

MILFORD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017

7:00PM AT THE MILFORD TOWN HALL

Present: Doug Ruch, Dan Cochran and Bob Cockburn

Absent: Jay Rigdon

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

The first item on the agenda was the election of new officers. Bob Cockburn made a motion to elect Dan Cochran President with Doug 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed. Bob then nominated Doug Ruch for Vice President with Dan 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Dan skipped over the attorney's report since he was not present.

Ross Hagen, representative from Umbaugh was present to once again review the proposed wastewater rate increase. Dan opened the floor for the Public Hearing and there was a remonstrance concern from resident Jay Urbin. He was unhappy with the proposed increase and is concerned the council will come back in a year or two and want more. He stated we needed to cut spending. President Dan reassured him that too was happening, but the fact the state required we make the sewer upgrades, the town had no choice, but to increase rates. In the beginning of the sewer upgrade project, the project came in at \$1.2M and we had cut it in half. Corey Veach also asked if there was a senior discount for seniors on a fixed income and the answer was no. Doug informed those present that the Town of Milford falls close to the middle of area communities in utility rates.

With the closing of the Public Hearing, Doug moved to adopt the Ordinance 2017-2 sewer rate increase with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

The Clerk's office will get this implemented for the upcoming month of March.

The Clerk requested the council review the Umbaugh service agreement, Doug moved to accept entering into the service agreement contract with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Trisha Gall was on hand to inform the council that plans for the 2017 Milford Fest has begun, they will be celebrating the Lion's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday! They have implemented a web site to make it easier for vendors and others to obtain forms and participate. The Clerk's office will also have hard copies of those forms.

Departmental Reports:

Fire: Chief Brian Haines announced the MFD will play the Lake City Media Group on March 1, 2017 in a benefit basketball game. Proceeds will go to Toys for Tots.

EMS: Doug reported that he, Joellen, Becky Alles, (VanBuren Twp. Trustee) met with the Lutheran EMS Operation representatives. They had reevaluated the subsidies and were reducing ours by 50% this yr., 50% 2018 and there would be no subsidy in 2019. Doug moved that we sign the new contract with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and agreed.

Police: Chief Miotto submitted his retirement date of March 31, 2017. He thanked the town and the council thanked him right back for his 25 years of service. Chief Miotto also recommended that the council promote the Deputy Chief Travis Marsh to Chief. The council immediately acted on it with Doug making the motion to promote Travis to Chief with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed. He will take over on April 1, 2017.

Marsh thanked the council and reported he would like to move forward with the pistol project. Glock area representative came in at the best price, with trade in the total cost to upgrade will be \$504.00. Doug so moved with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

He would like to begin advertising in March to replace the officer position. He presented a dog licensing policy for the council's review.

The Narcan policy was presented again for adoption, Doug so moved with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Travis requested an Executive Meeting to review hiring policies going forward. Monday, February 27, 2017 at 7:00PM.

Utilities:

Water Operator Steven Marquart presented info regarding a VFD system for the well #4. Representatives from Peerless were on hand to answer questions.

Steven is expecting savings to the town when the water tower is being painted. Steven presented quotes from Peerless Midwest for \$14,890.00 including the mag meter. Doug moved to accept this quote based on the pending bid opening for the painting of the tower. Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Doug moved to accept the quote from Living Water for \$7890.00 also pending the bid of the water tower. Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Doug moved to accept the quote from Ferguson for \$2042.00 also pending the bid of the water tower. Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Steven reported that the water line has been replaced, just waiting for all of the testing to be done before hooking up the residents.

Steven would like to replace three more hydrants, he stated he has \$24,780 in hydrant rental money which would leave \$823.00 to come out of the water utility fund. Doug so moved, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Steven announced that April 6, 7 and 8<sup>th</sup> will be Spring Clean up, he is bringing it back by popular demand! Procedure will be the same as the Fall Clean up.

He reported that Jay is revising the ordinance for meter pits to make it a requirement and he will present it at the March meeting.

Steven stated the Street Sweeper is due for servicing and Brown Equipment will do that at a cost of \$3995. Doug so moved and Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Wastewater:

Wessler Engineer Megan Carr was on hand to give the council an update on the sewer project. She presented Amendment No. 1 with a cost of \$65,750.00 . Dan questioned the process, stating we are already committed to this now, but in the future, thought we needed to look at ways we would have more control over the project. Doug stated we have always trusted our Engineer to look out for our best interest.

Doug moved to enter into the agreement with Wessler, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Clerk:

The first item Joellen brought before the council was she wanted Doreen to do some touch up painting at the Community Building and needed the council to tell her how much to pay her. Her suggestion was \$15/hr. Bob so moved and Dan 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed. Doug abstained.

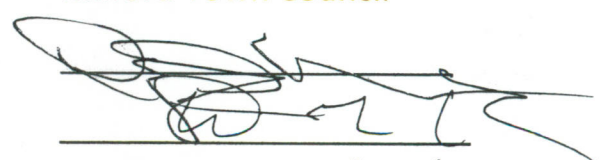
She then opened the floor for a " Public Hearing" on the additional appropriation for the \$41,911.62 received for the Community Crossing Grant. Again, resident Jay Urbin stated he wanted that money to go to correcting a problem with his driveway instead of the paving projects that were started in 2016 and will finish with some ADA sidewalks being installed. Since there was no more discussion , the hearing was closed. Doug moved to adopt the Ordinance 2017-3, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

The last item, Joellen had a couple of ideas to present to the council regarding a dedication plaque for the Park Equipment. Will continue to search for ideas.

The accounts payable voucher was presented and Doug moved to accept with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

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

Milford Town Council

  
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Robert C. Crabb

Attests:

  
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Joellen True