

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

**Council Meeting April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**5:12pm-6:20pm**

**Jim Winkler called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Jim Winkler to approve the minutes for Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The motion was seconded by Dean Smith and upon a voice vote was approved unanimously.**

**Attendance:** Jim Winkler, Dean Smith, MacKenzie Taylor, Ben Eldridge, Ray Rodriguez, Robert Roa, Matt King, Steve Eckert, Amber Gingerich and two residents from Sandbrook.

**Water:** Ben reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. Ben noticed the section about notifying residents of boil orders or other things going on in the Town. Ben told MacKenzie and Jessica, the Town Website does have the ability to send out text alerts to people that subscribe to it. Ben reached out the Ryan Lecount about his concerns or comments he had for the Town. He explained the text alerts to Ryan and he seemed pleased. Then, they discussed the water billing situation. Ben asked Ryan if he had received the Town Newsletter. He said he did. Ben said, he made it very clear in the newsletter that bills are always due on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Ben told him, if he hasn't gotten a bill by a certain date in the month before the 15<sup>th</sup>, call the Clerk's Office. Jessica and MacKenzie will be able to tell you what you owe.

There is a gentleman in Timber Valley who would like to build a pool house. I told him he doesn't need to come and get approval. He just needs to go to County to get the proper permits. He's needing to run a separate water line because it doesn't reach from his house. Ben explained to him, he will have to pay for a tap, connection and meter fee.

Dean asked Ben, how's the garage addition coming along? Ben replied good. They have to run electric through there and it should be done within the next week.

**Waste Water:** The burn pile was lit last week.

**Community Development:** The Statues are coming in May. The grain cart across the street is part of the Art Project, I told you about. She has some history boards she'll be adding to the grain cart.

**Park:** Pickleball Courts were discussed during the budget meeting. The Town would like to see two pickleball courts instead of one. The Town is willing to pay for one court. A court is \$12,000. It was determined to donate 6,000 from the park fund (because Clinton Township donated 6,000 to the Town) and then donate 6,000 from the non-reverting fund (Bickle money). The Town will advise Clinton Township not to donate money to the Park Fund this year.

Corn hole tournament will be held June 25<sup>th</sup>. Ben Eldridge is hosting it.

Ben was talking with MacKenzie the other day about donating money towards the Twelfth Man Club. Ben originally asked for \$10,000 out of the Forest River TIF. MacKenzie counter offered

him \$7,000. Then, Ben suggested \$5,000 and MacKenzie agreed to it. The JFL Field is coming along. The sponsors are working out a deal with Pizza Depot to serve at their concessions along with Pepsi. Right now, they have 85 kids enrolled in Flag Football. Which means, 85 sets of parents and grandparents.

Little League has not been using the Millersburg ball diamonds. Everything is in New Paris. The travel league wants to use it Tuesday and Thursday for practice and they're hoping to have some tournaments again.

Ben told Dean and Jim, him and Vernon tore out the white fence at the park because it was busted. They put in a 4X4 post chain link. The park hour sign is up. Jim requested putting a "no buggy" parking sign at the Town Hall.

**Maintenance:** Matt said they're starting to mow more. He's also waiting to hear the price of salt for this year.

**Marshal:** There's a company called Lexipol and they work with police agencies throughout Indiana. They take the policies we have and then they update them to the most recent case law studies. Ray's talked with the Goshen and Wakarusa Police Department who use these services and they all really like this program. It will be \$1603.10 a year, we can pay for this out of the public safety fund. Dean made a motion to approve this expense and try it out for a couple of years. Jim seconded the motion.

Jim thanked Robert for his promptness in handling the golf cart/go cart situation.

Jim asked, what does our noise ordinance read? Jim asked, if it covers barking dogs? Ray said, if there's any noise, including a barking dog and it's annoying someone then that would qualify. Someone would need to file a complaint with us. Then, we'd go speak to the homeowner and give them a warning. If it continues, then we can ticket them and give them a violation.

Jim asked, how is the Elm Street patrol going? Ray said, he's noticed some speeders but they slow down once they see his police car. The blue car is starting to go downhill. Someone suggested parking it in the school parking lot again to help reduce speeding cars.

**Clerk:** March Bank Reconciliation is complete and signed off by Suzy Bass. (Internal Control and Financial Advisor)

**New Business:** Jim, Matt and Rick will discuss a spot holding a lot of water in the Town.

Rick gave an update on Washington St. Pulver called and asked about using a slag surface. Rick said, Topeka has done this to two or three of their streets in Town. It helps maintain the road with all of the buggy traffic. The additional cost would be \$7800. Rick did mention, slag surface is hard to get so we can talk with Pulver and see how much longer the project would be delayed. The Council, Rick, MacKenzie and Matt will look over funds and will discuss how much longer this project would take if we decided to use the slag surface.

Amber Gingerich was here on behalf of the Town Garage Sales. Jen Jacobs originally did the organization of these but she is moving and handed everything over to Amber Gingerich and Kayla Jasso. Amber was seeking for the Town to help in this or even take it over for the following years. The Council and Ben agreed that a government entity should not be in charge of putting on the Town Garage Sales. There are only 9 employees running the Town and we're stretched thin. The Town is willing to pay for any/all advertisement up to \$200.00. The Town is

also willing to print off any flyer's, maps and make arrangements with Goshen News and People's Exchange. There was another couple at the Town Meeting to discuss the garage sales. (MacKenzie did not get their names) They told Amber; they would like to help in any way they could. Everyone wants to see the garage sales thrive like they use to. It was suggested to see if one of the local Churches would like to help take this over for the following year. The gentleman from Sandbrook asked about the car show. He said, this use to be another large event. He asked why it wasn't lined up on Washington Street anymore? Jim explained, the Town use to help with this portion as part of the Farmer's Day Celebrations. Then, Friends of the Park decided they didn't like it on Washington Street and moved everything to Cook Station Park. The couple from Sandbrook and everyone agreed they liked it better when it was on Washington Street. It's possible, the Town could put on their own car show sometime once Washington Street is finished for a debut of the completed road project.

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Jim Winkler  
Council President

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MacKenzie Taylor  
Clerk Treasurer

