

Milford Town Council Meeting

Monday, October 8, 2018

7:00 pm at the Milford Town Hall

Present: Doug Ruch, Dan Cochran and Bob Cockburn

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

The first item on the agenda was the review of the minutes from the previous meeting. Dan moved to accept the minutes as written, Doug 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Town Attorney Jay Rigdon presented an ordinance the council had requested on allowing Pot Belly Pigs as pets. The council tabled until next meeting.

Jay also clarified a question posed to him by Steven Marquart regarding who is responsible for the trees along St. Rd 15, he stated the town is responsible for maintaining those trees.

Dan enquired about the status of the Davidhizer properties since we leveled the penalties. Jay stated it would go up for a sheriff sale probably in the spring of 2019.

The Clerk Treasurer swore in two Reserve Officers, Scott Anderson and Jon Brito.

Ross Umbaugh, representative from Umbaugh and Associates presented the results from the rate study. The study showed approximately average residential monthly bill would be \$50.07 (4000gal.), and increase of \$6.95 per month. He noted for every \$10,000 of revenue requirements funded through funding sources outside of the sewage works, it could be lowered by 2.2% or \$095 per month for and average residential bill.

The council tabled this item so as to have time to review and advise.

Trisha Gall, Lion's representative passed out invitations to the Town Hall meeting on October 23 at the Community Building at 6:30pm. They are seeking community feedback on Milford Fest.

Departmental Reports:

Fire: Doug thanked the community for another successful Chicken BBQ.

Police: Chief Marsh stated the first Coffee with a Cop program went well and future plans of moving it to the Community Building are being made.

He reported that Officer Tim Miller is filling in for SRO officer Derek Kreider while he is in training.

All officers took part in county wide training on 9/30/18.

Derek will also be taking over K-Code meetings.

We have finished the trial period for the BWC body cams and seeking to set up another vendor for trials. The first cameras are nice , but very expensive.

Testing is going forward in the search for the 5<sup>th</sup> officer.



The Chief reported we have exceeded in the numbers of responding to calls, it has been a very busy year.

#### Wastewater:

Wastewater Operator Mark reported that sewer jetting is being done in October and is being done every three months.

He requested to purchase a 16' clam dipper for \$485.00. Bob so moved with Dan 2<sup>nd</sup> and all was in favor.

He reported he installed a new lift pump at the Old 15 lift station.

He reported that the sewer project is proceeding well.

#### Utilities:

Superintendent Marquart reported another successful cleanup with 90 residents taking advantage of the opportunity to get rid of those no longer needed items.

Steven presented the council with a quote for the rewiring of the Community Building, it was \$8200 and from Middlebury Electric. After some discussion, Dan stated he would like to have an electrical inspection done to tell us what is needed, and would like to see more than one quote. Steven responded he would have that done.

The next item Steven brought before the council was his request to purchase a new mower, budgeted for this year. Gardner's quote was including trade in value of \$3500 was \$8,800.00. After some discussion, the council decided to table for now.

He noted that leaf pick up will start soon, for now, he requested residents bag them until there is enough to begin the leaf machine.

#### Water Department:

Steven reported that the second part of his water project he had planned for 2019 just moved up in priority as a leak is happening and needs to be addressed. He offered to trade out the project already approved at last month's meeting and after much discussion, Dan moved to do the stated project at \$84600 minus the hydrant costs which earlier in the day, the Redevelopment Commission agreed to pay. Both Resolutions 2018-3 & 4 were presented for approval. Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and all was in favor.

Steven noted the last hydrant flushing would be on October 17.

Steven requested iron treatment for well #3, we have been on a biannually treatment on each well which is helping with our lines in town. The cost for this is \$5960.00 and Peerless Midwest will do the treatment. Bob so moved with Dan 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

#### Parks:

Steven noted that they are in the middle of closing the park and winterizing it for the season.

Clerk:

Joellen presented the 2019 Proposed Budget of \$1.8 M for adoption. Doug abstained due to being a fireman, Bob moved to vote for proposed budget with Dan 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bob voted yes with Dan voting NO and Joellen as Clerk Treasurer voted yes to break the tie and budget passed.

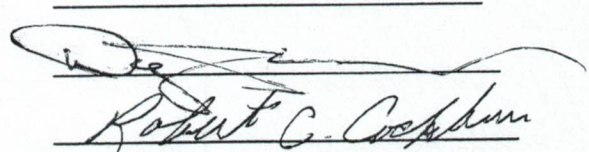
The council then scheduled the Trick or Treat hours for Halloween on October 31, 6 to 8pm.

Joellen request mileage reimbursement for the Keystone software user meetings on November 1 at Wabash. Dan so moved with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreeing.

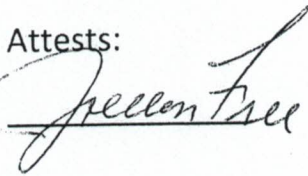
The accounts payable voucher was presented and Bob moved to accept with Dan 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

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

Mifflord Town Council

  
Robert C. Coopers

Attests:

  
Joellen Tree