TOWN COUNCIL
March 6, 2023

The Flora Town Council met Monday, March 6, 2023 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were: Cory Mahan, Bill McCarty, Todd Trent, Kevin Shafer, Kevin and Jill Clothier, Susan Scholl (Comet), Joretta Tinsman, Charlotte Moppin, Atlee Oyler, James Bishop, Kevin Fesler, Vincent Seward, Rob Kauffman and Pam Beck.

Rob opened the meeting with welcome. Vince moved the minutes of the previous meeting (February 6, 2023) be approved as presented; Rob seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Commonwealth: Gabrielle reported on the Wastewater Treatment project SRF discussed and deadline dates.

B. Comprehensive Plan: Rob encouraged the community to submit a letter identifying suggestions for growth and development for the Town of Flora. The letters are due to the office before May 5th. The Public hearing is scheduled for May 1st.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Community Club- Marcy Robledo executive director not present, however; but wanted the upcoming events to be announced: Trash to Treasures scheduled for April 27th to April 29th. Garden Fair April 22nd. Volunteers are needed for all upcoming events and will receive shirt and name going into a drawing the end of the year prize.

B. Carroll County Health Dept- Kevin would like to do the tire drop off again this year at the municipal shop on April 15th from 9am to 1pm. The Council discussed and agreed to do the drop off again.

C. Baker Tilly – An agreement to update upcoming bonds and fees associated with the changes in the amount of $23,000.

D. Eco-Shred – Quote received for a tentative date of August 12th at the municipal shop from 9am to Noon. The cost is $600 which reflects an increase of $100 from last year. Vince moved to set the date and pay $600 for the event. Rob seconded. Motion carried.

E. Resolution 2023-03 Signature for the Sale of Lots 5,6 and 7 in the Flora South Park Addition on STRD 18 E. Rob read Resolution 2023-03 naming the President of the Town Council, Darrell Yoder, be appointed as the person signing the paperwork for the sale of said property for the Town of Flora. Vince moved to approve Resolution 2023-03 as read. Rob seconded. Motion carried.

F. Tennis Court Quotes: Rob obtained 2 quotes for resurfacing and complete court renovation from Leslie Coatings, Inc and A.G. Sports Surfaces. The Council discussed and decided to just resurface. Vince moved to accept the low bid with Leslie Coatings in the amount of $19,625. Rob seconded. Motion carried. Bailey Fence and Todal Fence LLC submitted quotes to replace the fence around the tennis court. Vince moved to accept the low bid of $15183.9 from Bailey Fence. Rob seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

A. Police Department -Town Marshal James Bishop read monthly report. The black Impala has been sold. Steve Catron is now certified in Breath Testing. James would like the 2024 budget to include money for a new police car, he is seeking grant opportunities thru the State to help with the purchase.

B. Plan Commission: 1 Building permit was issued in February to Laurie Brower For a room addition.

C. Park Department: Atlee reported picnic tables are just about done being repaired. The park will open April 1st. He has had some renters pick up their vehicles. He has 3 guys splitting their time to help this summer and does not think he will need a high school student for summer help. He will work with the town employees to get the tennis courts ready to be resurfaced and new fencing to be installed.

D. Fire Department – Todd Trent reported 7 fire and 8 medical runs for the month of February. The date for the live wire-burn with Carroll White REMC will be April 13th at Carroll High School with dinner at 6pm and training at 6:30 pm. Todd spoke to Crossroads Foundation in reference to fixing the steps at the fire station by leveling and filling in instead of replacing. Vince moved to have the steps fixed and the cost not to exceed $1500. Rob seconded. Motion carried. The railroad emergency plan for Flora was discussed if a derailment involving hazardous chemicals occurs. The plan will be in file at the Town Office.

E. Airport – No one present.

F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Kevin reviewed the utility report with the council. The 77 chevy is no longer running, the parts can not be found to repair it. He is looking at options and will get back with the council. The Council received 3- electric meter quotes and will discuss at a later date the details of each quote.

G. WWT Superintendent – Bill reviewed written report for council and indicated they are doing the monthly maintenance and keeping thing running at the plant.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Joretta Tinsman was presented her retirement gift of a watch and thanked for her years of service to the Town of Flora.
2. Cory Mahan with Ace Engineering said the Community Crossing Grant is moving forward with sealed bids to be opened at the Special Meeting on March 20th, 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Next meeting will be Monday, April 3rd, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Vince moved to adjourn. Rob seconded; motion carried.

TOWN OF FLORA

Darrell Yoder, President

Robert Kauffman, Vice President

Vincent Seward, Finance Chairman

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Beck, Clerk-Treasurer