FLORA TOWN COUNCIL
August 5, 2024

The Flora Town Council met Monday, August 5, 2024 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were; Todd Trent, James Bishop, Trevor Ayers, Randy Hoffman, Breezy Land, Kendra Linn, Rachel Runge (Commonwealth), Darren Wells (Commonwealth), Chris Albaugh, Jack Begley, Scott Miller, Sarah Hanaway, Bo Weir, Tami Wood, Vince Seward, Darrell Yoder, and Pam Beck Clerk-Treasurer.

Darrell opened the meeting with welcome. Vince moved the minutes of the previous meeting (July 1st, July 8th, and July 18th, 2024) be approved as presented; Rob Seconded. Minutes approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Commonwealth- Rachel Runge and Darren Wells- The Preconstruction Meeting for the Wastewater Improvements Projects (Division A & B) is scheduled for Friday, August 9th 2:00 p.m. at the Flora Town Hall. This meeting will execute the Construction Contracts. Someone from the Flora Town Board will need to be present to sign the contracts as well as the Clerk-Treasurer to attest. Commonwealth met with Patterson Horth, Inc. (Division A Contractor) on July 30th to discuss ways to lower the cost of the project and in turn, add more funds to contingency. The contractor (Hoosier X) for the field investigation indicates they can mobilize the week of July 8th. They have been in contact with Nick about setting up a preliminary site visit to map out the areas to investigate. After this date is updated in the inventory, Commonwealth will finalize the PER/AMP updates.

B. Community Crossing Paving Project- 2 sealed bids were accepted and opened at a special meeting on July 18th. Central Paving: $434,451.60 and Milestone Contractors: $669,528.00. Vince moved to accept Central Paving's bid of $434,451.60 upon review of documents by Cory Mahan. Rob Seconded. Motion carried.

C. Alley Closure- Richard VonAhren- 706 S. Willow St. Tabled by the board at the June Meeting. Vince made a motion to close the alley at 706 S. Willow St. Rob Seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Fire Piza Event-Tammy Wood and Bo Weir- 2024 Ride of Hope August 24, 2024 from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M.

B. Flora Depot Days- Madison Kauffman- Depot Days September 28th from 9-5. There will be a model train show from 10-3. Cruisin Car show from 11-3. Town wide yard sales.

C. Flora Community Club- Madison Kauffman- Fair. Madison is asking for donation from the Town to help with electric cost.

D. Flora Girls Softball- Thank you card read by Darrell.

E. KIRPC- Chris Albaugh- Safe Streets and Roads. New sidewalks, curbs, street signs, and crosswalks. Chris is looking into finding grants to fund this.

F. Solar Park- Yearly Compliance report- Darrell signed.

REPORTS:

A. Police Department – Chief James Bishop submitted his report. There were 87 calls for service, 4 citations, 13 warnings, 4 arrests/misdemeanors, 6 felonies, 1 warrant, and 3 accidents. Cameras are hooked up. Looking into better lighting and cameras at the dumpster's town parking lot.

B. Fire Department – Fire Chief Todd Trent reported the department had 7 fire-related call, and 14 EMS runs. Open Burning Ordinance- Todd presented copies of different Ordinances of open burning from other counties. Kendra Linn will work on putting together a new Open Burn Ordinance for The Town of Flora.

FLORA TOWN COUNCIL

August 5, 2024

The Flora Town Council met Monday, August 5, 2024 in the Broad Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were Todd Pratt, James Pilling, Trevor Ayers, Randy Holman, Teresa Hand, Kendra Zinn, Randel Kluttz (Chairperson), Dawn Webb (Comptroller), Chris Albaugh, Becky Begley, Scott Millen, Stan Blanscay, Bo Weir, Terri Wood, Vince Sewell, Darrell Yoder, and Pam Todd, Clerk.

Quorum.

Quorum opened the meeting with welcome. Minutes of the previous meeting (July 8th and July 15th, 2024) be approved as presented. Motion seconded. Minutes approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Communications – Radio Range and Dexter Wells- The Preconstruction Meeting for the wastewater improvements projects (Division A & B) is scheduled for Friday, August 9th 2:00pm at the Flora Town Hall. This meeting will examine the Construction Contracts between the Flora Town Board will need to be present to sign the contracts as well as the Clerk. The water to arrest Communications with Talors in North, the (Division A Contractor) on July 30th to discuss ways to keep the cost of the project and to purchase tools to combat cyber. The contractor (Jonesie Z) for the field investigation indicates they can mobilize the week of July 8th. They have been in contact with Nick about setting up a preliminary site visit to map out the area to investigate. After this is updated in the Inventory, Communications will finalize the FCR/AMR locations.

B. Community Crossing Paving Project – Sealed bids were accepted and opened at a special meeting on July 12th. Central Paving: $434,451.60 us. Milestone Contractors: $609,528.00 Vince moved to accept Central Paving's bid of $434,451.60 upon review of documents by Quay Mahan. Rob Seconded. Motion carried.

C. Alley Closure- Richard VonAlman- 706 S. Willow St. Tabled by the board at the June Meeting. Vince made a motion to close the alley at 706 S. Willow St. Rob Seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. 4th Pizza Night- Tammy Wood and Bo Weir- 2024 Kids of Hope August 24, 2024 from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M.

B. Flora Depot Days- Madison Kuchera- Depot Days September 28th from 9-5. There will be a model train show from 10-5. Onslin Car show from 11-3. Town wide yard sales.

C. Flora Community Clinic- Madison Kuchman- Flora Madison is asking for donations from the Town to help with electric cost.

D. Flora Girls Softball- Thank you card read by Darrell.

E. FCFAC- Chris Albaugh- Neils Sheets and Roads. New st lovinus, curbs, street signs, and crosswalks. Chris is looking into finding grants to fund this.

F. Solar Polls- Yearly Compliance report- Darrell signed.

REPORTS:

A. Police Department – Chief Zanto- Shop submitted his report. There were 87 calls for service, 3 citations, 3 warnings, 4 arrests/indictments, 6 felonies, 1 warrant, and 3 accidents. Current numbers looks to Loading into Boxer during and cameras at the dumpster's town meeting for

B. Fire Department – The Chief Todd Frost reported the department had 7 fire-related calls and 15 [illegible] Ocean Painting Ordinance- Todd presented copies of different Ordinances of Open burning from other counties. Kendra Linn will work on putting together a new One- Burn Ordinance for The Town of Flora.

C. Plan Commission- 4 permits issued for July: Franklin Leach- shed. John McPherson- shed. Grant Miller- sidewalk. Alex Graybill- garage.

D. Park Department– Scott Miller reported fair traffic left big ruts in grass. Town guys have helped with repairing this. Dog park gate is fixed. Looking into replacing benches around walking trail. Will talk with Nancy Meek about picnic tables.

E. Airport- Jack Begley reported INDOT inspection went well. Cellphone was purchased for 911.

F. Utility Manager/Water Foreman- Trevor's report included: Street Department: Fixed the road at the park by the horse arena. Revamped town parking lot. Changed bricks on the sidewalk in front of the Flower Shop to concrete. Rerouted the drain on Walnut St. that was leaking across the sidewalk. Water Department: Replaced leaking hydrant at Truland. Hoosier X is in town doing our lead and copper project. Water service is complete at the Children's Garden. 15 water service calls. 7 water leaks. Electric Department: Trimmed tree limbs off of power lines in several areas. Painted street light poles black. Set new pole at playground at park. Replaced pole at the doctor's office. Hoosier Edison replaced one of our 69-line poles that broke during the storm. Tree limb took half the town out of power. 16 electric calls. Cut 2 trees down. Changed 3 poles. New electric meters are still being installed. Shred Day is complete.

G. WWTP Superintendent – Randy's report included: Sewer lateral was installed at the Childers Garden. Pulled sewer plugs at the cattle and goat barns for the fair. Sewer lateral repair at the Senior Center Apartments. Jetted the park sewers before the fair. Quinton helped with electric meters. Quinton started his WW classes. Plant Influent Flow; 18,180,700 gallons= 586, 474 gallons per day. Plant Effluent Flow: 17,876,000 gallons= 576, 645 gallons per day.

OTHER BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The Town Office will be closed September 2nd, 2024 for Labor Day.
2. The next Town Council Meeting will be Monday, September 9th, 2024 at 6 pm.

Rob moved to adjourn; Vince seconded; motion carried.

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Darrell Yoder, President

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Beck, Clerk-Treasurer

Absent

Robert Kauffman, Vice President

Vincent Seward, Finance Chairman

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C. Plan Commission- 4 permits issued for July: 1 new duplex on Elm St. for John McPherson-Shed. Grant Miller-shed on N. Alex Graybill- garage.

D. Park Department- Scott Miller reported fair traffic for big race in previous Town guys have helped with repairing this. Dog park gate is fixed. Looking into replacing benches around walking trail. Will talk with Nancy Mack about picnic tables.

E. Airport- Jack Braley reported BUGOT inspection went well. Cellphone was purchased for $12.

F. Utility Meetings/ Water Issues- Trevor reported Sewer Department has the road at the park by the tores area. Preempted tows, parking lot. Cleaned brick on the sidewalk in front of the Flower Shop to coincide... Repaired the drain ce Walnut St. that was leaking across the sidewalk. Water Department crew is helping Graham at Fruland. Discovr X is in town doing our land and copper project. Water service is complete at the Oil Depot's Garden. 15 water service calls. 7 water leaks. Electric Department- Trimmed tree limbs off of power lines in several areas. Painted street light poles black. Set new pole at alley around at park. Replaced pole at Dr. Mark's office. Hoosier Edison replaced one of our 19-liter pole. Bar broke during the storm. Tree fell to ball the town out of power. 4 electric outs, and 2 trees down. Changed 3 poles. New electric meters are still being installed. Bucket Day is complete.

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TOWN SUPERVISORS

Darrell Yoder, President

Absent
Robert Sandman, Vice President

Vincent Sorrell, Member

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Beck, Clerk-Treasurer