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Town of Milford Council Meeting

Monday, March 12, 2018

7:00 am 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 to review the minutes from the previous meeting, Bob moved to accept as written with Dan 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Next Jay Rigdon presented Ordinance 2018-1 which deals with no parking on West Emeline Street from South Elm Street to South Higbee Street except on Sundays and on legal holidays during which school is not in session.

Bob moved to adopt Ordinance 2018-1 with Dan 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Chief Travis Marsh took the floor and presented to Officer Timothy Miller the Law Enforcement Purple Heart award and certificate inducting him into the American Policeman's Hall of Fame. Chief Marsh praised Officer Miller for his heroic actions twice in his career whereby he sustained injuries to his self in the line of duty.

Trisha Gall, Lion's Club member was on hand to give her Milford Fest monthly report, she gave Joellen forms for Fest activities and vendors for people to pick up at the Town Hall. She stated sponsor letters had been sent out and the club in anticipating another great Milford Fest year.

Resident Ashlee Engle approached the council about a high bill she received due to a malfunctioning of a water softener. She requested her bill be reduced, the council decided to credit the wastewater to what her normal wastewater would be which is a credit of \$200, but she needs to pay for the water.

A resident commented on the fact that there are horses back at the Harry Doty residence. The town contacted the Area Plan Commission as soon as it was noticed and reported the incident, the enforcement officer contacted the horses' owner, Ms Rice and informed her she is in non-compliance and must have the horses out of there by the end of March and she is not to bring horses back anymore! This is a zoning issue and is enforced by the county, not the town.

#### Departmental Reports:

Fire: Chief Todd Haines was on hand to remind residents we are coming into spring which sometimes bring bad weather. He stated they would be testing the Tornado Sirens on April 20<sup>th</sup> both in the morning and evening, it will be in cooperation with the State Tornado Drill. He stated they will be checking sirens monthly.

He also reported that the Fire Department has smoke alarms to give to anyone who needs them, they are free of charge.

He reminded everyone that it is dry and to be careful burning as things can get out of hand quickly in these conditions.



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## Police:

Chief Marsh reported that the department needed to purchase three new tires already this year, stated, the location they were using for patrol had screws and they were damaging the tires. He stated it cost \$544.00. Dan moved to approve the purchase with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

He reported the 2014 Ford Explorer had to go in for repairs, some of which are covered by warranty, the steering issues will cost \$555.00. Bob moved to get repairs done at \$555.00 with Dan 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

He presented the quote for the two Motion Tablets for \$8842.00, this will complete the upgrading of our MCT's. Dan so moved with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Chief Marsh presented the redefined Car Lease Agreement, he had to trade cars and this will lease is just be upgraded to include that car.

Bob so moved to sign the new lease with Dan 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Chief Marsh requested to attend the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy Executive training March 26 thru 30<sup>th</sup>, the cost is \$425.00. Dan so moved with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

After some discussion , the Chief chose to use the First Forward training program for his officers.

## Utilities:

Superintendent Steven Marquart requested to have the Spring Clean up April 12 thru 14<sup>th</sup>. 8am to 4pm on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and 8 till 11:30 am on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Dan so moved with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed. Steven said he would have flyers available in the Clerk's office. The rules are the same , no hazardous material, no computers or electronics, no paint, tires must be off the rims, etc.

Steven stated we needed no parking signs on North Main Street in front of the old mill and Gary Bray's commercial building. The council told Steven to get with Jay and have him provide an ordinance.

He reported that he met with Kent Sawyer to obtain a quote to clean up the brush area at the sewer plant, we re running out of room. He stated he could clean it out for \$1500.00. Bob so moved with Dan 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Steven and the council have been discussing the discontinuance of the addition of fluoride to the water. The council was hoping for some feedback from the community before making a decision. There were two residents at the meeting who were in favor of continuing adding the fluoride, they feel many children don't get the proper dental care and the fluoride does help them. The council unanimously agreed to continue using fluoride.

Steven presented a sensaphone program as a backup to notify his department when the water gets too low in the tower at a cost of \$1250.19. Bob so moved with Dan 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.



Steven presented a list of five water hydrants pegged for upgrades this year. Those pegged are at Maple and Fourth; Maple and Catherine ; Fifth and Higbee/ST RD 15; East and First St. and Henry and Fourth. Doug moved to replace the designated hydrants with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Park:

What started as a discussion regarding caretaking duties quickly turned into a discussion regarding the security issues at the park. A lot of ideas was suggested and the council directed Steven and Travis to get together and come up with a plan.

Steven requested hiring Jerry Lenwell to help with some caretaking duties , picking up sticks and trash up to 14 hours a week at \$15/hr. He will be back as our concessionaire this year.

Dan moved to hire Jerry Lenwell to help with the caretaker needs at the park for \$15/hr up to 14hrs/week. Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Steven stated it is time to advertise for a Lifeguard, will contact paper.

Wastewater:

Operator Mark requested we rent a trailer vac to clean sewers for a week at a cost of \$1250/week. Dan so moved with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Mark reported that he is revisiting the land application and ponds clean out.

Mark reported that the sewer plant handled the extra flow the week of the heavy rains quite well and had no issues. He reported only a couple of residents had issues. He also reminded residents to not flush foreign objects down the stool.

No report from Wessler since little progress has been made.

Clerk:

Joellen had given a copy of a letter from a resident who experienced drainage problems and after not being able to solve the problem, called a plumber and the plumber quickly found the problem was in the town line so called Steven and they cleaned the line out. The plumber charged \$67 for his services and he was asking the council for reimbursement. Dan moved to reimburse him the \$67 with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Joellen announced that the May 14<sup>th</sup> town council meeting will be held at Camp Mack and all residents on Waubee Lake will be invited to come and here the report from the study done by Wessler regarding the proposed sewer extension to Camp Mack. County Health Bob Weaver will also be on hand to answer questions.

Joellen presented the accounts payable voucher with additions, Dan moved to accept with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Since there was no further business, Doug moved to adjourn.

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Allen True  
Clark Treasurer