

MILFORD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017

7:00PM AT THE MILFORD TOWN HALL

Present: Doug Ruch and Dan Cochran

Absent: Bob Cockburn

Scott Reust from Rockhill Pinnick sat in for Jay Rigdon

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

Since there were only two council members available for the meeting, they decided to wait until the next meeting to elect officers.

The next item was the review of the minutes of the previous meeting. Doug moved to approve as written with Dan 2nd and all agreed.

Under public input, Ross Hagen from Umbaugh and Associates presented the proposed wastewater rate ordinance 2017-2. He reviewed the ordinance with the council and the Clerk will advertise and the town will hold a public hearing at the next scheduled meeting on February 13, 2017. Doug moved to go forward with the advertising.

The next item discussed was the unsafe housing problem. The Building Commissioner Tom Bulger presented a report whereby he did a drive by of six properties in question and reported no improvements have been made. The Town Attorney told the council we have three options; 1. We can fine \$2500 for each property out of compliance; 2. We can get a court order to get properties in compliance or 3. Go to court and request a receiver to take over the properties to get them in compliance.

After a lot of discussion, Dan moved to take the next step and fine the owners the \$2500, Doug 2nd and both agreed. The attorney will begin the process.

Megan Carr from Wessler was on hand to present the council with the 60% Design Drawings for the sewer upgrades. She reviewed the plans with the council and stated we are right on track with the plan.

Department Reports:

Brian Haines, the new Fire Chief, introduced himself and the new officers. The Fire Protection Agreement was presented to the council for signing. Since Doug is unable to sign due to being a Fireman and Bob was absent, Dan made the motion to accept the agreement and Joellen as Clerk Treasurer 2nd and both voted yes.

Police:

Chief Miotto presented a quote for a new main computer in the office at a cost of no more than \$1550.00. Doug so moved with Dan 2nd and both agreed.

He asked to table the gun discussion.

He brought up the policy on Narcan, a couple of meetings ago, Travis had presented a policy for review and ask it be voted on. The council requested it be

given to them again to review. The Clerk will include it in the next month's packet.

They have ordered four vests and they should be here soon.

The 2008 Reserve Car is in need of some touch up paint, they can use spray paint and do it themselves.

Complaints of high speed travelers on south Main St. are being met with more patrolling and issuance of tickets. Rich stated he will be contacting the county and get their speed sign to put down there for awhile.

Also stated they are working on a Dog licensing policy and procedure to help with the dog problem.

Utilities:

Water Operator and Street Superintendent Steven Marquart reported BL Anderson along with the town is having some problems with Verizon at the tower and well but with some reprograming on their end we have seemed to fix the problem with loosing communication.

He stated he is working on getting some prices on a VFD system at the well.

He stated he is working with the town attorney on updating the ordinance regarding meter pits. He stated by having all mobile homes required to have the pits, freezing of meters would be alleviated.

Steve reported that he and Joellen were looking at new Christmas decorations for the poles. The present wreaths are too heavy for the poles and are causing some problems. We will keep researching and find something lighter, we can put our's out on the members list and sell to off set the new decorations.

Steven has looked into getting some mapping done of the water system and sewer system, at present, he has one quote for \$38,000, but feels he can do better, so will continue researching.

Steven reported he had not heard from Beer and Slabaugh as they have not yet started replacing the water line on south main street. He did mention that he would like to replace two hydrants while they are there doing the water line work and he will get a quote for those hydrants.

Wastewater:

The Wastewater Operator Mark Brubaker reported that notices had been delivered to the area restaurants that had not yet complied with the grease trap ordinance.

He stated the generator had been relocated and was working fine.

He reported that the wastewater lifts would be pumped at the next stretch of good weather.

Mark requested the council purchase a super spin jetter head to be able to do our own sewer jetting.

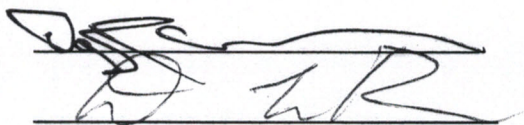
Clerk:

The only item Joellen brought to the council was the Appointment Ordinance 2017-1. The Council requested that Ken Brower's name be taken off as the Building Inspector. Doug moved to accept the Ordinance 2017-1 with the removal of the Building Inspector's name, Dan 2nd and both voted yes.

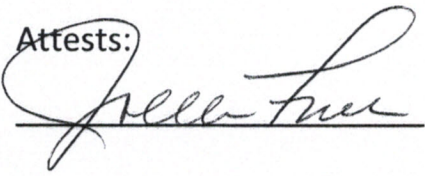
Joellen then presented the accounts payable voucher with additions. Doug so moved to accept the voucher with the additions, Dan 2nd and both agreed.

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

Milford Town Council


Robert C. Cochran

Attests:


Joellen Free