

## FLORA TOWN COUNCIL

February 1, 2021

The Flora Town Council met Monday, February 1, 2021 at the 4-H Building at the park. Those present were; Teresa Hartwig (Commonwealth), Bill McCarty, Pam Beck, Kevin Shafer, Todd Trent, Paul Redmon, Susan Scholl (Comet), Jake Adams (EDC Director), Abigail Diener via Zoom, Darrell Yoder, Vince Seward, and Joretta Tinsman

Vince Seward opened the meeting with welcome. Darrell moved the minutes of the previous meeting (January 11, 2021) be approved as presented; Vince seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Commonwealth: Teresa Hartwig presented updates for the Wastewater PER and Water projects. Once the needs, alternatives and cost are complete for the WWTP Teresa will meet with Bill and apply for funding. Water project mixer will be replaced and installed at no charge. Our recent water project won one of the Indiana's Engineering Excellence Awards and awards will be presented virtually April 14<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm.
- B. TTG- Utility Mower: Quote reviewed from last board meeting in the amount of \$2,700 with trade in. Darrell moved to approve trade. Vince seconded. Motion carried.
- C. Rental Fees: A spreadsheet presented to the council outlined the current fees for renting different buildings. The council tabled till the next meeting to give them time to review the information.
- D. Parking Downtown/Limit hours: The Council discussed the streets and hours for the downtown signs. Council will give Abigail the streets that they want included and she will work on an Ordinance.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- A. EDC- Jake Adams, new EDC Director, presented the 2021 Economic Development Strategy Plan which included residential development, broadband expansion, community collaboration and using town green space. Vince stated the town did not have sufficient time to meet the application requirements for the COVID grant thru OCRA for fiber optic services so the request was withdrawn.

### REPORTS:

- A. Police Department: Paul Redmon presented January police report. There were 5 misdemeanor arrest, 7 citations, 14 warnings, 55 calls for service, 1 accident.
- B. Plan Commission – Issued no building permits in January.
- C. Fire Department – Todd Trent present and reported 6 fire runs and 18 medical runs. Brady's Hope donated \$2,000 in honor of Troy Trent; and the department purchased rescue 42's stabilizing equipment. Trent did receive a quote from Jeff Richardson for \$19,500 to replace the entire apron. Todd will get back in touch with Rossville contractor due to is was not quoted using the same materials as Richardson. Darrell will get in touch with Brewster Concrete in Burlington about submitting a quote.
- D. Park Department – No one present.
- E. Airport – No one present.

- F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Kevin submitted and reviewed written report. The guys did well with the ice and snow we had at the end of January. Two of the 3 lights have been replaced at the fire station waiting on warmer weather to replace the 3<sup>rd</sup> light.
  
- G. WWT Superintendent – Bill submitted and reviewed written report. January went well with general maintenance. We recorded 2.15” rain and 9.55” of snow resulting in a higher flow for the month. Randy and Rob helped with snow removal. Randy has started the rotation of being on call and is doing well. Randy is studying for his CDL and started on wastewater certification books.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. Town Office closed Monday, February 15, 2021 for President’s Day.
  
- 2. Next town council meeting will be Monday, March 1, 2021 at 6:00 PM to be held at the Town Hall Board Room

Other Business:

Caucus to fill vacant Town Council Seat will be Feb 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Darrell mentioned the Community Crossing grant application has been submitted for street improvements.

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

TOWN OF FLORA

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Vincent A. Seward, President

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Darrell Yoder, Vice President

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Vacant Seat to be filled 2/10/2021

ATTEST:

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Joretta L. Tinsman, Clerk-Treasurer