

# AGENDA

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

April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

5:00pm – 6:00pm

A motion was made by Jim Winkler to approve the minutes for Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. The motion was seconded by Dean Smith and upon a voice vote was approved unanimously.

Attendance: Jim Winkler, Dean Smith, Austin Turner, Ray Rodriguez, Robert Roa, MacKenzie Taylor, Matt King, Chris Godluski, Claire Tarala, Jennifer Doriot and Ryan Lecount.

**Marshal:** Ray said they now have body cameras for themselves and their vehicles.

Robert asked Matt if it would be possible to put a speed bump on Elm St. Jim said, he is not in favor of doing this because it puts wear and tear on the roads. Robert and Ray have Jim's full blessing to write tickets to anyone that is speeding on that road. Forest River and their drivers have received many letters from the Town reinstating the proper speed limits. The speed sign is ready to start being used again. There were talks about possibly purchasing another one. The Town has a couple of roads where speed limit signs are neglected. The price is around 2,000-3,000.

**Maintenance:** Today, we got salt out of the dump truck, Matt said. There's a lot of limbs to get rid of and if it ever dries up, we will get that pile burned at wastewater. Hopefully, next week the weather will be more cooperative.

Pulver will not have the sidewalks completed by the 22<sup>nd</sup> like they projected. This is due to the inconsistent weather.

Matt asked if anyone had heard about the next round for CCMG. No one had been informed if the Town was awarded or not.

Matt's been getting the mowers ready to start mowing season.

**Clerk:** MacKenzie presented the Council with February's Bank Reconciliation completed by Suzy Bass. February is balanced.

MacKenzie would like to start meeting with the Council and department heads 30 minutes before the next Council meeting to prepare 2023 budget.

**New Business:** Chris Godluski from Elkhart County's Planning and Development Committee attended the meeting about rezoning property near S Benton from b-3 to b-1. This was announced at the last Town Council Meeting and there were no objections. Chris stated no one objected at the public hearing. MacKenzie assigned them Ordinance number 03 to be assigned to Ordinance 2022-03. Jim Winkler

made a motion to approve the adoption of Ordinance 2022-03 to rezone the property from b-3 to b-1. Austin Turner seconded the motion. Jennifer Doriot (216 Cindy Court) was in attendance to ask about the Town's plan for Cindy Court? She stated, her grandchild fell and scrapped up her face pretty good. Ryan Lecount (who was also in attendances) attested to this as. It's becoming a hazard for people of all ages. Jim assured Jennifer that Cindy Court is on the CCMG we are waiting to hear back from. If we get the grant the project would begin in the late fall. The road would be torn and put back with asphalt. Jennifer asked if there are any drainage plans because there is so much flooding back in that area. Jim said, at the moment we don't have any drainage plans. Jim explained, the Town doesn't have a big budget and unfortunately, it's about money and what projects we're able to do. He is hopeful we receive the match grant and can fix Cindy Court. Jennifer said, she understands, she works for County.

Ryan Lecount was in attendance, he lives back in Cindy Court as well. Ryan introduced himself, saying he's been a resident here and has taught at Fairfield High School (US Government) for some time. He asked the Council to describe their role. Jim replied, we are here to help pull everything together. This includes, making rules, updates, enforcing ordinances and govern the existing departments we currently have. It's the Council's job to do what's best for our resident's and the Town to the best of our ability. Jim acknowledged we are different from other Cities or Towns in the surrounding area, we have a more laid-back approach. Jim reemphasized, we want to be good Samaritans and meet the needs of all of the people in Town but with a smaller budget scale, that can make projects and things more difficult to do/accomplish in Town.

Ryan asked, how do you guys notify resident's if there's an issue? Jim said, we normally post it on our Town Website and Facebook page. Ryan stated he doesn't have a Facebook page, so when boil alerts went out, he didn't know until after it was already done. He suggested looking into an alert app that would notify residents of any issues or upcoming events in Town. The Council really liked this idea and would like to do some more research to find an app that would be fitting for our Town.

Ryan asked about water bills, is there any way we could get these in a quicker time frame? Jim explained, we have started sending out the bills earlier. There's been issues going on with our local Post Office. Workers from the Post Office are quitting and they are having a difficult time filling the position here. There's been a rumor that our Post Office might not even stay open.

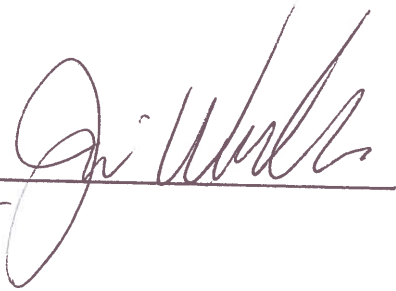
Ryan asked about the Golf Cart Ordinance, he said it seems like a modern movement to enforce. Jim explained, we've always had a Golf Cart Ordinance with many of the same stipulations in there. The problem was, prior administration didn't enforce the Ordinance and or follow it. I think one of the important changes is we put an actual age limit with requirements in there. Too many times I've seen 11- or 12-year-old children driving around/hanging out of the vehicle. The other thing we updated was the golf cart registration fee of \$50.00. Ryan told the Council he thought the fee was a bit much. Jim said it was \$30.00 in the past. The emblem they provide you with after inspection is \$20.00. If you

already have an emblem, we can lower the cost. Ryan asked, what does that money even go towards because it seems excessive? MacKenzie told Ryan the money goes to the Police Department in the Continued Education/Training line item. Ryan asked Jim if that was reasonable? Jim replied yes, it's their time involved. This registration allows you to drive on the Millersburg roads. It's standard to pay registration fees for many things. County also has their own sets of standards/fees that we must comply with. We rely on tax payer money and use it to best of our abilities since the Town's income is minimal. Luckily, we don't necessarily have debt and we pride ourselves on that.

**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 voice vote was approved unanimously.**

Jim Winkler



Mackenzie Taylor



