

MILFORD TOWN COUNCIL

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017

7:00PM AT THE MILFORD TOWN HALL

Present: Doug Ruch, Dan Cochran and Bob Cockburn

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

The first item was the review of the minutes from the previous meetings. Doug moved to approve as written with Bob 2nd and all agreed.

Town attorney Jay Rigdon reported on the sale of the bonds, stating he would be bringing some final paperwork for Dan and Joellen to sign on Thursday. The closing is scheduled for Tuesday, December 19 .

Joellen presented the three invoices from Umbaugh (\$50,408.27), Rockhill Pinnick (\$9,300.00), and Hall Render Killian Heath & Lyman(\$20,500.00) for their work on the refinancing and the sale of the bonds. Those invoices will be paid at the time of the closing.

The floor was opened to public input at which time Waubee Lake resident Pam Dwyer who was representing a group of concerned residents, asked questions regarding the feasibility study the town was having done regarding the possibility of taking the sewer to Camp Mack. Her concerns included , "why didn't the Camp pay for the \$8500 study", "why weren't the residents notified", " what benefits are in this for the town", concerns of if the town takes the sewer out there that they would want to annex the residents on the lake? Town attorney was able to answer her questions , stating that the town needs to be looking for more customers and with the Camp requesting to be hooked up , a study is the next step to research the feasibility of such a project. The town needs to maintain the control over such a project so it would be natural for the town to pay for it. The town's engineer Ryan Brauen was also on hand to explain what all is involved in the study. He stated he would be presenting the results of that study to the council at the February meeting.

Town attorney Jay Rigdon stated a lot of her questions can't be answered until the study is complete. Decisions are made after every step. As facts are found, decisions are made whether to halt or continue on to the next step.

Ryan Brauen, Wessler Engineering presented the council with the contract for Mason Engineering & Construction , the company awarded with the construction at the sewer plant for the upgrades. Also, a Notice to proceed was signed with Mason. Construction can begin after the first of the year.

Doug moved to sign the Construction contract with Bob 2nd and all agreed.

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The next item discussed was a tabled item from the last meeting, Harry Doty is requesting that he be allowed to bring horses back to his property and needed the town's favorable opinion to be passed on to the Plan Commission. After attorney Jay Rigdon clarified how the original variance was approved, there was a

lot of discussion with the opinion that it was not a good idea to bring horses back. Dan moved to disfavor the request with Bob 2nd and all agreed. Joellen will send the vote to the Plan Commission immediately after the meeting.

Departmental Reports:

Fire Department: The only thing Doug had to report was a new slate of officers, Chief will be Todd Haines, Assistant Chief will be Steve Farber and Troy Haines, Secretary will be Brian Haines and Treasurer will be Dave Rosenberry.

Police Department:

Travis reported they had been especially busy with a total cases of 250, up from 171 in 2016.

He also reported he is updating the SOP's.

He noted an updated strategic plan was included in the packets.

The Granitec tablet system has been delivered and will be in operation before the month is out.

Officer Shipp continues to do well at the academy and will have some time off for Christmas.

Utilities:

Utilities Superintendent Steven Marquart presented the Sweetheimer Trash collection 2018 contract for signing. The contract is \$51,360.00 (535 @\$8.00/month/household)

Doug moved to sign the contract that was approved at the last meeting, Bob 2nd and all agreed.

Steven stated that the State inspector told him we were no longer required to add fluoride to the water. Dan said before stopping he would like to have public input on that.

Steven requested to go to the AWWA meeting in Indianapolis January 22,23 and 24, with costs of \$139 x 2 for room, \$125 for meeting, any food and mileage.

Doug so moved with Bob 2nd and all agreed.

Steve reported to the council that he had passed his sewer certification.

Wastewater Department:

A written report was presented as Mark was sick. His report was a list of improvements and savings made in 2017.

Clerk:

The first item Joellen presented was the Ordinance 2017-10, to create a fund 612 to receive the sewer bond monies.

Doug so moved with Bob 2nd and all agreed.

Joellen asked Dan to resign the street sweeping contract for 2018.

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The next item was a discussion on salaries increases. Doug moved to give 2% increase, take 2% of total wages creating a pot of money and dividing it equally among the employees. Dan 2nd, vote was Doug – Y, Dan – Y and Bob – N.

Then Joellen asked for clarification on Steven's promotional increase that was discussed in budget meetings, her understanding was that at the beginning of 2018, Steven and Mark would be the same. After some discussion, Doug moved to give Steven the \$.50/hr for receiving his wastewater certification per salary ordinance beginning on December 15, Bob 2nd and the vote was Doug – Y, Bob – Y and Dan – N.

Then Dan moved to give him the amount of an increase so at the beginning of 2018 both he and Mark would be receiving \$51,997.68. with Doug 2nd, vote was Dan – Y, Doug – Y and Bob – N.

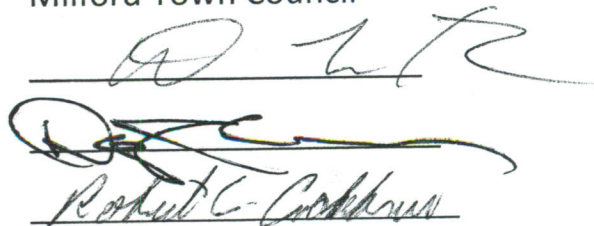
A discussion was had regarding the present rule of a \$.50 increase per liscense, Doug moved that the 2018 Salary Ordinance should reflect that any increase for additional licensing would be agreed upon at the beginning of the course. Dan 2nd and all agreed.

The Clerk's office will be closed the last week of the year except for Wednesday, December 27. The final meeting of the year will be at 9:00am on that day.

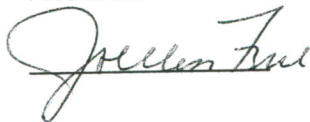
The last item the clerk presented was the accounts payable voucher with two additions. Doug moved to accept with the additions, Bob 2nd and all agreed.

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

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Robert C. Cook

Attests:


Joellen True

Milford Town Council Meeting

Friday, December 29, 2017

9:00am at the Milford Town Hall

Present: Doug Ruch and Bob Cockburn

Absent: Dan Cochran

Vice President Doug Ruch opened the meeting and the first item on the agenda was Ordinance 2017-11 Salary ordinance. Bob moved to adopt with Doug 2nd and both voted yes.


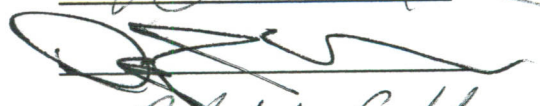
The next item was Ordinance 2017-12 Appointment ordinance, after review, Bob moved to adopt with Doug 2nd and both voted yes.

The Clerk presented the accounts payable voucher and Bob moved to accept the voucher with Doug 2nd and both voted yes.

The Clerk presented a copy of the new sewer bond with the closing letter to each council member.

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

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Robert W. Cockburn

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