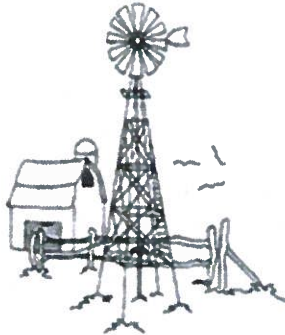


Millersburg Town Council Meeting

July 14, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Millersburg Town Council held on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 5:00 PM at the Millersburg Town Hall.



In Attendance were:		
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MacKenzie Taylor	Clerk/Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ben Eldridge	Utility Superintendent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Matt King	Maintenance Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Haley Hurst	Park Board President	<input checked="" 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, June 23, 2021. The motion was seconded by Dean Smith and upon a voice vote was approved unanimously.

I. Water Superintendent

- No Water Related Items.

II. Waste Water Superintendent

- The question was brought up again, where can resident's take their limbs and brush pile? There's a large pile at the park, again. Ben said, he spoke with someone that's in maintenance at Forest River. It was agreed upon that the Town could move the large brush pile and put it in the section that we sold to Forest River and he would let us burn the brush pile there this one time. Ben will get signs made that say no dumping in the park. It was decided that there will be no more brush pile and the Street Department will only be doing curbside pick up.

III. Community Development

- Monday, Ben met with Kenny, Dean, and Dorio. They went out and staked out where the football field will be placed. Dean and Erin Rink offered their product and time to go out to the field and kill off the clover. Elkhart County Gravel donated all of the gravel for the parking field. Fairfield Building Trades will build a concession stand out by the new football field.
- They want to do a ground breaking/press type of ceremony for the football field. Ben said, we want to do something with this building too. It was discussed about doing it during Farmers Day, we can highlight Down Town and the new football field. Maybe we can do it Friday evening so the crowd isn't as large. For the newspapers, there will be pictures, I want to get some publicity with that. Jim thinks Friday the 20th will be best. Ben said he will set up a time with Goshen news and Elkhart Truth so they can be here for the event.
- Jim said I'd like this place to be ready for an open house and right now it's not.
- Employees will work together to get an ice cream machine, cookies donated from Double R, and possibly a food truck to have outside of the building for the open house.
- Matt said he would get the trees cut down this week or next week, depending on the rain.

IV. Maintenance Director

- Matt said Floyed approached him about going to Napanee and getting the trailer for Farmer's Day. Matt said he would.

V. Marshal

- Don Dascheler is going to join the reserves and MacKenzie Taylor swore him in at tonight's meeting.

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- Robert mentioned the custom police bikes that him and Ray got
- Robert let everyone know that the first neighborhood watch meeting will be June 28th after the Council Meeting.

VI. Park

- Haley said, we plan on disassembling the playground equipment at Eagle Park. We aren't planning on keeping any of the equipment. ----> Jim noticed there are some new things at the park. The cornhole slabs are 250lbs. ---> Jim said I kind of got jumped, so to speak, at Wal-Mart by Mike Rink (Dean Rink's brother). He came up to me, and I knew something wasn't quite right. He seemed very intoxicated. He started shaking my hand, then put a death grip on me and got progressively louder. Apparently, Dean Rink brought up at a Fire Territory Meeting how money donated by the Fire Territory doesn't go to the park, like it should. I assured him, whatever is donated for the Park goes into the park fund. Mike kept repeating and telling me, "no more, no more money. You're cut off. Not another penny." So, Monday Jim called MacKenzie to look into money that had been received over the years from the Fire Territory. MacKenzie was only able to find one check of \$3700 that was donated last November 2020 for the new basketball court. That is all that was donated from the Fire Territory. I also spoke with Toni Miller and she assured me that Mike didn't know what he was talking about and that he has a drinking problem. Dean told Ben he wants to know where the money is going for the parks. Ben said what are you talking about? We've been putting a lot of money into the park the past two years with the mulch in the playground, redoing the ball diamonds, added another basketball court, enhancing and making it more appealing. Dean started to back down and asked about the LZ Bickle money. I told him there's still plenty of money in that account from his large donation. ----> Remember 2 years ago, there was a discussion in a council meeting about how we charge everyone else to rent to the park. We don't charge "friends of the park." Which, "friends of the park" aren't donating back to the Town like they use to. They were wanting us to pay for the concrete pad that they just had to have. Now they aren't supporting the Town in return for letting them use the facilities the park has to offer for free. We will see what happens next Monday at the fire territory meeting, Jim said.

VII. Clerk/Treasurer

- Mackenzie passed out the updated employee handbook. For comp time, we went with a 6 month period of comp time as a use it or lose it. Then, for sick/personal time we went from 10 days to 5 days. Dean asked, why did we change the comp time policy? Austin Turner said, this is what we talked about when I was on the phone with you all while I was in Indy. Dean said, do we want to open this up for discussion? Jim said, I'm good with the changes. Matt said, we are being penalized for Al's comp time situation. Jim assured him no. You have that 6 month period to use that comp time. So someone could just take a month off of work and that would be okay, Matt asked. Jim said the key for this is to not let it accumulate. I'll use winter as an example, you have two hard days, then take two days off if it's not snowing. Matt said, exactly, then we'll get our time this way. Jim said, I think you will see you have time to use it. So, we get to take a really shitty rainy day off, Matt said. Avery said I'm with you (agreeing to Matt). The standard was 80 hours, except in one or two instances. In the handbook, it was always carried over. Once you got to 80 hours it was a use lose, except for the 30days. I've always kept it under 80 and I just took a day off because I was at 80 hours said Avery. And I feel like I'm getting penalized. Jim said, we have good benefits. Matt said, I'm just saying you asked. I'm with trying it like we have it in the book and seeing if it works out. Dean said, I didn't know that much about it, but now I know more than before. Try it for a year and see what happens. Let's revisit this in a year and see what happens. Jim made a motion to approve the new employee handbook and Austin Turned seconded the motion.
- Amending salary ordinance of 2021-08. Jim made a motion to approve the new salary ordinance. Dean seconded the motion.
- Interra bank documents were signed to have Jessica pick up and drop off deposits. Jim is still authorized signer.

VIII Old Business

- No Old Business.

IX. New Business

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-Rick said, the Comp Plan, County didn't get it advertised this month. So, in August we will go do that.

-In Community Crossings Grant, we are working with second round filing. That has to be done very soon. Washington Street plans are finishing up. The tree verification, there are 19 trees that need to come down. And this is not mandatory, it's Town's call. The ones that have to come down are where the sidewalk is popped up.

-This building, I thought the front doors had been done. We had that meeting. Erik was confused. The hardware hasn't been done. He is checking with Rodney, door guy, to see what is happening there.

-We are still checking with Lou with the penalty issues.

Jim said, I had a conversation with Kevin. He was very arrogant. He told me I knew nothing about the bidding process. Rick said we are working through the retainage discrepancy. I was going to give Craig a call and chat with him a little bit about it on my own time.

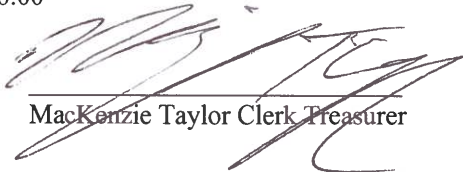
-I copied the list off of my computer from work. And the kitchen light was patched, entry, mirrors in the restroom were NOT taken care of. So, we are going to forego that and take off handi cap padding on the bottom and we should be good on that. North exit door needs keyed to be unlocked. Jim said this door needs to be adjusted when it's closing, it's hitting on the threshold, this one is on the punchlist that hasn't been done. Screens still aren't in any of the windows. The tinting (TRIAD) was going to look at. The basement door is keyed now. The boards in the stairwell have been stained. Asked about the carpet in my office, it was explained to me (MacKenzie) that they are squares and easy to repair. Jim said, let him (Kevin) know we aren't adding anything. This is just stuff that's on the list. Jim also told Kevin, this is the 3rd time you've talked to me since we've started this building over a year ago. We paid 1,000,000.00 for this building.

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

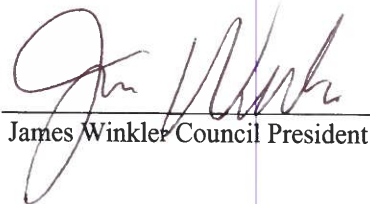
Jim Winkler made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dean Smith and upon a voice vote was approved unanimously.

Adjourn: 6:00

Attest:



MacKenzie Taylor Clerk Treasurer



James Winkler Council President

