

TOWN COUNCIL

July 1, 2019

The Flora Town Council met Monday, July 5, 2019 in the Board Room at 4 E. Main Street. Those present were: Charlotte Moppin, Bill McCarty, Eric Downing-CCD, Tim Balensefer-T-Bird, Todd Trent, James Bishop, Sarah Hanaway, Kevin & Jill Clothier, Pam Beck, Michael, Holly and Patrick O'Neal, Rachel Runge, Ron Fritz, James Rich, Abigail Diener, Vincent Seward, Darrell Yoder, Jake Adams and Joretta Tinsman.

Vincent opened the meeting with welcome. Darrell moved the minutes of the previous meeting (June 3, 2019) be approved as presented. Seconded by Jacob. Minutes approved. Claims and Payroll were signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Commonwealth- Rachel Runge- Reported everything is done that was bid-out, just doing clean up and final painting. Change order A3 includes several miscellaneous improvements in the amount of \$31,428.63 which will be paid from the contingency fund. Upon completion a letter needs to be sent to USDA on Town letterhead requesting reimbursement for items paid by the Flora Water Utility. USDA and K-IRPC will do a final walk thru but no date has not been set.
- B. T-Bird – Tim Balensiefer reported he has been gathering information since March with weekly email reports. The GIS mapping with live video will be done for 50 % of the town this year and the other half will be in 2020. He will forward the new IDEM case managers name and contact information to Joretta.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Clinton County Disposal- 2020 Recycling- Submitted bid for a 1-year contract for residential recycle pick up every other week on Tuesday and Business pick every Friday for \$30,420.00. Board discussed and Darrell made motion to table the decision and Jacob seconded.
- B. Flora-Monroe Township Sign Project – James Rush would like to place a historical sign in reference to Flora Basketball history. Board discussed and ask for a design of the sign to review. Cost would be \$2400.00.
- C. Troop # 144 Eagle Scout Project- Mike O'Neil – Life Scout presented a plan and ask for approval to revive the basketball court at the park. The work will include filling the cracks, sealing and restriping the court as well as new nets. He has obtained a sponsor to pay for the materials. He will have the help of his family and scout troop. The Council approved the project.
- D. SRO contract with Carroll Consolidated School – Town Lawyer Abigail Diener reviewed the same contract as last year. Darrell made a motion to accept contract for the 2019-2020 school year. Jacob seconded. Approved
- E. Plan Commission Proposal for 203 E Catherine – The Plan Commission submitted a recommendation to replat the size of Lot 31 and 33 in the Bidy Hill Addition to the

Town of Flora. There are currently 2 houses built on four lots however, they set across lot lines. The new lots will not be the normal size of 60x120. Doug Whiteman owns the lots and wants to replat them. The Plan Commission believes that by doing this, it cleans up the lots with one house on each lot. Reviewing the new survey it was determined 2 lots will be 75x98 and 2 lots will be 55x98. Darrell made a motion to replat the lots as recommended by the Plan Commission. Jacob seconded. Approved.

- F. Room Rental- Sarah Hanaway – Monroe Township Trustee ask to rent a room for her office at 4 E Main Street. Town Council will have Abigail Diener draw up contract for \$150 per month which includes electric, water and sewage.
- G. Baker Tilly – 3rd Quarter Tracking Factor. Increase in the overall tracking factor from \$0.000225 to \$0.000321. Darrell moved to accept the increase. Jacob seconded. Approved.

REPORTS:

- A. Town Marshal- James Bishop reported 68 calls for service.
- B. Plan Commission – 3 Building permits issued in June 2019: Cassie Cloutier- deck. Brandon Mills- Shed. Jim Fisher – wrecking a garage.
- C. Fire Department – Todd Trent reported: 6 medical runs, 4 fire calls and 6 pool fills. Fireworks will be July 4th with the rain date of July 5th. Darrell, reported that a new urinal kit has been ordered for restroom and drain cover at fire station. RA-COMM submitted quote of \$10,000.00 to move radio system downstairs at Fire Dept, other estimates are being obtained. He inquired as to whether the town has building codes. He was told the town does not. Town attorney Abigail Diener said the town can create an unsafe building ordinance. A Hotspot connection thru Firstnet discussed and Joretta indicated she has the cost.
- D. Park Department –Received a list of items to be reviewed for repair and added to the 2020 budget. The building trades class will build new picnic tables. The town will provide the materials.
- E. Airport –Ron Fritz reported everything is good at Airport.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Foreman –Ron reported he is using a different disinfectant to treat the water and it may taste different, however; it is safe to drink. Hydrants are being flushed on July 2. Small leak at the Trailer Park is on the agenda to be fixed. Sewer cuts have been repaired with about 14 tons of asphalt, water cuts will be repaired in the future. Striping being done in town. Trevor Ayres passed his entry level test into his third year and Tom Routt will be taking his top out test to be a journeyman-lineman. Walking trail lights are ordered. Fact Finding meeting in reference to updating the meter reading system is scheduled with AMI Meter System for July 10th and with Brownstown on July 17th. Trencher is down, needs a new pully part, checked several places and can not find one. Ron will get quotes to purchase or rent one if needed.

Ron ask for approval for the line crew of Kevin, Tom and Trever to attend the IMPA tour of the Solomon Plant in Decatur Tennessee on September 17-18. Council agreed.

G. WWT Foreman – See written report.

Bill explained a new riser needed placed for a resident and used 6 risers instead of the standard 1 free. The cost of the additional risers was about \$1,000.00. Council advised to bill the resident.

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Regular Town Council Meeting ~ August ,5, 2019 at 6 pm
2. Shred day will be August 17, 2019, 8 AM to Noon
3. Fireworks will be Thursday July 4th at dusk at the Flora Park. Rain date July 5th.
Rain date is July 5th.

TOWN OF FLORA

Vincent Seward, President

Darrell Yoder, Vice President

Jacob Adams, Finance Chairman

ATTEST:

Joretta L. Tinsman, Clerk-Treasurer