
Milford Town Council

Meeting

Monday, July 10, 2017

7:00PM at the Milford Town Hall

Present: Doug Ruch, Dan Cochran and Bob Cockburn

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

The first item on the agenda was the review of the minutes from previous meetings. Doug moved to approve the minutes with Dan 2nd and both agreed.

Since the attorney was delayed in attending, Dan skipped down to the Departmental Reports and Scott Mast reported for the Milford Fire Department, he gave a quote for repairs on the gauges on the rescue truck for \$1500, Dan moved to approve and since Doug had to abstain being a fireman, Joellen 2nd and both voted yes to the repairs.

Police: Chief Travis Marsh introduced the new officers and Clerk Treasurer Joellen Free swore in Deputy Brandon Shipp and Reserve officer Charles Bird III. The council welcomed the new officers

Dan then opened the floor for Public Input. Resident Jay Urbin approached the council again regarding his drainage problem he has when it rains at the end of his driveway. He became very argumentative and didn't like any of the council's answers. The Town attorney arrived and clarified the fact the he owns the property, the town only has an easement and is not responsible for his drainage problem. He asked the town to help him with the problem and Dan explained that that would set a precedent. He also complained regarding a tree branch that had fallen on his fence and he wanted the town to take down the tree. The attorney clarified again, the town can't do that.

Jay reported to the council that he prepared a formal legal document to be signed by the Building Inspector and recorded in the auditor's office to be applied to Ronald Davidhizer's taxes to recover the fines and administrative fees owed.

He also reported he had researched trees and who's responsibility it is to maintain and found that trees along a state highway must be maintained by the town, all others are to be maintained by the homeowners.

He also presented the council with a copy of the state code for fireworks. Code 22-11-14-10.5 states that municipalities may not limit the use of consumer fireworks: between the hours of 5:00 pm and two(2) hours after sunset on June 29, June 30, July 1, July 2, July 3, July 5, July 6, July 7, July 8, and July 9: between the hours of 10:00am and 12:00 Midnight on July 4; and between the hours of 10:00 am on December 31 and 1:00 am on January 1.

Then Dan went back to the Police Department to finish their report:

Chief Marsh reported that two Reserve Officers resigned.

Chief Marsh presented the council with the car lease agreement with some changes, Doug moved to sign the agreement with Bob 2nd and all agreed.

Chief Marsh presented the council with a list of items he requested to purchase and they are as follows:

2 radios @ \$400 ea.	Total is \$800.00
1 TC-400 Radar sign	3115.00
1 Ammunition purchases	1400.00
1 Bullet Proof Vest	900.00
1 new officer outfit	1000.00

Doug so moved with Bob 2nd and all was in favor.

Travis requested to attend the National Poygraph Conference in August. He requested training cost of \$400.00, per diem, and \$250.00 (50%) toward lodging. Doug so moved with Bob 2nd and all was in favor. The conference is August 28th through September 1st.

Utilities:

Steven reported that he had finished the application for the next round of Community Crossing Grant money and would be sending it in shortly. The town's commitment would be \$64,513.47 and the grant would be \$258,053.90.

Doug moved that Steven move forward with the grant request with Bob 2nd and all was in favor.

He also reported that his department passed out the CCRs and there would be extras in the Clerks office.

He reported a water leak on North Main and Beer and Slabaugh assisted with repairs before shutting down the tower for repairs.

The water tower is drained and painters are sand blasting outside of tank; reported we are running on pressure relief with new VFD system.

Steven also reported new roof has been installed on the concession stand and we will be looking at gutters probably next year.

Steve expressed sadness and concern regarding the public's treatment of our park and facilities. Trash and litter are thrown down anywhere and vandalism is a constant problem.

He reported a total of 183.5 hours so far at the park. The life guard has around 100 hours. Steve states it is hard to keep up with all of the demands, is requesting the council consider adding another person to the team.

Steven requested an executive session with the council on July 18 at 6:00pm to discuss personnel.

Wastewater:

Megan Carr reported the upgrades to sewer plant are on schedule with final review in August, advertising in September, bids in October award in December.

Mark reported that he was formulating a list of needs at the plant and in the field.

He stated he is checking on ways to be able to get some of the rags out of system before they get to the main plant.

He reported the new pump came in and it is working as advertised.

Drives were cleaned at plant and are also working as they should now.

Also checking on possible land applying the sludge to save money on bags.

He reported Jonathon from Middlebury Electric will get the contract on order at a cost of \$1650.00.

Doug so moved to purchase a contract not to exceed \$2000.00, Bob 2nd and all agreed.

Clerk:

Joellen reported that she and Steven would be attending a Macogg meeting in Middlebury on Wednesday to obtain information regarding trails.

Doug moved to send Joellen and Steven to the Macog meeting on Wednesday with Bob 2nd and all voted yes.

Joellen shared info regarding the Lakeland Rehab and Health Center Carnival scheduled for this Saturday, July 15 , 10 am to 2pm, free food, carnival games and the community is welcome!

Joellen read the first reading of the 2018 proposed budget and is as follows:
General - \$704,355, MVH - \$310,800, LRST - \$30,000, LIT Economic (Cedit) - \$150,000, Redevelopment (TIF) - \$150,000, CCI Tax Rate - 100,000, CCI - \$30,000, CCDF - \$100,000 and Cum Sewer - \$65,000.

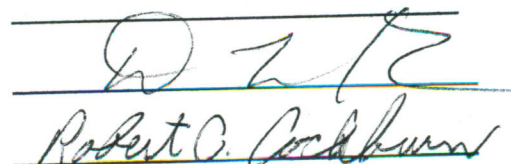
Joellen requested the town partner with the Housing Authority to sponsor a workshop to give to residents energy saving kits worth \$100 and a class to teach residents how to apply this energy saving ideas to their homes.

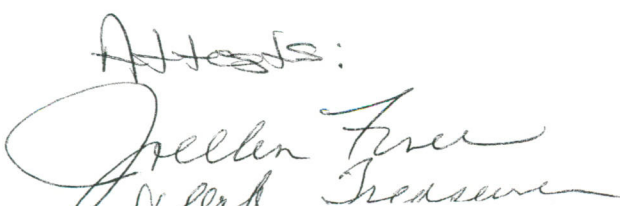
Doug so moved, Bob 2nd and all agreed to participate.

Joellen then presented the accounts payable voucher with additions, Doug moved to approve the accounts payable voucher with the additions, Bob 2nd and all agreed.

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

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Robert C. Cook

Attends:

Joellen Free
N. 20th St. Treasurer

MILFORD TOWN COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2017

6:00PM

Present: Doug Ruch, Bob Cockburn and Dan Cochran

Steven Marquart

Reason: Personnel

Milford Town Council

Robert C. Cockburn

D. Ruch

Attests:

Green Tree