

Millersburg Town Council Meeting

August 11, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Millersburg Town Council held on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 5:00 PM at the Millersburg Town Hall.



In Attendance were:

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 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, July 28, 2021. The motion was seconded by Dean Smith and upon a voice vote was approved unanimously.

I. Water Superintendent

- Ben will be flushing hydrants Monday through Wednesday. He'll make a post on the Millersburg Facebook page about the hydrant flushing.

II. Waste Water Superintendent

- No Wastewater Related Items.

III. Community Development

- Certified Burgers & Breakfast are having a grand opening the 13th and 14th this week. Judd asked if they could put tables outside where their parking spots are. Also, lay some cones out to block the oncoming traffic off of the overpass. I talked to Ray about that and he was okay with it. The two council members gave permission to block off that part of the overpass for the grand opening.
- The guard rail was fixed on the overpass by Ben. The worker Ben hired said it was in pretty bad shape. The post are suppose to be four feet and they were only two feet. If there would've been an accident, the person could've sued the Town for not getting this fixed, especially in a timely manner.
- The football field is moving along. Ben said he'd get the concession plans around and take that to County.
- The Street Department picked up the limbs and brush and took it to Forest River to dump.
- I mentioned this a while back about the sponsors that are putting in the football field here in Town. We and they want an agreement with the Town saying that we won't kick them out in a year or two. I typed up a 10 year agreement saying they will be utilizing it. As far as liability, they are covered 100 percent on their own insurance, this does not make the Town liable. If there is a spectator that falls out of the stands and breaks their arm, their football insurance will cover all accidents.
- They want to do a ground breaking ceremony and have it publicized. I suggested about them doing this on the 20th but they are doing a Battle of the Birds game that night. We will come up with another date and let everyon know. They will be having a bonfire Saturday night. They asked to have it here in Town. They are making every effort to bring Millersburg into the Fairfield fold. The bonfire will be near a hydrant. This will be from 7:30pm – 9:30pm.

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- I am attending a Community Development course from August 30th to September 3rd. NIPSCO paid for me, Ben, to attend the classes.

IV. Maintenance Director

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V. Marshal

- Alan Willingson was sworn in as a new Reserve Officer.
- Millersburg PD has a time set up to meet with a representative for a demo on body cameras. These will become mandated before too long. Having body cameras will hold us accountable and be used in Court hearings if an incident occurs. This will be an expensive cost to the Town. Rick Pharis spoke up and said that there is some State funding programs that will help cover the cost of these. This will be something the Town will look into.
- Ray mentioned how he ordered a new squad car, a Charger, a few months ago. The vehicle is still not in yet and there's no mention of when it will be in.
- Two reserves are still in the pending stages of becoming sworn in. There doesn't seem to be a place that is offering classes or everything is already booked.
- Visibility we are trying to make more of a precense.
- The Neighbourhood Watch program has selected Scott Vanbuskirk to be the Captain. Scott will be interacting with the community and Millersburg PD about any occurrences that happen in the Town. The meeting will be the 25th after the Council Meeting. Jim said, we appreciate you stepping up. MacKenzie is willing to keep the minutes for us. If she can't do it then we already have a back up sub.

VI. Park

- Haley said, we got stuff taken out at Eagle Park. I'm waiting on someone to remove the post and the concrete. Someone from the Street Department will be helping with this.. --- Todd will help us build mounds to mount the slide on. We got a tunnel from Millersburg Lumbar. Ben had a good idea about putting in a wild flower garden at Cook Station. ----Jim said he noticed inside the playground there are about 10 slats missing with nails laying up. Jim said he laid them down with the nails facing down. Haley said, we need to watch the security footage. Austin needs to go down and look for damage since he's "working" for the park, Jim said he would let Austin know. ---- We plan on doing a movie night a couple of times. The movie will be Grease and on August 20th after Farmer's Day festivities are over. Is the Farmer's Day Committee okay with this? Jim asked. He told Haley, they should probably know we are going to do that, we need to make sure they aren't doing anything. ----Jim said Toni Miller wants to make a pickle ball court out of the random concrete slab that's located in Cook Station. I said I don't think it's big enough. I told her she needed to talk to you and Ben. So, it will be tabled until next year.

VII. Clerk/Treasurer

- BSM wanted right away permit approval, the work will be done for Expressions. This will be for a fiber optic connection on Maple and Cripe Dr. Jim and Dean wanted more information and will contact Expressions.
- Resolution 2021-09 the transfers of monies from the Town Hall Loan to the General Fund was approved and adopted on 8-11-2021 by both Council members.
- Ordinance 2021-10 for the rental of the ball diamonds and pavilion was approved and adopted by both Council members. No more deposits will be required.
- Ordinance 2021-11 for the rental of the Community/Meeting room was approved by both Council members. Both members would like each person to have a copy of their photo ID on file incase any damages happen. So, we can hold them accountable.

VIII Old Business

- Connie Oliphant came seeking more information about the painting of the fire hydrants. We will notify Ben and have him reach out to her about whether or not the fire hydrant painting will be done.

IX. New Business

Rick Pharis came with information about the tree removal that will potentially be happening on the Washington Street. In the bid packet, a total of 19 trees were called to be removed so that new side walks could be put in that meet the ADA compliance. Amber Gingerich is a concerned

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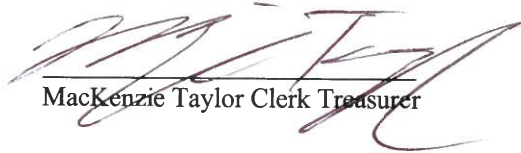
resident and wants to know if there's anything that could be done to save some more of these trees. Rick said, the owner of TRIAD (Johnathan) will be coming up here to do another reassessment of the trees. If all of them do need to come down, the Town plans on replanting every tree that needs to come down. Ben and Rick have been doing research to see what kind of trees grow their roots straight down and not out on the side that would cause damage to the new sidewalks. This seemed to be a very happy medium for everyone. We will await the assessment results.

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

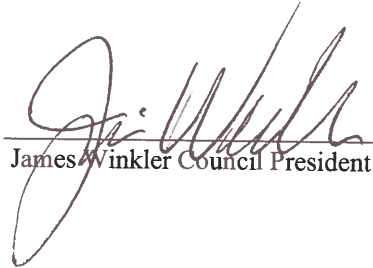
Jim Winkler made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dean Smith and upon a voice vote was approved unanimously.

Adjourn: 6:00

Attest:



Mackenzie Taylor Clerk Treasurer



James Winkler Council President

