

## Milford Town Council Meeting

Monday, January 8, 2018

7:00pm at the Milford Town Hall

Present: Doug Ruch, Bob Cockburn and Dan Cochran

Bob opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

The first item on the agenda was the election of officers. Dan moved that Doug Ruch be president, with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Then Doug moved that Dan Cochran be the Vice President with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

The next item was the review of the minutes from the previous meetings. Doug moved to approve those minutes as written with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

The attorney Jay Rigdon reported that he was working on codifying the ordinances and should have those done by the end of next week.

Under Public input Wessler Engineer Ryan Brauen reported on the contractors meeting and stated that Engineer Megan Carr would be doing the monthly reporting to the council going forward.

He stated he was waiting on information from vendors on the Camp Mack sewer extension study. Due to the community interest in this possible project, Ryan offered to present the study in a separate meeting so as not to take up the town council monthly meeting.

Next was Milford resident Ken Long, he had questions regarding the possible sewer extension to Camp Mack. He asked if it had been communicated to the council that the Camp has no alternative? He thought it would be too expensive for the lake residents to hook up to the sewer and he didn't believe the town could force them to hook up. He also was concerned about the fact the town was paying \$8500 to do the study. Jay again explained that the town needed to be in control of who did the study and it could be possible that the town would ask them to reimburse the town down the road.

Doug also reiterated that the town needs to be in the driver's seat and that's why we are having the study done.

### Departmental Reports:

Fire: Doug reported for the Fire Department, he reminded people to be careful with the cold temperatures and snow and ice , give more time to get where you are going.

Joellen presented the council with the three way contract with the Fire Department for signing.

### Police:

Chief Marsh reviewed his report with the council, stating the department dealt with 230 cases in 2017 , a dramatic increase from 2016 at 171 cases.

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He presented the council with updated SOP's for his department.

He reported the Granitec tablet system is in operation and that he is pleased with it.

He reported he is addressing lighting issues on the 2014 squad car, and is looking at other options.

He reported that his officers will be attending the annual pipeline safety training seminar January 16 in Middlebury.

He reported that he will be attending the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police conference/training in Indianapolis.

He also reported that officer Brandon Shipp is doing well at academy and his graduation will be February 2, 2018.

He also reported his department is working to clean up abandoned vehicles.

Utilites:

Steven reported that his department is trying to keep up with plowing the streets but due to the extreme cold temperatures the salt hadn't worked as well as it does in warm weather.

He reported they will be picking up Christmas trees this week, he reminded residents to please take off the decorations before throwing the tree out.

He also reported they will be taking down the town's Christmas decorations later this week as the weather is suppose to warm up.

He also wanted to remind people it is their responsibility to clean off their sidewalks.

He reported the new trash cans are coming soon.

Steven reported there had been an incident with a horse being spooked at the hitching post, requested approval to move the hitching post to the city parking lot, town would pay for the post and amish friends have offered to put it in. Council agreed.

Water:

Steven stated that the cons outweighed the pros for continuing using fluoride in the town's water, stating several towns have stopped and he would like to stop .

After some discussion, the council requested Steven bring some studies that have been done on the fluoride question before they make a decision.

He presented the council with a water emergency contingency plan.

He requested the council purchase a new gas detection meter at a price of \$1841.00 to be split three ways to be used in all departments.

Doug so moved, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Wastewater:



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Mark reported he attended the contractor's meeting earlier in the week and stated there would be monthly updates.

Clerk:

Nothing to report

The clerk presented the accounts payable voucher with additions. Doug moved to approve the accounts payable voucher with the additions, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Since there was no further business, Doug moved to adjourn, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

  
  
Robert C. Capshaw

Attests:

