

Town of Milford Council Meeting

Monday, April 9, 2018

7:00pm at the Milford Town Hall

Present: Doug Ruch, Dan Cochran and Bob Cockburn

President Doug Ruch 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 approve them as written with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Since the attorney wasn't present as yet, Doug opened the floor for public input. Will Mabee, VP from CTB presented the council with the CF-1 forms for their renewal of their tax abatement. The council decided to sign in approval.

Next up was Joe Shetler presented his plan to build a new garage and needed the town's blessing for a variance, Bob so moved with Dan 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Trisha Gall. Lion's Club representative requested the town pass the garage sale ordinance 2018-2 waiving fees and not counting against individual's year total. Dan so moved with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed. She reminded all that you could get on the map for \$3.00 and the deadline to get on the map would be the Tuesday, May 22 at 11:00am.

She also asked if the town would pay for the electricity used and the portable restrooms for the day. Dan so moved with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Trisha asked would the town waive the fee for that Saturday for all activities and use for Milford Fest. Bob so moved with Dan 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

She presented the street closings, they are as follows: Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 6pm, to Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. North/South Streets:

Main Street from Catherine to Emeline: North ½ block (to PNC ATM entry & Post Office)

Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 5pm to Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup> 11pm

North/South Streets:

Main St. from Catherine to First St. (from Catherine to Emeline closed until Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup> 10 am)

East/West Streets:

Emeline Street from Alley @ Phoenix Tax Service to the east side of Main Street.

Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 10pm to Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> 11pm

Emeline Street from East side of Main Street to the Alley next to the railroad tracks

Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 6 am to 5 pm, North/South Streets: Main/Street: 4<sup>th</sup> Street to Catherine

### East/West Streets:

4<sup>th</sup> Street from Railroad tracks to Henry St.

Next on the agenda, Rich Rhodes wanted to thank the street department for getting all of the leaves and twigs cleaned up at his father's home in town before it sold.

Rich, then ensued on a personal tirade regarding Councilman Ruch. Rich felt Doug was getting preferential treatment by the town. He complained about Doug's place of business and the many vehicles surrounding it, wondered why the council hadn't taken action with him like they did with Davidhizer? He also complained about an accident Doug had in his father's truck the morning it was so slick, he wondered why the county police didn't cover it since it was just outside of town? He also thought Doug had served too long on the council, there should be term limits? Attorney Jay Rigdon, many times tried to answer his questions, but he wasn't listening to anyone. He finally accepted some answers from Jay and left the meeting.

Resident Jay Urban asked where are we in the legal process with Davidhizer? Attorney Rigdon stated he would have to check with the Auditor and get back to all. He again asked about the Davidhizer's tree, he stated it is going to fall and cause property damage on his and others. Jay reminded him, he could only trim what was coming over onto his property. He suggested he get some legal advice regarding the situation.

### Departmental Reports:

Attorney : Jay asked for clarification of the request for a no-parking ordinance on north Main Street, Utilities Superintendent Steven Marquart gave him the info and Jay stated he would bring it to the next meeting in May.

Fire: Doug Ruch cautioned residents about starting grass fires this spring, it can get away from you in a hurry.

He also stated the Fire Department will serve their famous Rib Eye sandwiches again at Milford Fest.

### Police:

Chief Marsh made clear why the Milford Police Department responded to the the Ruch accident, stating the units closest to the accident respond, that morning because of the road conditions it could have taken the county two hours to get there, so , of course Milford responded. He told Rich that if he had any questions, to address those with Lt. Miller.

Chief Marsh asked Attorney Rigdon if he had reviewed the SOP's, Jay stated he had and they were ok to implement.

He supplied the council with a detailed report on incidents' that occurred at the park in 2017. He reported that he and Steven are researching several ideas and will be reporting back to the council in the near future.

He reported that the 2014 squad car has been out of service since March 15<sup>th</sup> at Rice Ford. He stated he has not had satisfactory communication regarding the car. Will continue to try to get answers.

Chief's school yielded a lot of great information and hope to be able to implement some of the ideas learned there.

He reported he had to purchase new printers at a cost of \$380.00.

He also reported he purchased a new 2T external hard drive on which we will store police videos and pictures. He stated he will work with other departments to purchase external drives to archive and safeguard files. They run \$70 apiece and are well worth the investment.

Is moving forward with the hiring process for reserves.

Chief Marsh reported on a Humvee we purchased for 0 dollars, it came from North Liberty PD, and is in good shape. After some detailing and some work on emergency lighting, it will be available to all departments for use.

#### Utilities:

Utilities Superintendent Steven Marquart reminded all the Spring Clean Up is this week, Thursday and Friday, 8am to 4pm each day and 8am to 12 noon Saturday.

Steven reported that Ben Beer with USI Consulting will be in town in May to update the street assessment for the next round of Community Crossing Grants.

Steven reported that CTB had contacted him stating they are rerouting some water pipes in the building and would need a new 8" meter at a cost of \$5626.00 and requested the Town purchase it. Doug stated that since this was their decision to do this project, they needed to pay for the meter.

#### Park:

Steven reported that the new shed has arrived at the park.

He stated we are advertising for Life guards, but haven't received any applicants as yet. He asked if Councilman Bob Cockburn would check with the Swim Coach at the school to see if he would have anyone interested in the job.

He reported that the railroad would be doing some extensive work starting this summer.

He reported also that he and Travis are researching ideas for better security measures at the park and would be reporting back to the council soon.

#### Wastewater:

Mark reported that sewer jetting was done on March 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>.

He reported that Mason Construction began the sewer upgrade project on April 2.

He stated the contact pump for Cl2/SO2 went bad and was requesting the council purchase a new one at \$805.60 and is available in Warsaw. Bob so moved with Dan 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Mark stated he is looking for ways to save on electricity.

Clerk:

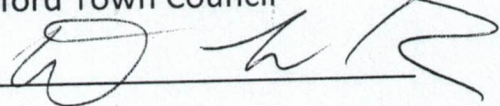
Joellen reminded everyone that the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at Camp Mack at 7:00pm and the town has invited all residents from Waubee Lake to come and hear the report of the study done by our Engineer Ryan Brauen and the Kosciusko County Health Department head Robert Weaver will also be there to answer any questions.


Doug suggested we have a sign up sheet for those who would like to speak at that meeting.

Joellen presented the Accounts Payable voucher and Dan moved to accept with the additions and Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and agreed.

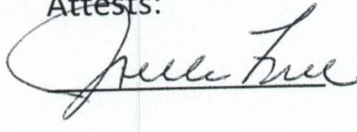
Since there was no further business Bob moved for adjournment with Dan 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

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Robert C. Cockburn  
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Attests:

  
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