FLORA TOWN COUNCIL
April 7, 2025

The Flora Town Council met Monday, April 7, 2025 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were; Tyler Jenkins, James Bishop, Breezy Land, Rachel Runge (Commonwealth), Jack Begley, Scott Miller, Justin Hayes,Sarah Hanaway, Judy Ayres, Charlotte Moppin, Barbra Pearson, Jessica Heater, Chris Albaugh, Rob Kauffman, and Pam Beck.

Rob opened the meeting with welcome.

Chris moved the minutes of the previous meeting March 3rd, 2025 be approved as presented; Rob seconded. Minutes approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Commonwealth- WWTP Update- Rachel Runge- Progress Meeting #5 is scheduled for Thursday, April 17th @ 11 am at the Flora Town Office. Contract Dates: Administrative NTP= 8/9/2024 (90-day period). Construction NTP= 11/7/2024. Substantial Completion= 4/1/2026. Final Completion= 30 calendar days following SC. Division A Partial Payment Application (PPA) No. 4. Patterson Horth PPA No. 4: $552,763.91 and Retainage PPA No. 4: $29,092.84. For a total of payment for Application No. 4 of $581,856.75. Chris approved the total payment for Division A for Application PPA No. 4 of $581,856.75. Rob seconded. Motion carried.

B.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Sarah Hanaway Monroe Township Trustee- Building Inspector for the Town of Flora- She would like to see the Town have a building inspector for rentals in town due to unsafe conditions for example, old wiring, holes in roof, etc. She is very concerned with some of the rental properties in the Town of Flora. As the Monroe Township Trustee her rental assistance has went up each year and she is having a hard time with this when the homes or apartments are not up to code. The Town Council asked Sarah what other small towns like ours have as a building inspector and she said she would get back to the Council. The Town Council then will revisit this.

B. Forman Blasters Pyrotechnics- 2025 July 4th fireworks show cost of $9,000- Chris made a motion to approve Forman Blasters Pyrotechnics for the 2025 July 4th fireworks show cost of $9,000. Rob seconded. Motion carried.

C. Blocher Construction quote- Atlee Oyler Event Center Restroom cost of $10,128.62- Chris made a motion to approve Blocher Construction quote of $10,128.62. Rob seconded. Motion carried.

D. Service Sanitation quote- Park Portable Restrooms (2) $410.00/month & Hand Sanitizer Station. One time delivery fee of $60.00- Location of the portable restrooms will be one at the lower little league field and one at the new softball field. They will be set from mid- April to possibly mid-October. Chris made a motion to approve Service Sanitation Portable Restrooms (2), Hand Sanitizer Stations (2) for $410.00/month, and one time delivery fee of $60.00. Rob seconded. Motion carried.

E. Eco Shred quote-$600 plus 14% fuel surcharge/$84 total cost of $ $684- Shred Day will be Saturday, August 2, 2025 from 8 am to Noon at the Municipal Shop- Chris made a motion to approve Eco Shred cost of $684 for Shred Day Saturday, August 2, 2025. Rob seconded. Motion carried.

F. Neal Mooy Benefit Ride- Neal sustained severe chemical burns from anhydrous ammonia while unloading his trailer- Event will be on Sunday, May 18, 2025 at Willoughby's 11:00 am. Asking permission to rope off and use the Town parking lot for the event. An event application has been picked up. Council approved.

G. Free Event Sponsored by Solidarity Community Federal Credit Union Shred Day Wednesday, April 30, 2025 from 4 pm-5:15 pm.- Council approved.

H. Baker Tilly- Second Quarter Tracking Factor will be $0.009516 and will be charged monthly to all metered rates. This represents a decrease in the overall tracking factor of $0.003135- Chris made a motion to approve the Second Quarter Tracking Factor of $0.009516. Rob seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

A. Police Department – Chief James Bishop submitted his report. There were 83 calls for service, 6 citations, 11 warnings, 4 arrests/misdemeanors, 1 felony, and 1 accident. The Flora Police Department and Flora Fire Department in partnership with Purdue Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity on April 26th for Community Safety Day. A Reach-Alert will be sent out closer to time with more information to our residents. Mason Rudd has his agility test April 28, 2025. Mason goes to Police Academy May 6, 2025 and will be there until the middle of August. Two passed First Responder test.

B. Fire Department – Fire Chief Tyler Jenkins reported the department had 13 fire-related call, and 13 EMS runs. Three passed First Responder test. Picture day is May 4, 2025 for everyone that donated to the fundraiser.

C. Plan Commission- 6 permits issued for March: Charles Jones- Fence. Toni Neal- Shed. Valley View Baptist Church- Pergola. Sergio Vega- Sidewalk & Driveway. Logan Garber- Fence. Aaron Rich- Shed.

D. Park Department- Scott Miller reported- The Atlee Oyler Event Center and Merchants Building are both empty with winter storage and ready for summer rentals. Restrooms by the tennis courts are open. Tennis court nets are up. Truland delivered new mowers and gator. Garden Fair is Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 8 am to 3 pm. 86 vendors. Locations: Merchants Building, Atlee Oyler Event Center, and Community Center.

E. Airport- Jack Begley reported all hangars are rented.

F. Utility Manager/Water Foreman- Trevor's report included: Street Department: Met with crack seal companies. Working on alley ways. Helped WWTP with sink hole at S. Circle Dr. Water Department: Had 32 calls for service. Had 3 water leaks. Tier 2 report is completed. Park water is turned on. Electric Department: Had 33 calls for service. 4 power outages. Fixed several street lights. Fixed broken pole at Collisions. Fixed broken pole at Hog Slats. Installed softball scoreboard.

G. WWTP Superintendent – Randy's report included: Found a fiber optic line running though a sewer lateral at 810 Monroe St. Fiber company fixed it. Cleaned both lift stations of grit and grease. Cleaned floats. Had our power cut off to change out transformer. During the prosses capabilities to run the pumps in automatic was lost. Huston Electric came out and replaced the PLC, 2 modules 1 back panel and a couple of cards. During this time the WWTP guys had to work 8hr shifts 24/7 for three days until Randy purchased a security camera to put in the pump control room. Monthly reports including sludge were submitted to IDEM. CHS Flow: 259,785 BRSD Flow: 344,764 gallons. Plant Influent Flow: 8,898,800 gallons= 287,058 gallons per day. Plant Effluent Flow: 7,935,00 gallons= 255,968 gallons per day.

OTHER BUSINESS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Spring Drop off for Town of Flora residents will be Wednesday, April 30th 1 pm-7 pm, Thursday, May 1st & May 2nd 7:30 am-7 pm, & Saturday, May 3rd 8 am-Noon.
2. Shred Day Wednesday, April 30th, 2025 from 4 pm-5:15 pm.
3. The next Town Council Meeting will be Monday, May 5th, 2025.
4. The Town office will be closed on Monday, May 26th, 2025 in observance of Memorial Day.

Chris moved to adjourn; Rob seconded; motion carried.

TOWN OF FLORA

Absent
Darrell Yoder, President

Robert Kauffman, Vice President

Chris Albaugh, Finance Chairman

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Beck, Clerk-Treasurer