

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

September 28th Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Jim Winkler, Dean Smith, MacKenzie Taylor, Ben Eldridge, Jessica Frye, Haley Hurst, Ray Rodriguez, Robert Roa, and Brian Yoder.

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 September 14th, 2022. The motion was seconded by Dean Smith. Upon voice vote was unanimously approved.

Jim Winkler and Dean Smith looked over the Budget Adoption Ordinance for the 2023 calendar year. No questions, comments or concerns were spoken of. Jim Winkler made a motion to approve the Budget Ordinance for the 2023 calendar year. Dean Smith seconded the motion to adopt the Budget Ordinance for the 2023 calendar year. Upon voice vote was unanimously approved and adopted.

Water: Ben stated, he will be flushing hydrants on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of next week. Jim asked Ben about the rust removal system? Ben replied, no problem. Next year, we may have to take the top portion where the stainless steel has a series of pipes and water cascades to have it cleaned out. It will be ten years since we have had that done in 2023. A couple of years ago they tested the steel and thickness and it was all good. They took core samples of the media and it was fine. Dean asked if that would be a large expense? Ben stated, it would be nothing outrageous. More than likely, it will not be over a couple thousand. Dean stated, if it is something we need done then let's do it. Ben said, our iron coming out after treatment is .01 or .05 which is good removal we are getting.

Wastewater: Ben said, it is flowing downhill. Jim asked, did we get that clarifier? Ben said, he is waiting on Mason Engineering to do that. Ben previously gave the Council a quote for it and was approved.

Community Development: Ben said, he does not have anything at the moment. Jim mentioned, he saw the "for sale" sign at the Legion. They are currently asking \$125,000. Ben said, he offered them \$5,000.

Ben informed the Council that "Mr. Underground" closed shop.

Haley asked, what building is for sale by the apartments? Dean said, he spoke with Doyle Yoder and he is trying to decide if he is selling the business or just the building. Doyle's business is

mainly in manufactured housing. It has gotten to the point where it is slow, just like the RV industry around here. Doyle was telling Dean he and his wife have a condo down in Jacksonville Florida and may retire down there. Someone asked, how much is he selling the building for? Dean informed everyone he has been in talks with Forest River about purchasing the building. Ben said, he was talking to a resident here in Town that works for Forest River and they are only scheduled to work 6 days in October. Things could get hairy with Christmas time around the corner and people unable to pay their utility bills. So, we might need to start advertising different assistance programs to help with this. MacKenzie is familiar with this, the IHA to help residents get their water and sewer paid for. They will not cover trash. The Clinton Township Trustee also helps residents with their utility bills. She would be another good resource to utilize during this difficult time we are about to face.

Park: The 22nd of October we are going to have a movie under the pavilion. The movie chosen was, “Coco.” Jim said, it could be more of an advantage for younger kids.

Yoga is going well. We typically do it under the pavilion if it is nice outside. If it is not, we just come into the meeting room. The previous week we had 13-14 people in attendance. Ben invited the Council to join the yoga sessions. Ben demonstrated some of the yoga stances. Jessica said, it is really fun and interesting. Ben said, his goal is to get Ray and Robert here. Jessica asked, do you think we could get Robert to be quiet that long? Everyone chuckled. Jim asked, is it okay to come and observe? Ben replied, yes just don’t make it weird. Everyone chuckled, again.

Haley asked about the water plant gates being opened? Spectators at the JFL fields were asking about parking in there. Ben said, he wasn’t made aware of it this time. A week ago, he had it unlocked to let spectator’s park. Ben said, when he came into work the morning after the gate was unlocked. It’s unclear what happened and why the gates were unlocked.

The Town received the ice rink. Ben said, he and Jessica are going to do a trail run tomorrow. This way, they can get an idea of tear down and set up. Vernon is aware of where we’d like to have it set up.

Ben said, he received a message from a gentleman who was a 13 and under softball team from Topeka. Apparently, Ligonier and Topeka used to be their home fields and they weren’t too happy with it. I guess, they heard about our ball diamonds and all the work we’ve been putting into them and they want to make Millersburg their new home field. The Council members both thought that was fantastic. Jim and Dean were okay with this as long as it doesn’t create any conflict schedule wise with other clubs that are using the field.

Maintenance: Matt is not here. Jim said, he did call me the other day about some lost receipts. Ben said, I’m still looking for mine. I want to save my jail get out of free card for that. MacKenzie had Jim sign a paper stating it was okay to pay the Dollar General Statement without an itemized receipt. This was to protect MacKenzie from being responsible for audit purposes. Jim said, he knew the items bought at the Dollar General Store were for the Town.

Marshal: Ray has been out with COVID. He just came back today. Jim asked, how was your COVID venture? Ray said, it started out more like a bad cold. He said, he just tested to see and sure enough it was COVID. A few days later, it got worse. Jim said, it's so strange how it affects some people worse than others.

Jim asked, has the speed sign on Elm slowed people down? Ray said, he doesn't know since he hasn't been here for over a week. The new speed sign did come in. Robert said, we are trying to decide whether it should be mobile or permanent. Robert asked the Council if they had any input. Jim said, if it's permanent, he thinks it should be on Elm. There is more high-speed traffic along that road. The cool thing about this speed monitor is, it collects data so we know when people are speeding the most. Robert mentioned, the Lions Club should be dropping off a check to help pay for some of the cost. MacKenzie told Robert, a gentleman from the Lions Club did come in last week and dropped off a check for \$600.00. The Town is very gracious for their donation to help pay for this.

Jim asked, what are the park hours? Ben and Ray replied, 5am-10pm. Jim said, there was a lot of screaming going on up there. He said, he could hear the screaming inside his home. Jim said, he ended up going out on his porch to watch and listen to everything going on. He speculates there was some partying and heard a lot of "f-bombs." Robert asked Jim, when and what time did all of this occur? Jim said, it was Friday sometime. He asked the Officers to keep an eye on this.

Clerk: MacKenzie has August Bank Rec completed and Suzy did look it over. Suzy forgot to attached the sign off sheet. So, MacKenzie said, we will wait to look over it once she gets the sign off sheet.

The next item is the codifications. This is something that must be done. It is pricy but this will get us up to date on the ordinances. MacKenzie gave the Council the quote. For ten codification books and the publishing it was \$1,000-\$1,900. For the Folio, it would be around \$100-\$180. Jim asked, what is Folio? Just an invoice? MacKenzie was not exactly positive. MacKenzie said, she would e-mail Paul and get an explanation to present at the next meeting.

MacKenzie gave the Council members the findings from the URT completed by Robert Reynolds. The Council members are not in favor of the slim 30-40 cent decrease. However, it would be more beneficial to take these slim costs, create a fund for utility improvements.

New Business: Brian Yoder was here to discuss the reoccurring drain issues he is having near his home. Brian asked, if anyone has looked into that? Ben said, County has been out and approved all the specs for the addition to the car wash. We follow County's Ordinances for Building and Zoning, since the Town does not have its own. Brian said, by the Accounting Firm there is an inlet and it is clogged. The pipes need to be cleaned out. Ben asked Brian, if he could meet him after the meeting so he can show him which drain he is talking about. The gentleman that owns the car wash told Brian, he's been down in that area and it smells like diesel fuel.

Right now, we are not sure what steps need to be taken until Ben goes out there and looks at it. Ben said, he would take care of this matter.

Apparently, the gas station in the Town does not have a good rep. Last year, they replaced regular gas tanks with diesel fuel and ruined four engine motors. There was a big lawsuit and this gas station had to pay for these four individuals. There's also been reports of them harassing women.

Jessica asked for any input for the Holiday employee dinner. Robert suggested, KFC. Ben said, Martin's was good and Mexican Bingo. Someone asked, what's the budget? We don't necessarily have a set limit, just what is appropriated in the account, do not exceed. Jim said, maybe we could have it catered in here? MacKenzie suggested calling around and getting quotes.

Dean asked for the "Dog Barking Ordinance." MacKenzie gave it to him and explained, the first step is to send a warning violation letter. If they violate again, we can fine them. We need to have a paper trail. Dean said, alright.

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.

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Jim Winkler
Council President

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MacKenzie Taylor
Clerk Treasurer