

Millersburg Town Council Meeting

November 17, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Millersburg Town Council held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 5:00 PM at the Millersburg Town Hall.



In Attendance were:

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| James Winkler | Council Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Dean Smith | Council Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Austin Turner | Council Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Raymundo Rodriguez | Marshal | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| MacKenzie Taylor | Clerk/Treasurer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Ben Eldridge | Utility Superintendent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Matt King | Maintenance Director | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Park Board President | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Convene: 5:00 PM – Jim Winkler called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Jim Winkler to approve the minutes for Wednesday, October 27, 2021. The motion was seconded by Dean Smith and upon a voice vote was approved unanimously.

I. Water Superintendent

- Ben announced he had a meeting in Goshen today. This was a utility coordinating meeting. In attendance was the Mayor from Goshen, Town Manager from Nappanee and four NIPSCO representatives. In summary, this will start being a quarterly meeting and is brought to bring ideas/disscussions about what is going on in each City or Town. Ben said this was a great networking opportunity and is hoping to get some property with developers.
- Ben told the Council about he might have a complaint with resident Kylie Beehler who live on Cripe Street. Ben said he apologized for dropping the ball and taking a while to get back with her about her water bill. Ben tried calling Kylie and she didn't answer, so they had a dialogue through texting. The issue is back in the month of October she had a high water bill with 11,000 gallons consumption. MacKenzie spoke with her when she called and asked her if she had a leak or anything that she knew of. Kylie said they have had a leaky shower for quite some time. MacKenzie suggested that could be the problem and to also try the Kool-Aid test in the toilet to see if maybe there's a leak there also. MacKenzie told Kylie she would let Ben know this information. Then, for the November billing her bill came back down to her regular usage. So, she's refusing to pay her waterbill, the true amount she owes because she thinks this is an error. Jim Jeffer's is Kylie's dad and there was an error with his bill not being backlogged properly in the software when Ben did the meter change out. She's convinced that this is the same issue and unfortunately it's not. Ben invited her to come to the meeting and plea her case to the Council and she wasn't interested. So I just wanted to let you know what was going on if you hear anything.
- Ben gave some quotes for the Council to review. This is work that is needing to be done at the water plant. Well Number 2 is needing to be updated. They would pull up the well, take it back to the shop, clean it up, and then put it back in. They'd like to do this project in the winter. Then, the other project would be fixing the butterfly valves on the iron filter. The ARPA Grant money can pay for these utility enhancements. Dean made a motion to approve the enhancements that need to be done and Jim seconded the motion.

II. Waste Water Superintendent

No Wastewater Related Items.

III. Community Development

- Ben attended a Community Development Course and got a lot of great ideas from it.
- I met with Sonja Nash from Elkhart County about being apart of the Heritage Trail. Ben and Sonja discussed statistics of being apart of the Heritage Trail and what it does for the communities. By having a quilt garden and bringing back the bronze statues this increased each year. People like to use these maps as scavenger hunts to visit all of the

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quilt gardens and also see the different statues. Ben informed the restaurant owners that this is something we will be doing and that they need to step up their game. Create some signature dishes or specials. Jim asked Ben where we'd put the statue? More than likely, the statue will be placed on the main intersection of Washington and Jefferson. The statue cost is 4,000 for one. The cost includes the delivery, set up, and clean up. The statue would be in the Town for six months. Jim made a motion to approve the spending on the statue and Dean seconded the motion. Enhancing Millersburg will pay for 1,000 and the Carriage Tif will pay for the rest.

- The Visitor Bureau has a grant that goes to local artists to create some type of art work that relates to the Town history. The grant is for 2,000. Ben talked with Angie Thieszen who lives on Washington Street and asked her if she could do something with the old railroad car that is out on Rink's farm. We all went and looked at it and she thinks she'll be able to restore it and have it on display. After being on display for one year, then the piece can be sold.
- There are two bids in for the Thirsty Owl Restaurant. There's a possibility one of the bidder's is Judd Shrock who already owns both of the business's.

IV. Maintenance Director

- Jim said, he wants Matt to know to stay on top of the leaves this season.

V. Marshal

- Robert mentioned that the couch has been removed like asked in the previous meeting.
- Jessica sent out a letter to the Walnut address and most of the stuff has been removed since then.
- Jim would like a letter sent to Joni Miller about cleaning up her property more. Joni's son was in attendance and spoke with Jim about the matter. He said his family has plans about removing the stuff when they are able to. Jim said, no need to send a letter since he spoke with her son about it.
- Joni's son began asking why doesn't the Millersburg Fire Station have an ambulance? Jim explained that they weren't qualified and that Toni Miller was opposed to having one.
- Robert explained that Ray couldn't be here tonight.
- Robert announced that they've been looking into body cameras and are waiting for it to become State Mandated.

VI. Park

- Everything has been winterized. ---> Santa will be here December 11th from 9am-11am. --->Ben got some more decorations for the Christmas season.

VII. Clerk/Treasurer

- No Clerk/Treasurer Related Items.

VIII Old Business

- No Old Business.

IX. New Business

Rick said they got the pavement assessment to LTAP and it's been approved. In January, we can submit for more CCMG. Next month (December) the trees will be coming down.

Rick asked MacKenzie if Erik ever came by and she replied, "no."

MacKenzie reached out to me earlier in the week about a bill she received. The bill was from TRIAD for the removal of the siding. I told her not to pay it and I will find out why this bill was sent to you guys.

Jim Winkler made a motion to pay bills. The motion was seconded by Dean Smith and upon a voice vote was approved unanimously.

Jim Winkler made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dean Smith and upon a voice vote was approved unanimously.

Adjourn: 6:00

Attest:

