

TOWN COUNCIL  
January 7, 2019

The Flora Town Council met Monday, January 7, 2019 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were; Tim Ballensiefer and Clem Kuns (T-Bird Design Services Corp), Charlotte Moppin, Bill McCarty, Lora Adams, Derek Eikenberry, Atlee Oyler, Ron Fritz, Paul Redmon, Jessica Young, Jill Clothier, Josh Disinger, Jim Hancock, Barry Hutton, Cory Mahan (Ace Consulting Engineering), Karla Jenkins, Abigail Diener (Attorney), Susan Scholl (Comet), Jacob D. Adams, Darrell Yoder, Vincent A. Seward and Joretta L. Tinsman.

Joretta Tinsman opened the meeting with welcome and election of officers. Darrell Yoder moved to set Vince Seward as Council President and Jacob Adams seconded. Motion carried. Jacob Adams moved to set Darrell Yoder as Vice President and Vince Seward seconded. Motion carried. Vince Seward moved to set Jacob Adams as Finance Chairman and Darrell Yoder seconded. Motion carried. 2019 Officers set.

Darrell moved minutes of previous meeting (December 3, 2019) be approved as written; Jacob seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and Payroll signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. T-Bird Design ~ Clem Kuns presented a quote from B. L. Anderson for a WWTP rain gauge and one flow meter for logging using Mission RTU in the amount of \$3,858.40 for the first year with additional cost of \$300.00 to \$500.00 per year depending on data used. Darrell moved to approve the quote for the flow monitoring equipment and to authorize T-Bird to proceed with GIS initiative field data mapping collection of the sewer system beginning in 2019 and continuing into 2020 in amount of \$60,000.00. Jacob seconded. Motion carried. This will move the Town forward in obtaining data to apply for an OCRA planning grant and toward becoming IDEM compliant. Per an agreement with IDEM, a report on the town's efforts to improve its wastewater system is due by the end of January, 2019. The Town can apply for more than one OCRA grant at the same time so planning to pursue a Blight Elimination Grant in an effort to tear down the old Brethren's Home.
- B. Commonwealth ~ Vince signed Draw #3 for water project and K-IRPC Draw #3 for the water project to pay Graves Plumbing.
- C. Appointments and Committees ~ Jason Seibert will be filling Troy Helderman's place on the Plan Commission and on the Board of Zoning appeals as Troy moved from Flora. Josh Ayres, Jason Burns and Brooke Miller have agreed to serve on the Park Board with Lisa Eikenberry, Dallas Eikenberry, Atlee Oyler and Susan Denny. Joe Moss agreed to another three year term on Economic Development Board and Steve Wheeler has agreed to serve a two year term on Economic Development. Approved Cheryl Bean for the Library Board. Joretta Tinsman

agreed to serve on the KIRPC Board for one year only. Jacob moved to approve all the 2019 appointments as reviewed above. Darrell seconded. Motion carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Umbaugh 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 Tracking Factor ~ Darrell moved to approve the IMPA tracker for the electric utility in the amount of \$0.001249 per kilowatt hour which represents a decrease in the overall tracking factor of \$002110. Jacob seconded. Motion carried.
- B. 2019 Monroe Township and Carrollton Township Fire Contracts ~ Darrell moved to approve both Fire Contracts as presented (Monroe Township in amount of \$4000.00 per year and Carrollton Township in the amount of \$1700.00 per year for fire protection). Jacob seconded. Motion carried. Carrollton's is less as they pay more than one township for fire protection.

#### REPORTS:

- A. Town Marshal – Paul Redmon reported department unable to submit a police report due to new technology (RMS system implemented in mid-December being used by nearly all of county law enforcement). The seller is working to make this report available on new system. Paul reported insurance has not yet been settled on the town's 2017 police car that was totaled recently. He has been in contact with a dealership about replacing the crashed vehicle with a 2019 Durango. Dell replaced damaged laptop and insurance will replace damaged radar unit. Included in the 2019 police budget is replacement of a 2015 police cruiser. This vehicle will be replaced with a pickup truck and purchased later in the year when insurance money is settled and more inventory choice available.
- B. Plan Commission – There were no building permits issued in December 2018.
- C. Fire Department – Derek Eikenberry reported 22 runs in December including 17 medical runs and 5 fire runs. Sewer problem at 27 W Main has been corrected.
- D. Park Department – Park is closed.
- E. Airport – No One Present.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Foreman – See written report. Vince reviewed report. Darrell moved to approve hiring Ace Consulting Engineers (Cory Mahan would be doing the work) to help the town secure a Community Crossings Grant for street work in order to get first round submitted by end of January. Jacob seconded. Motion carried. The is a two year contract with Ace and is subject to approval by town attorney, Abigail Diener, who is reviewing the contract and adding specifics to it. Rates with Ace are 5,000.00 for the first year and \$3,000.00 for the second year which is less than with our previous

firm. He would re-apply in July only if grant not awarded on first round. The new metal door for the side door at 4 East Main is in at Haley's and will be installed soon. Electric department is cutting and trimming trees. Testing approximately ten residential meters a month and replacing them if needed.

- G. WWT Foreman – See written report. Vince reviewed report. Bill McCarty's authorized agent approval letter signed for IDEM. The Brookview sewer project is on hold until the ground freezes or dries up. Sump pump placed and home owner's problems fixed. Applied 73,200 gallons of sludge to Robeson farm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. Office closed January 21, 2019 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- 2. Next meeting Monday, February 11, 2019 at 6:00 PM. Rescheduled from first Monday of February to second Monday due to Joretta being out of town on 4th.
- 3. Legislative Reception hosted by IMPA~ January 28, 2019. Jacob plans to attend.

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

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Vincent A. Seward, President

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Darrell Yoder, Vice-President

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Jacob D. Adams, Finance Chairman

ATTEST:

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Joretta L. Tinsman, Clerk-Treasurer