint. He believes this would be the most cost effective as a quint would serve the dual purpose of an engine & a ladder truck.
- D. Park Department – Vince moved to approve John Deere’s mower trade-in quote for the park mower (Z915E Commercial ZTrak) in the amount of \$3,490.00 (trade in value of \$3,700.00). Josh seconded. Motion carried. No action was taken on a proposal from Central Paving Inc. to refurbish the existing north tennis court as council believes the cost exceeds usage of the tennis court.
- E. Airport – No one present.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – The recycling truck was repaired last week and is running at this time. Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District will not be taking tires at this year’s household hazardous waste event on Saturday, June 23, 2018. Residents will need to take tires to the transfer station or leave them at the tire dealership. Residents wanting wood chips or fire wood may contact the town shop. Need to advertise for street paving quotes. There is a list of the streets that will be paved available for review at the town office. Council asked Ron Fritz to obtain a new quote from John Deere for the town tractor mower as there is interest in purchasing a large zero turn rather than the quoted tractor mower.
- G. WWT Superintendent – Reviewed three quotes (1. Baker-\$7,500.00. 2. Huston Electric-\$8,856.00. 3. Skiles Electric-\$12,670.00) for a new transfer switch on the generator. Quotes tabled at this time. Reviewed two quotes for welding the frame on the Vactor truck (Jim’s Welding & Repair LLC-\$1,490.00 & Xcel Welding-\$1,440.00). Vince moved to approve the Xcel bid and Josh seconded. Motion carried. Three bids presented to repair the last sewer lateral on North Center that will require a road cut so that North Center Street paving project can be completed. (1. Haas Excavating \$2,000.00. 2. Coomler-\$5,920.00. 3. Accu-Dig \$10,111.38). Vince moved to approve the Haas Excavating bid to tap sewer main under Center Street and run the lateral up past sidewalk at 215 North Center. Josh seconded. Motion carried. Will plan to recoup this expense when the house sells. There are six remaining sewer lateral upgrades to be completed (three in an estate or foreclosure and three others).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Town Offices closed Monday, February 19th, 2018 in observance of President's Day.
2. Next regular town council meeting will be Monday, March 5, 2018 at 6 PM.

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

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Joshua S. Ayres, President

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Vincent A. Seward, Vice President

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ABSENT  
Darrell Yoder, Finance Chairman

ATTEST:

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Joretta L. Tinsman, Clerk-Treasurer