
TOWN COUNCIL
May 11, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 the Flora Town Council met Monday; May 11, 2020 at the Carroll County 4-H Building located at the Flora Park. Those present were; Susan Scholl (Carroll County Comet), Pam Beck, Mark, Brandy & Kris Pinkard, Paul Redmon, Atlee Oyler, Steve & Melissa Keown, Kent King, Laura Walls (EDC), William Jones, Judy Beaver, Abigail Diener, Lee Sorrells, Tom Hedde, Bret Rinehart, Sarah Hanaway, Bill McCarty, Todd Trent, Kevin Shafer, Susan Shively, Sarah Schelle, Chris Rohaly, Darrell Yoder, Vincent Seward, Jacob Adams and Clerk- Treasurer Joretta Tinsman.

Vince Seward opened the meeting with welcome. Darrell moved the minutes of the previous meetings, (March 2nd and April 13th, 2020) be approved as presented; Jacob seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Food Truck Ordinance 2020-01 stipulates that food vendors will complete an application at the Town Office Building, provide a certificate of insurance, along with all necessary licenses and permits imposed by the Carroll County Health Department. Jake moved to accept the 1st reading of Ordinance 2020-01 with the addition of the fire code amendment. Darrell seconded. Approved.
- B. Small Business Loans - 14 business loan applications have been paid to date (of the 20 available). Therefore, the Town still has funds available from the original approved. The Council decided to extend the application deadline to May 18th with checks being distributed on May 22nd. We have 3 more businesses that have expressed an interest.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. CCEDC- Memorandum of Understanding: Laura Walls and Bret Rinehart explained the environmental situation for the property at 702 E Columbia Street. Jake moved that the Town of Flora will enter the MOU and use available EDIT funds to reimburse CCEDC for expended expenses used for remediation costs not to exceed \$20,000.00. Darrell seconded. Approved
- B. Mark Pinkard – Presented a slide show and information obtained to the Council for review. Mark voiced concern for the condition of the Town of Flora due to rental property conditions. He suggested the nuisance ordinance be revised and a code enforcement officer hired to regulate the safety and conditions of rental properties. Several concerned neighbors voiced questions and their concerns.
- C. Flora Community Garden- Sarah Hanaway asked permission to use property at the north end of the Flora Park for a free community garden. The 20 plots would be 12' x 15' with rules and regulations in place and waiver of liability signed. Darrell moved to

- accept the request for the free community garden at the North end of the Flora Park. Jake seconded. Approved.
- D. A Mutual Aid Agreement with IMEA was presented for approval. It allows member municipalities to seek assistance from other member communities. Jake moved to accept the agreement. Darrell seconded. Approved
- E. Voiding Outstanding Checks- Clerk-Treasurer presented a list of 6 outstanding checks totaling \$197.42 from 2016 and 2017. As of 12/31/2019 they are over two years old. Jake moved to void the checks. Darrell seconded. Approved.
- F. Resolution 2020-05- The Community Crossings Street Grant Agreement. Jake moved to authorize Town Council President to sign the Grant Agreement on behalf of the Town. Darrell seconded. Approved

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REPORTS:

- A. Police Department – Paul Redmon submitted his report. There were: 2 Citations, 4 Warnings, 55 Calls for service, 2 Accidents. Paul explained the residents have been cooperating with the COVID-19 regulations.
- B. Plan Commission - Issued 5 building permits in April to: Jason Burns (2)- Shed & Stairs Josh Ayres and Julia Hoskins for fences. James Wharam -sidewalk
- C. Fire Department –Todd reported 4 fire runs and 3 Birthday parades. The first responders are used on a limited bases and trucks are cleaned after each run.
- D. Park Department – The Council decided to open the park with the exception of the basketball courts on May 15th. Atlee reported the restrooms will be open May 15th, picnic tables are complete, and little league will begin practice mid -June. He wants to go ahead and hire summer help.
- E. Airport – Mowing continues and nothing else to report.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – See written report. **Street Dept:** Brush continues to be picked up, cold patching in progress, mowing in full swing. **Water Dept:** Quiet month with no major leaks. **Elec Dept:** Tree trimming and cutting has started. Installation of walking trail lights is underway with half of the lights in place. Hoosier Edison Line Co. replaced a 69KV line pole.
- G. WWT Foreman: See written report. Bill reported monthly tasks done and no overflows for the month. Employees are working regular schedule again while practicing social distancing in place.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Clinton Co Disposal hauled 85.3 ton of refuse during Spring clean -up. Normal spring pick up is 50-55 ton. They requested help with the excessive tonnage. Darrell moved to pay the overage tipping fees of \$1,853.96. Jake seconded. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Executive meeting May 20, 2020 to review perspective employee applications.
2. Office will be closed Monday, May 25th, 2020 in observance of Memorial Day.
- 3 Household Hazardous Collection May 30th 8:00 AM to noon at Municipal Shop
4. Town Council Meeting June 1st, 2020 at 6 pm

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

TOWN OF FLORA

Vincent A. Seward, President

Darrell Yoder, Vice-President

Jacob D. Adams, Finance Chairman

ATTEST:

Joretta L. Tinsman, Clerk-Treasurer