

## TOWN COUNCIL

April 13

Due to COVID-19 the Flora Town Council meeting was changed to the 2nd Monday in April and held via Zoom from various locations. The Agenda and pertaining other documents were posted on the Zoom screen as the meeting progressed. Those "zooming in" were Susan Scholl (Comet); Debbie Lowe (Comet), Atlee Oyler, Jason Bums, Todd Trent, Abigail Diener, Paul Redmon, Cory Mahan, Kevin Clothier, Kevin Shafter, Kris Yoder, Bill McCarty, Anne?; Steve?; Vince Seward, Darrell Yoder, Jake Adams and Clerk-Treasurer Joretta Tinsman.

## OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business at this meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS:

A.) Baker Tilley ~ 2nd Quarter Tracking Factor will be reduced by \$0.001058 with an overall tracking factor \$0.001399. Darrell moved to approve the new tracking factor, Jake seconded. Motion carried.

B.) Resolution 2020-03 ~ Vince read the Resolution which amends the Personnel Policy allowing for paid time off for the extenuating circumstances. Darrell moved to approve the Resolution, Jake seconded. Motion carried.

C.) Resolution 2020-04 ~ The Town of Flora proposes using \$200,000.00 EDIT funds to make loans to Flora small businesses. Would be payback over a 5 year period beginning January 15, 2021 with a 1% interest rate. Darrell moved to adopt the Resolution, Jake seconded. Motion carried.

## REPORTS

Police: Town Marshall Redmon reported that the park will remain closed (playground and athletic fields) however the walking trail and the dog park will be available for use. Their calls for service have been down since COVID-19 started and EMA Director Mike Fincher is going above and beyond and doing an excellent job of both supplying PPE and keeping us informed on current status with a daily report.

Plan Commission: There were three permits issued in March. Eric Miller ~ Barn; John Flora and Josh Rice ~ fences.

Fire Department: Todd Trent reported they had 6 medical runs and 3 fire runs in March. July 4th fireworks contract has been signed with a back up date for Labor Day weekend.

Park Department: Atlee Oyler reported that the picnic tables which the students at the High School were building for us are in various states of completion. He is working with the teacher to pick up the material and tables so that they can be finished. Have several more ash trees that need to be taken down and in the fall would like to see new ones planted. Since the park remains closed ~ they are basically only mowing at this time.

Airport: No report

Utility Manager/Water Foreman: Have new parts for the tub grinder and is working much better. Updated water services and fixed a pit. #3 truck has lighting problems~ have it working for now. Trimming trees as weather and man power allows, pole broken on the 60Kv line ~ have made arrangements to have repaired. Requires larger equipment than we have. Picked up two poles at Gas City power to replace poles that are broken.

Wastewater Foreman: Jeff Fish with Common Wealth toured the plant and lift stations, inspected two lateral upgrades at Mann Manor and West Vine Street, purchased another rebuilt blower for the second one that went bad, drained and cleaned chlorine contact tank ~ ready for seasonal chlorination. Rob and Bill are continuing to work opposite weeks until further update from IDEM.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Spring trash pick up will be Friday and Saturday, May 1st & 2<sup>nd</sup>. All trash MUST be out by 7:00 AM on Friday, May 1st.
2. Next town council meeting is tentatively set for Monday, May 4th
3. Town office will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.
4. Household Hazardous Waste drop off will be Saturday, May 30th at the Flora Municipal Shop from 8:00 AM to Noon.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Jake moved to adjourn, Darrell seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM

TOWN OF FLORA

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Vincent A. Seward, President

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Darrell Yoder, Vice-President

Jacob D. Adams, Finance Chairman

ATTEST:

Joretta L. Tinsman, Clerk-Treasurer