

Milford Town Council

Monday, September 11, 2017

7:00pm at the Milford Town Hall

Present: Doug Ruch, Dan Cochran and Bob Cockburn

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

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

The attorney had nothing to report.

Under Public Input, Karena Wilkerson, from Harvest Coffee was on hand requesting to sponsor a Milford Block Party on September 30 , 5-8 pm and will be in the Community Building Parking Lot. Service organizations, Churches and Buisnesses are invited to have a table offering give aways for children . Music and worship will be included in the evening activites.

Doug moved to approve the Block Party with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all approved.

Todd Wilson, resident was on hand offering to help the town with a piece of land next to his property. He stated there was a lot of trash and garbage and if the town would clean it up, he would keep it mowed. After further discussion it was discovered the land he was talking about belonged to another resident, it was suggested he talk with that resident regarding the issue.

Fire Department:

Scott Mast reported for the Fire Department, stating the annual Chicken BBQ will be Sunday, October 1 beginning at 11:00 am until sold out!

Police Department:

Chief Marsh reported officer training for reserve officer Bird was progressing and new officer Brandon Shipp has passed his field training and is now working the schedule.

He reported the radar sign is operational and we are receiving some helpful information from it.

The 2008 squad car is back in operation after repairs to the cooling system. It is being used around town as a traffic decoy.

Travis is working with the Kosciusko County EMA in developing the updated hazard plan for the county. Our participation enables us to benefit from possible grant funding in the future.

A new law adopted this year which goes into effect January 1, 2017 mandates the town carry more insurance for reserve officers. The cost is \$130 per reserve with a minimum of \$500.00. Information is in your packets, I will request a vote on this in November so we can have it in place by the first of the year.

Travis requested to use his part time funding of \$3000 to pay reserve officer Adam Amsden \$20/hr for filling in after his 16hr/mo reserve time to assist the

department in covering the schedule while Tim is off from injuries sustained while on duty. It has been challenging going thru this transition with injuries and vacations and trying to keep the town covered.

Doug moved to utilize Adam Amsden and pay him \$20/hr to help cover the schedule for anything above his 16 reserve hours a month. He also stated if we use all of the \$3000 to come back to the council and we will find more funding. Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Travis requested to be reimbursed for a pair of glasses that were broke while taking someone into custody.

Doug so moved with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Utilities:

Steven reported he had advertised for a seasonal helper and had received several applicants and he had one in mind to hire. He would like for him to start on October 1 thru November at \$15.00/hr. not to exceed \$3600. Doug so moved with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Steven reported that we are still waiting on the Community Crossing Grant. We received a message stating it would be later in September since they had so many applicants this year.

Doug moved to let bids for the \$258,053.90 projects individually and as a total package. Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Joellen will get it advertised asap.

Steven reported Fall Clean Up will be September 21, 22 and half day on September 23. Again, all items need to be brought to the shop area for drop off.

Steven requested to purchase tires for the 2006 pickup truck at a cost of \$791.73, Doug so moved with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

The last item he brought to the council was brush disposal. Steven and Mark had thought the old finishing ponds at the wwtp could be used for this. They have contacted Idem to see if it would be allowable. Council tabled until we hear back from Idem.

Steven reported that he has some volunteers lined up to help with the caretaking of the flowers downtown for next year. Also looking into new pots with a reservoir in them to lessen the times they need watering.

The Park is slowing down and we are planning to take ropes out and winterize everything for winter.

Steven stated he had talked with the concessionaire Jerry Lenwell about increasing his activities next year to emptying the trash and general caretaking responsibilities. Looking at possible 10-12 hrs a week, will further discuss come spring.

Steven presented a quote from Sawyer Excavating for \$4500 to tear down the old bath house. Doug so moved with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.



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Steven reported the well house roof is in need of replacing and presented a quote to the council for \$5650.00. Doug so moved with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Steven also reported he is looking into new safety equipment for climbing the tower and also for confined spaces. Dan suggested we research it more to see what certified people might be available for us when we need these types of jobs done.

Wastewater:

Mark presented a quote to refurbish the main lift from Ferguson for \$13,564.80 , no action taken.

Mark reported to the council that he had contacted Wealing Brothers regarding picking up our sludge and applying to farmers fields, the cost would be \$3000 for the permit needed to do such an application, testing fee of \$250.00 and .05 per gallon for pickup. The costs of bagging is increasing so this would be a cost cutter and we could almost eliminate the bags.

Clerk:

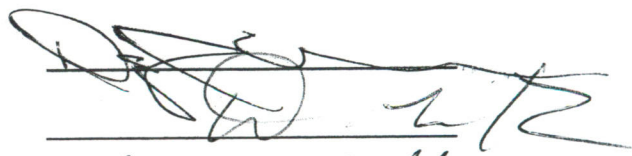
Joellen opened the floor for the Public Hearing on the 2018 proposed budget, resident Scott Mast asked if it was higher or lower than 2017, Joellen explained it is lower at \$1.6m as we had budgeted for the water tower painting done this year. There were no other questions or comments so Doug closed the floor for the Public Hearing.

The only other item , the clerk presented the Ordinance 2017-8 regarding consumer fireworks. There was some discussion and then Doug moved to adopt Ordinance 2017-8 with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

The accounts payable voucher was presented with two additions, Doug moved to accept the accounts payable voucher with the additions, Dan 2<sup>nd</sup> and both agreed.

Since there was no further business, Doug moved to adjourn the meeting with Dan 2<sup>nd</sup> and both agreed.

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Robert C. Crookham

Attests:

