

## MILFORD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2018

10:00 AM @ MILFORD TOWN HALL

Present: Doug Ruch, Dan Cochran and Bob Cockburn

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

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

Town Attorney Jay Rigdon reported that he had checked with the Auditor regarding Davidhizer's penalties, he stated he had not paid them and it would come up for Sherriff's Sale not this time, but the next.

Under Public input Karena Wilkerson appeared before the council to request permission to hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Block Party using the town's parking lot next to Community Building on September 29 and she also requested to use the lot on Halloween, October 31 to have a Trunk or Treat night for the children involving local Churches and businesses and civic groups. Dan so moved with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Ross Hagen, Umbaugh representative was back to discuss where Milford stands compared with the rest of the State. Our rates fall below the average. Discussion included why the need to do a rate study, why didn't the last increase resolve the shortfall, why couldn't we take Cedit money and bring Wastewater out of the red so the new rate would then begin to be felt? Attorney Jay pointed out that after the last study, the council chose not to accept Umbaugh's recommendation of \$45.84 and went with \$43.12 phased in over two years, both good reasons why we did not see the increase kick in. Jay also pointed out that it was a good idea to do a rate study for legal purposes and is recommended by the IURC. Both Ross and Jay explained that Cedit money could be used for Capital projects, but should not be used for operating costs. Doug moved to go forward with the rate study for just wastewater at \$6500, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and they voted yes with Dan voting NO.

Ross will contact the Clerk's office and get the financial information and interview Mark Brubaker, wastewater operator to get an idea of any capital projects in the future. He will return in the future with the study.

David Grossman came before the council to request a permit to keep a Pot Belly Pig, Doug so moved with Dan 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

The council asked Jay to create an ordinance for the purpose of allowing such pets, Jay will have it for next meeting to review.

Resident Jay Urbin was back with his ongoing complaint about his neighbors rotten tree which part of it hangs over the fence into his yard, another resident thought it could be considered weeds and vegetation and the town could take it down, Attorney Rigdon stated he would check the statutes. Jay Urbin also complained that it was taking too long to deal with the Davidhizer situation and



demanded the town do more. Attorney Rigdon reassured him it was in process and we just need to be patient.

#### Departmental Reports:

Fire: Doug invited the council to the County Firemen's Fish Fry the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in September at the Women's Bldg. at the Fair Grounds.

Police: Chief Marsh reported the fire on James St. that was suspicious was investigated and the cause and origin could not be established so no criminal charges will be sought.

He reported SRO officer Derek Kreider is in the school and ready to begin the school year. There is construction still going on and contractors going in and out of the school, so it is probably a good thing for an officer to be there.

He reported that Officer Derek and Officer Brandon both participated in an Active Shooter training put on at Grace College.

Travis stated it wouldn't be long before they would not be able to assist people with lock outs due to the new design of cars and the fact that the tool they use doesn't work on these newer cars.

He requested the permission to hire another officer since Derek will now be in the school. Doug so moved, with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

He requested to add Scott Anderson, John Brito, Travis Bays and Daniel Meza to our Reserve Offers contingent upon successful completion of the polygraph examination. Doug so moved with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

#### Utilities:

Steven requested that Fall Clean Up to be September 27- 29<sup>th</sup>, Dan so moved with Doug 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Steven reported that we had sold the Christmas Wreaths to the town of Daleville and Leesburg. The Clerk presented Resolutions 2018-1 and 2 to the council for approval, Doug so moved and Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed. It was stated after selling the wreaths, the new decorations will only cost the town \$1300.



Steven reported that he spent some time with Jack from Ideal Construction touring the outskirts of town showing him where they could continue building houses, we gave him contact info for all the possibilities.

Steven reported the water tower passed it's inspection.

There was some discussion regarding the water meters and the lack of cooperation Steven has been getting with Warranty Issues. Both Councilmen Dan and Doug had called Master Meter. They gave Steven new directions going forward with dealing with warranty problems.

Parks:

Steven recognized his mother Judy Marquart for volunteering at the park, she has maintained the flower bed at the mound and it has looked great all summer.

Steven noted that we have had a lot of pavilion rentals this summer and has been disappointed with Jerry Lenwell, who contracted with the town to open the concession stand this summer and maintain the restrooms. He has not opened the stand much at all and he has had several complaints from beach goers regarding no place to get refreshments. He has already started to search for someone else for next year's season.

He requested the council agree to use EvaPar for preventive maintenance on all of the town's generators at a cost of \$3645.00. Dan so moved, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Doug reported that the county was seeking letters of support for the CR1300 extension and overpass, a meeting will be held in the near future and needed the letters by Friday. Both town and Redevelopment Commission will send letters along with the police, fire and EMS.

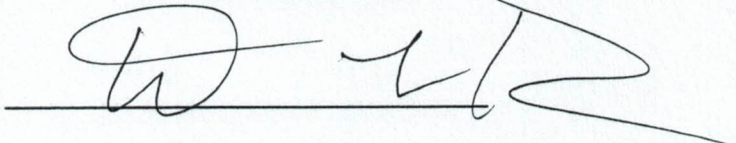
Doug presented the plan for the new building for Lake City Bank, they need a variance for their entrance and exit to stay off of Emeline. Bob so moved with Dan 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Clerk:

Joellen gave the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the proposed 2019 budget of \$1,855,188. The Public Hearing will be at the next meeting September 10, 2018 .

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

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Robert C. Archambault

Attests:

Clerk Treasurer