

Milford Town Council Meeting

Monday, October 9, 2017

7:00pm at the Milford Town Hall

Present: Doug Ruch, Robert Cockburn and Dan Cochran

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. Doug moved to approve the minutes as written with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Jay Rigdon, town attorney reported on the Davidhizer unsafe property situation. He stated he had been contacted by Davidhizer's counsel, who requested a meeting to debate the process of how we came to the amount of the penalties. He reported to the council that his response will be, unless the council would like another response, to get the work done on the properties first and we can discuss the penalties later. The council agreed with the attorney and told him to proceed.

He also reported that he was contacting fellow attorney Jeremi Ulium from Hall Render, Indianapolis to deal with our sewer bond renewal. He was council on the original bond.

Departmental Reports:

Fire: Doug reported that the Chicken BBQ was a success selling out!!

He also reported that the MFD will sponsor a Dodge Ball game Wednesday and proceeds will go to United Way!

He also reported it is Fire Prevention Week and Firemen will be going to the school to do a program.

Police:

Chief Marsh reported he had participated in All Hazards Incident Management Team training the last week of September. He stated it was valuable training and will provide resources for our local emergency management.

He reported the RADAR sign is doing a good job, but the batteries only last 12 days and it takes two days to recharge. He requested the council approve purchasing a backup set at a total cost of \$656.00. Doug so moved with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Travis stated he was checking with his full time officers to see if they needed new winter jackets, he still had some money left in his budget to pay for them.

Travis stated he went to a second meeting with the Kosciusko County EMA. They are continuing to develop the updated hazard plan for the county. There will be a public meeting in November TBD in Warsaw.

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He reported the Firearm range is nearly complete and is working on some paperwork needed for the insurance company to include a range policy and a waiver of liability.

Travis reported he had checked into a motion tablet with printer for \$4970.50.

Doug moved to purchase the new tablet and printer for \$ 4970.50 with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

The last item for the council was to confirm Halloween town festivities would be on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Doug so moved with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Utilities:

MVH Superintendent Steven reported that we didn't receive the Community Crossing Grant this year! He did state that next year we would need to update our pacer program. Doug suggested he contact Ben Beer at USI and get on the list early so we would be ready to apply for next year's grant.

Steven presented quotes for a scaled back paving plan, Phend & Brown's quote was for \$58,917.00, Reith Riley presented a quote for \$101,185.40. Doug moved to accept Phend and Brown's quote of \$58,917.00 with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreeing.

Steven reported that leaf pickup has begun. Reminded residents to rake to the edge of the curb and not into the street.

The trash pickup contract will be up at the end of this year so it is time to obtain quotes, will request quotes for both with and without containers. Steven is also interested in researching costs for brush containers for all residents.

We received 77 loads of trash and 1 container of scrap metal during the Fall Clean up in September. Will be planning a spring clean up in April.

Park:

The park is officially closed for the season.

Water:

We flushed hydrants last week and they are flushing well due to the treating of iron in the well.

It is also time to treat well #4, he presented the council with a quote from Peerless Midwest for \$5865.00. Doug so moved to have the well treated and not to exceed \$5865.00 with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Steven suggested we purchase a large meter at the well to be tested and calibrated at a price of \$950.00. Doug moved to purchase the meter for \$950 and take it out of Riverboat if there is not enough money in the water fund. Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Steven reported that the new roof for the well shed should begin in the next two weeks.



He also reported that there are four trees at the well area that need to be cut down, they are in danger of coming down and could damage the new roof. The council directed him to check with Larry Weaver and get a price.

Steven reported that all of his employees will be attending a Confined space awareness class which will be held at the Community Building at no cost to the town.

Clerk:

Joellen presented the Ordinance 2017-9 proposed 2018 budget of \$1,600,155 for adoption. Bob so moved and Dan 2<sup>nd</sup> and both agreed. Doug abstained from voting.

Joellen reported that the Fall Clerks District meeting will be October 18 and 19 at Middlebury with costs of classes at \$140 and request mileage and lunch reimbursement. Doug so moved with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.


Joellen presented two quotes for the Employee Christmas Party, Dewart Lake Inn was \$1339.20 and Turf Bar was \$4500.00. Doug moved that we should go with the Dewart Lake Inn quote of \$1339.20, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Joellen informed the council that the SBOA had finished a five year audit and was very complimentary in their remarks, the only thing they noted was the negative balances in the payroll funds and the wastewater fund and she directed us to make the necessary transfers to the payroll fund to bring those to 0.

Joellen presented the accounts payable voucher with no additions, Doug moved to approve with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed..

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

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Robert C. Cook

Attests:

