FLORA TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

The Flora Town Council met Thursday, October 24th, 2024th, at 3 pm in the Board Room of the Town Hall. Present; Nick Hoffman, Randy Hoffman, Gabrielle Taber, Rachel Runge, Darrell Yoder, Rob Kauffman and Pamela Beck -Clerk-Treasurer.

1. **Darrell opened the meeting with welcome.**

2. **OLD BUSINESS**:

   A. **Water Department** – Nick, Gabrielle and Rachel gave an update for the Lead Inventory that was done. The verbiage for the residential letters for lead and galvanized was discussed and are due no later than Nov 15, 2024. The office staff will be available to answer questions and refer residents to the website as well. The lead and galvanized lines have a replacement requirement within the next 10 years for the Town and Resident side of the water line. A future grant could be an option to help with the cost of replacement.

   B. **Sewage Department-** Randy presented information in reference to about 160 laterals were found to not be in compliance. The situation was discussed as to have the residents upgrade now or wait until it is deemed necessary by being exposed following in place protocol. The Council and Randy were in agreement to not require residents to update but follow current procedures in place if a lateral is exposed, due to increased sewage rates for WWTP project.

   C. **READI Grant** – The administration of the READI Grant required a list of Items needed by the Town for the WWTP project with approximate costs to be purchased and refunded via the grant. The Council, Randy, Rachel and Gabrielle came up with a list and Rachel will complete with more realistic cost and send an update for the $1,500,000.

   D. **ARP Funds** – The Town has approximately $49,000 left to commit to spending before the end of 2024. The additional electric meters are going to be $12,780 and it was decided to use funds for the meters and any balance left use to pay the Town's portion of the Community Crossing Paving Project.

   E. **Skid-Steer-** The equipment was approved at the October 7th meeting. However; the wrong piece of equipment was included. A new quote added an additional $2661.58. Rob made a motion to accept the quote for the correct equipment. Darrell seconded. Motion carried.

3. **NEW BUSINESS**:

   A. **Flora Senior Center Contract-** The annual contract was reviewed due to the Council on Ageing in Delphi taking a high volume of calls for transportation from Flora residents due to the Garden Spot Van not being able to accommodate handicap and impaired residents. The Monroe Township Trustee, Sarah Hanaway, ask the Town to revisit the amount so she can fund the Council on Aging as well. Darrell made a motion to accept $2700 for the Sr. Center Annual Contract instead of the $5400. Rob seconded. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **The next Town Council Meeting November 4, 2024 at 6pm**

Rob moved to adjourn. Darrell seconded. Motion carried.

TOWN OF FLORA

Darrell Yoder, President

Rob Kauffman, Vice President

Vincent A. Seward, Finance

Chairman
ATTEST:

Pamela J. Beck, Clerk-Treasurer