

# Millersburg Town Council Meeting

## April 14, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Millersburg Town Council held on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 5:00 PM at the Millersburg Town Hall.



<b>In Attendance were:</b>		
James Winkler	Council Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dean Smith	Council Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Austin Turner	Council Member	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raymundo Rodriguez	Marshal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MacKenzie Taylor	Clerk/Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ben Eldridge	Utility Superintendent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Matt King	Maintenance Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Haley Hurst	Park Board President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Convene:** 5:00 PM – Jim Winkler called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Jim Winkler to approve the minutes for Wednesday, February 24, 2021. The motion was seconded by Dean Smith and upon a voice vote was approved unanimously.

### I. Water Superintendent

Monday and Tuesday Middlebury electric came out to the water plant. The discussions were about the water tower being down for the period of when it's getting redone. With VFD's Ben is able to control water usage. It makes sure the pressure is in the right spot. Basically, Ben simulated not having a tower with the VFD. This process was feeding distribution from the well and Middlebury Electric and myself got that all figured out. There were no complaints about not having water.

Dean asked how long the water tower would be down? Ben replied, the tower will be down for a couple of months. They will spot blast inside, then paint it, then repeat the process with the outside. The logo will be a train and Millersburg written in the grill.

### II. Waste Water Superintendent

- Jim asked if we will officially be burning things out at wastewater right now? Ben responded, yes. Matt said, people may want to take their own limbs there because we won't be burning at the tower anymore. A suggestion was, possibly this could be put in a dump truck, loaded, and then take it and burn it. Jim said, maybe we can put some signs up sooner than later so resident's will know what to do.

### III. Community Development

- Jim mentioned the alley is starting to look nice. Ben said the alley should be done Friday at the latest. The school got a grant to do flowers and also a raised box garden. So kids can learn about it, harvest it, maintain it, and eat it. Ben had talked about doing a mirroral but then he decided to decorate the old standing windows and door. The art department from Fairfield is going to do a little mirroral in each window so it looks like you're looking into a mercantile or a past agricultural thing or train depot. It will be four separate mirrorals. Ben has gotten some good ideas from Goshen and Ligonier. Ben hopes it's all complete by the end of May.

### IV. Maintenance Director

- Mowing away and patching pot holes, Matt replied when asked by Jim what's been going on. Jim said the internet/boring people are all over the place. Ben said most of the boring is done but they are pulling the cables, fiber, and boxes.
- Jim said we have a mower issue. Ben replied, yeah I talked with Dean about it. So Ben told Dean what happened. Then, Austin Turner heard about it and decided to call Jim. Ben thought it was a gas mower and it actually runs on diesel. Ben got it worked out to where Kabota will come pick it up tomorrow or Friday and then they'd give us a loaner. Jim stated, at this point, we will give the route of the Street Department to do this and they can hire someone to do it. Ben made mention it

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takes only 8 hours to mow the park. Jim jumped in and said his grandson use to mow the park and it would take two days.

- Ben said just out of curiosity who tattled about this situation? Matt replied, no body tattled to any body. Ben said I went to a council member to talk man to man about this situation. Jim spoke up and said it isn't a big deal. Ben said I care about the work in Town and it is a big deal. Jim said we all care and the conversation came to a halt.

### V. Marshal

- Ray made it clear, if there's an actual emergency call dispatch and don't relay messages to one another. If it's that important and Millersburg PD isn't answering, call dispatch or 911. The Clerks Office will no longer take calls or messages for the Millersburg PD.
- Robert asked permission to get police bikes to ride around in the summer. Dean and Jim gave him and Ray permission to purchase bikes.

### VI. Park

- Haley mentioned Ben got started on a volleyball league. Jim asked is that reality? Ben said yes. Mikayla said she would officiate. She told me today and confirmed she would do it. I want to narrow it to six teams. Goshen charges 150 a team and it's 19 bucks a player. Mikayla said she can do Thursday's and do it June through the end of July. We would have two games a night and then the last game there would be three games. I told Mikayla we would pay \$25.00 a game. So all together we would get 900 and then we would get around 500 to put back into the park. ---->The football trailer has finally been removed from the park. ---->. Some guy is coming out to stake out the football field. The investors have a meeting with local people in Town to donate a removeable storage shed for their equipment and concessions stuff. --> The corn hole quote of permanent slabs and with bike deterrents in front of them, so kids wont use them as ramps, for two sets it is 2170.00 which will come out of the park budget. ----> Jim asked, what is going on with frisbee golf? Ben said they can't make those. Jim and Dean both approved the plan for the corn hole. They will be located in the horse shoe pit. ----->The concession stand for the floor to get apoxied from Stan Chupp will cost X amount for 250 square feet. Council said to proceed with this because it has to get done to run concession stands. --> Portapotties are set up at the park now.

### VII. Clerk/Treasurer

- Asbestos report came through. It was recommended to have them professionally remove and dispose of for \$1,375.00.
- To demo this building R Yoder was \$45,000 and we talked to Todd Truex about doing this for us and it was \$30,000. Ben would like to let Todd know so he can start preparing. So, we will go with A&G to do the removal of the small asbestos. Todd and Gordon from A&G will correlate this. This demo will consist, top soil, seed, and fill dirt.
- Rick came to Jim's home last Saturday afternoon. He was talking about the asphalt and coming back in May to do the top coat. So, Rick came to see him about and wanted 45 more days. Jim said no and I did buckle a little bit. Jim told Rick, since ground breaking we have seen the head guy one time at a meeting and one time at ground breaking. I have no reason to go along with this. It really doesn't affect the building and Rick said I got him down to two weeks. Jim said no, he would only give ten days, and start charging May 1<sup>nd</sup>, 500.00 a day.
- Rick came in and told Ben, myself, and Angie the same thing. Starting may 1<sup>st</sup> does it start registering in our favor.
- Matt said we are having a problem with the last person on the job site not closing the door. If it's open and it gets vandalized they have until May 1<sup>st</sup> if it's open call Erik Parcel.

### VIII Old Business

- No Old Business.

### IX. New Business

Mike Patka would like to seek approval from the Town to pay a portion of his yard he would like to reseed. He apologized for it taking so long to fill his yard. I was trying to get quotes. By this Spring where the new pipe was put in, the ground sunk 6 inches. So Cam Construction in

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LaGrange gave me a high number. So, I had Todd Truex come and do this. I'm coming to see if you'd be willing to pay for the bill and or part of it. There were two full dump truck loads of sand and screen top and it was \$2350. Jim said we have a suspended sidewalk program. So with anything that would be done is anything out of your own pocket. Jim said, my problem is if we do one, then we will have a lot of people coming and saying why didn't we get paid. Mike said he fully understood.

Issac Grosse's water bill was outrageously high. He hasn't made a payment for a few months. Issac Grosse claims their water heater went out and it has been leaking for quite some time. Ben denied the credit on the sewer because it can't be determined if it went down the subpump or not. Jim said he is good with Ben's decision.

Due to health reasons, Dean will be away from us 3 months out of the year. Leave December and come back beginning of April or the end of March. Legally, the Town attorney is okay with this. We need to find a temporary person for Tina's job.

Jim Winkler made a motion to pay bills. The motion was seconded by Dean Smith and upon a voice vote was approved unanimously.

Jim Winkler made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dean Smith and upon a voice vote was approved unanimously.

**Adjourn: 6:00**

Attest:

  
MacKenzie Taylor Clerk Treasurer

  
James Winkler Council President

