

Town of Millersburg
201 W. Washington Street
Millersburg, IN 46543

November 16th, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Jim Winkler, Dean Smith, MacKenzie Taylor, Ben Eldridge, Matt King, Avery Ferguson, Tina Smith, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Ray Rodriguez, Larry Randolph, Kearsten Britten, and Ester Britten.

Jim Winkler called the meeting to order at the Millersburg Town Hall at 5:00pm. A motion was made by Jim to approve the minutes for Wednesday October 26th, 2022. The motion was seconded by Dean Smith. Upon voice vote was unanimously approved.

Water: Nothing for water.

Wastewater: Wastewater is good. Ben said, since there has not been any cold weather, there has not been anything to do at sewer.

Community Development: Ben said, he has an ordinance from County that needs to be resigned. There were some minor changes made to it. Basically, it's stating that the Town has to approve what is happening in our community. If County requests something, we would get to choose whether or not we honor that request. Ben showed Dean and Jim where he highlighted the verbiage change in section B and C. Jim made a motion to waive the second reading for the County Ordinance change. Dean seconded the motion. Jim made a motion to approve the County Ordinance change and Dean seconded the motion. Upon voice vote was unanimously approved.

On the 10th of December we will have Santa here from 9am-11am. Ben said, he has put posters around the Town.

Park: Ben said, on December 5th we will put the ice rink up. Jim asked, where? Ben said the concession stands. Then, Ben would like to open up the concession stands a couple times a month or once a month to sell hot chocolate and snacks. Ben said, Jessica had an idea to tarp the sides and get some heaters so people could come inside and warm up. Elizabeth Rodriguez asked, who will run the concession stands? Ben said, probably just himself. Elizabeth said, she would like to volunteer to run it. Ben said, he would sign her up.

Maintenance: There were no "keyboard warriors" in attendance of the meeting. After one written complaint and seven verbal complaints about leaf pick-up, no one came to speak to the

Council as previously planned. Matt said, the leaf-vac was down for almost a week. The trailer malfunctioned, we had to order a new circuit board, then we had to order a new starter. Two of the parts had to be shipped from different States. Matt mentioned, the roof blew off the trailer. Jim told the room, it's easy for people to get excited about leaf pick-up. The leaves start to fall and they want them picked up right away. There's only so much you can do in a day and so many things that can happen in a day. Someone said, people don't understand, when it rains, we cannot pick up leaves. Weather permitting, if the soil is still wet and soggy from the rain, we can't get the trailer out to go dump the leaves. Therefore, we can't do leaf pick up. Avery mentioned, this year the leaves seemed to fall at the same time. Jim said, people pick and choose their battles and bitch about whatever they want to bitch about. Matt said, we have been dumping four (4) loads a day when we are picking up leaves. It takes a lot of time to dump the leaves and hook the machine back up. Dean asked, would it benefit you if you guys got another trailer? Matt said, he would like to look into a self-contained trailer. This type of trailer would allow us to complete leaf pick up in a quicker manner. Jim said, let's look into some grants and see what's available. Jim said, I thought about this a lot today at work. I told myself I'd maintain my composure when people show up and start getting nasty. Then, I saw it was below forty (40) degrees, I knew no one would want to leave their house. Jim said, if people did come. I was going to offer to them to set up a ride along with you guys. This way, they can experience with what you have to deal with. Larry Randolph said, I thought you guys did a great leaf pick up. I drive around and I see what's going on in the Town. Especially, after the storm that came through, you guys were quick and on it getting the debris. Everyone was in agreement, if a resident would like to ride along, they will be more than welcome to.

Matt said, we have the salt spreader on, just in case. I'm glad we put it together yesterday because we found a bad part and were able to get it fixed. Jim said, hopefully the snow will stay north this time around. Matt asked Ben, when will you want sand? So we can start setting that up and planning for it? Ben said, how about some time before the 5th since that's when we are wanting to set up the ice rink.

Larry Randolph asked, when is the last day for leaf pick-up? Matt said, it depends on the weather. Typically, we stop around Thanksgiving.

Marshal: Ray said, everything's good. Robert and Jessica are at a PIO training. The training covers how to give proper press releases. Jim said, years back a person from the Goshen News and Elkhart Truth would come to all of our meetings. They haven't been here for years, though.

Dean asked Ray about the speed monitor. Ray said, he has an Amish gentleman doing some welding on it. It might cost about \$300-\$400, I told the welder that should be fine. He is going to put wheels on it so we are able to move it. The old one is on Elm Street. Someone said, it detects speed from a long distance.

Clerk: MacKenzie presented the 2023 Salary Ordinance. Dean and Jim reviewed the ordinance along with the added benefits presented in the ordinance. Jim made a motion to waive the second

reading of the 2023 Salary Ordinance. Dean Smith seconded the motion of the second reading. Jim made a motion to approve the 2023 Salary Ordinance. Dean Smith seconded the motion. Upon voice vote was unanimously approved.

Jim made a motion to amend the employee handbook ordinance that was changed on October 27th, 2022. Dean seconded the motion to amended polices. Upon voice vote was unanimously approved.

New Business: Kearsten Britten is here from Liberty National. Liberty National is a supplemental insurance company. Kearsten started by saying her office is located in Fort Wayne but she lives close by the Town of Millersburg. She told some of the history of Liberty National how long they've been in business and some major American Football/Hockey Teams they insure. She went on saying, Liberty National will lock in a rate that is specific for the employee. The rate will never increase. We pay out when we say we will pay out. In comparison to AFLAC we are 61% cheaper. Liberty National offers a cancer policy, life/accidental death, and sickness and disease policies. Kearsten said, she would come in Monday at 9am and will bring breakfast so all the employees can hear about their options and design a plan that is specific for them.

Old Business: Ben said, we need to have an RDC meeting. We will plan on doing the RDC meeting on December 12th at 5:30. We still need one more member. Ben is not able to meet after the Council Meeting on the 7th because he will be in training. So far, the members on the board are Larry Randolph, Heath Taylor, Amber Gingerich, maybe Jeff Troyer if he is interested and I need a non-voting school board member. Then, one of the council members. Jim said, I'll let Dean do it since I'm taking a step back.

The gas cards are going well. We didn't get the lock in rate for the first month, there was a communication error. So, now we are locked in and will get a special rate. MacKenzie said, this bill is already lower than what we were paying for C&P Oil.

Jim made a motion to pay bills. Dean seconded the motion. Upon voice vote was unanimously approved to pay bills. Jim made a motion to adjourn. Dean Smith seconded the motion to adjourn.

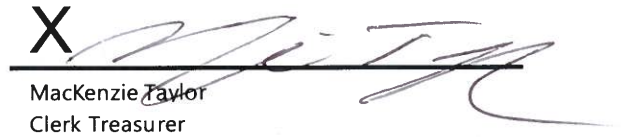
X

Jim Winkler
Council President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Winkler', written over a horizontal line.

X

MacKenzie Taylor
Clerk Treasurer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MacKenzie Taylor', written over a horizontal line.