

TOWN COUNCIL
September 10, 2018

The Flora Town Council met Monday, September 10, 2018 in the Board Room of the Town Hall. Present; Stephanie Waybill & Jesca Waybill (Girl Scouts), Tim Ballensiefer & Clem Kuns (T-Bird Design Services Corp), Bill McCarty, Ron Fritz, Perry Brewington Charlotte Moppin, Karla Jenkins, Susan Scholl (Comet), Atlee Oyler, Jim Hancock, Kim Black, Shane Evans, Todd Trent, Paul Redmon, Jenny Jaecques, Wess Jaecques, Kevin Clothier, Jill Clothier, Darrell Yoder, Vince Seward, Josh Ayres, and Joretta Tinsman.

Joshua Ayres opened the meeting with welcome. Darrell Yoder moved the minutes of the previous meeting (August 6, 2018) be approved as presented; Vince Seward seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Ordinance 2018-04 ~ Josh read yard waste ordinance prepared by Abigail Diener. Vince moved to approve first reading and Darrell seconded. Motion carried. Will advertise and read 2nd & 3rd readings at October 1st meeting.
- B. Lean-to Quotes-Park ~ Three quotes to build a lean-to on north side of the merchant building to store picnic tables: AAA Beaver Construction-\$13,600.00. Graybill Constuction-\$9,022.00. Daryl Brumbagh-\$8,275.00. Vince moved to approve the low bid from Brumbaugh with a change to a 90' lean-to rather than 120' and Darrell seconded. Motion carried. Scheduled for completion this fall.
- C. Dog Park Update ~ Stephanie Waybill reported Flora Girl Scouts are continuing fund raising efforts and have two more events scheduled. They have raised approximately \$3,500.00 for the 5' fencing. Due to the increase in space from the old tennis courts to the new location east of the girl's softball diamond, she asked the town to assist with cost of fencing. There is as an additional 400 sq feet to be fenced for the new location. They need fencing done this fall in order to have project completed by Girl Scout deadline (April 2019). Josh asked the Scouts to get quotes for the fencing to present to the council at the next meeting.
- D. Columbia Street Property ~ Deed has been signed and recorded to transfer the property from the Mann Trust to Town of Flora. Town appreciates this gift.
- E. T-Bird Design Services ~ Tim Balensiefer, President, introduced Clem Kuns who will be our contact person replacing Keith O'Brien as the town moves forward in upgrading sanitary sewer system to meet IDEM's requirements.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Umbaugh 4th Quarter 2018 Tracking Factor ~ Darrell moved to approve the IMPA tracker for the electric utility in the amount of \$0.000861 per kilowatt which represents a decrease in overall tracking factor of \$0.000077. Vince seconded. Motion carried.

- B. Perry Brewington ~ Owner of property at 306 West Clem asked for a utility easement in the undeveloped east/west alley at back of this property (and all undeveloped alleys in town) to offer more privacy. Council will look at the area.
- C. Brenneco Sprinkler Inspection ~ Found a 4" main riser clogged in the basement of 4 East Main Street building. Council requested a not-to exceed quote from Brenneco for flushing of the pipe to remedy the issue.
- D. Jim Hancock ~ Presented information and recommended changing Flora's election process from a town convention to a primary ballot election. He feels this would save town money and allow more residents to vote for candidates.
- E. Letter from Melissa Bishop ~ Requested an ordinance requiring pet owners to clean up after their animals in public places imposing a fine on those who violate the ordinance. Flora Main Street is prepared to purchase a dog waste station for the town parking lot with a sign stating the amount of the fine imposed for non-compliance. Josh will speak to town attorney about options and report back.
- F. RFP for roof replacement for 4 East Main Street building ~ Darrell moved to approve the specs with modification of dates and Vince seconded. Motion carried. Will advertise and open the bids at the October 15th special called town council meeting. Have until April 2019 for completion of the roof replacement.

REPORTS:

- A. Town Marshal – Paul Redmon submitted and read August police report. There were 10 Misdemeanor arrests, 2 Felony arrests, 16 Citations, 41 Warnings, 51 Calls for service, and 1 Accident. Will budget for new police car in 2019.
- B. Plan Commission – Issued four building permits in August. Kevin & Jill Clothier a storage building. Ernest Smelser wrecking of a shed. Joe & Becky Martin a shed. Scott Sisson a fence.
- C. Fire Department – Todd Trent reported 20 medical runs, 5 fire runs and 4 other runs in the month of August. Elementary students will be going to Lafayette for a fire prevention course. Department offering free installation of smoke detectors during Fire Prevention Week the second week of October. Presently starting on annual hose testing as required by ISO.
- D. Park Department – Atlee reported the rain caused a muddy mess with ruts in the soccer field area. Ash trees still dying at the park and Atlee recommends replacing five to seven trees a year. Council asked Atlee to get prices for five new trees of various sizes and bring to the October meeting.
- E. Airport – No one present. Annual inspection completed. Will notify us next year when doing inspection so runway lights can be turned on. Keeping two old cell phones charged and available at the airport to call 911 as inspection requires.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Josh reviewed submitted report. IPEP awarded \$2195.16 grant for safety equipment. Funds available early 2019 to

purchase bucket clamp on lights, stand lights and five V-watch collars. Council approved Ron Fritz filling out the RP3 questionnaire through the APPA to help with insurance and checks and balance on electric utility at a cost of \$600.00. Have identity of the person dumping large items in the parking lot dumpster and person will be billed for the amount the town paid to have the trash hauled away.

- G. WWT Superintendent – Josh reviewed submitted report. No overflows in August. One more upgrade completed in August leaving only one sewer upgrade to be completed. Reported 6.5 inches of rain in August.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. Next meeting will be Monday, October 1, 2018 at 6:00 PM. Public hearing for 2019 budget will be held at this meeting.
- 2. Special meeting Monday October 15, 2018 for final reading of the 2019 Budget and open the roof replacement bids.

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