FLORA TOWN COUNCIL
July 5, 2023

The Flora Town Council met Wednesday, July 5, 2023 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were; Susan Scholl (Carroll County Comet), Gabrielle Taber (Commonwealth), Todd Trent, James Bishop, Trevor Ayres, Breezy Land, Fredd McKay, Bill McCarty, Atlee Oyler, Bob McKnight, Kendra Linn, Rob Kauffman, Darrell Yoder, and Pam Beck Clerk-Treasurer.

Rob opened the meeting with welcome. Rob moved the minutes of the previous meetings (June 5, 2023) be approved as presented; Darrell Seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Commonwealth- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Update: Gabrielle explained Asset Management Plan Received from Baker Tilly. Additional info was provided to SRF and Baker-Tilly with clarification on the project which resulted in a higher score, moving the town's ranking from 37 to 15. USDA indicated an additional grant/loan may be available in the next fiscal year (October) and this will be included in Baler-Tilly's alternative analysis. WWPT department employees Rob Buttice, Randy Hoffman, and QuintionVeach visited the Wolcott Wastewater Treatment Plant on June 22 and said it was helpful to see similar equipment that will be installed in Flora's project.

B. Recycle Area Fence: The council decided after input from town employees that a chain link fence will be best at the recyclables site. Bailey Fence, Burlington gave us a quote of $2,200. Rob moved to approve the quote of $2,200. Darrell Seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Greg Michael- LM Properties. He wants at split his property on West Columbia Street int 2 parcels. This was tabled to next meeting August 7, 2023.

B. Downtown curb/sidewalk- Quote from ABC Concrete, Camden, in the amount of $1,250 to repair sidewalk and curb on S Center Street. Repair is needed after sidewalk and curb were removed during water repair. Darrell moved to approve the quote of $1,250. Darrell Seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

A. Police Department – Chief James Bishop submitted his report. There were 9 misdemeanor arrests, 3 felony arrest, 5 citations, 61 warnings, 120 calls for service, and 4 accidents, and 1 parole violation. Special Event- Public property event application was tabled to next meeting August 7, 2023.

B. Plan Commission – There were 4 permits issued in June: Becka Wells- Fence. Jeff McLlrath-Shed. Mike Baker- Shed. Breezy Land-Pool.

C. Fire Department – Todd Trent reported the department had 6 fire and 10 medical runs. Trent reported the ladder truck is currently out of service while the cylinders are being rebuilt and the estimated to repair is $4,000. The extraction equipment is ordered and may be in by September. Fireworks show went well.

D. Park Department – Atlee reported the fence around the tennis courts is nearly done. A drinking fountain/mister was installed at the soccer field. Damaged slide is not made anymore, but the company sent another one which hopefully will work.

E. Airport- Bob McKnight reported the pavilion at the airport is not being utilized and is in poor shape. The Council agreed for it to be torn down. Inspection went well with no violations.

F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Trevor reported brush and grass pickup is occurring every day. The street sweeper has been fixed. Three new poles were set. Trevor requested purchase of a new Jack Hammer, Home Depot quote of $1999.00. Rob moved to approve. Darrell Seconded. Motion carried. Trevor said a new push mower is needed. Darrell will check with John Deere on pricing for a mower. Moving forward the yearly Water reports need to go out in June bills not July. IDEM Phase II 5 Year Wellhead Protection service, Darrell will let Nick know we will go with Hydrophase. Estimated cost between $700 and $1,500.

G. WWT Superintendent – Bill McCarty submitted report. Randy has 2 more certification classes.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. The Tractor Pull will be September 8th & 9th, 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Next Town Council Meeting will be held Monday, August 7, 2023, at 6 PM.
2. Community Shred Day is Saturday, August 12, 2023, from 8 AM to 12 PM at the Municipal Shop.

Rob moved to adjourn, Darrell seconded; motion carried.

TOWN OF FLORA

Darrell Yoder, President

Robert Kauffman, Vice President

Absent
Vincent Seward, Finance Chairman

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Beck, Clerk-Treasurer