



Town Council Meeting Minutes

April 8 2026

Attendees: Dean Smith, Dana Rutter, Joni Miller, Addie Miller, Avery Ferguson, Corey Oberlin, Ray Rodriguez, Vernon Miller, Gale Gerber, Rita Van Voorst, Kent Beers, Rhonda Adams, Jim Winkler

Dean made a motion to approve minutes from March 25th. Joni seconded the motion. Upon voice vote it was unanimously approved.

Water: Avery said most everything water is running well. Avery gave the council a copy of contract from McGuire and told them he ran into a guy that works for them at his spring conference. McGuire does tower inspections and cleanings which we are due for these services either this year or next. Avery said at the bottom of the contract it shows these services are \$3350 assuming there isn't more than $\frac{3}{4}$ debris at the bottom. He knows we're coming up on 5 years. Joni asked Avery if this is just for cleaning and not inspection? Avery replied yeah, we will have to empty it out and go in and inspect everything and make sure it is all like it should be in AWA standards. Then, if there is sediment at the bottom it will have to be cleaned and power washed. Dean asked Jim Winkler if he remembers who was used in the past? Jim said he is not sure and Avery did not know either. Dean asked if this contract is for the year of 2026 or next and Avery replied probably, but he is just trying to get it done as soon as possible to get it off the checklist. Dean said that sounds good to him if that is what Avery wants to go with. Avery said, obviously since MacKenzie isn't here, we do not have a full account of finances so if we want to wait and talk about it more that works. Dean agreed and said yes let's table this, if you feel good about it, then we can go with that. Avery said that is all he has for water.

Wastewater: Avery said for wastewater, the UV plant went online the Friday before April 1st which would have been the start of treatment. He said they are finishing up covers on the large clarifier. Unfortunately, the lid isn't centered and some others need trimmed down because some are too long on the short side but not long enough on the long side. So they will have to come fix those but that work will be done this week. Avery mentioned MacKenzie looked into doing a rate study through LWG to potentially increase rates because we are losing money out of wastewater. With operation costs that would probably affect the increase for deposits but also to see if we can increase rates slightly without sticker shock. He said with operation costs, wastewater costs a lot to operate. Avery said this is also much cheaper than Bakertilly. As it says in there the amount is not to exceed 4500 whereas when we used Bakertilly a year and a half to

two years ago, it was 7000 for them to say, "yeah you don't need to do anything." Dean said ok, with MacKenzie not here we'll table that to next meeting. Dean asked what the numbers are on the UV plant? Avery replied, the first test was super, super low. He said he believed the first test was 16, which it ran two or three times at but there is still play in there as we learn how to use it but as long as under IDEM we are good. Avery said like right now we are well below their requirement. Dean asked when the State is coming to inspect it? Avery said he does not know, maybe within the year or earlier if numbers flake high. Dean said ok and that he was just wondering.

Community Development: Addie said the Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan Steering Committee meeting is Wednesday April 15th and 3:00 for those that plan on attending.

Maintenance: Corey said he called a business for street sweeping three different times and hasn't been called back yet. Dean said ok, are they that busy or what? Corey said he is not sure but that he had contacted custom fencing and picket ridge for a quote where the fence got knocked over. Dean asked if he had heard anything from Simar? Corey said no. Corey said MacKenzie said to look into getting alleys paved. He said Phen & Brown comes tomorrow and then Niblock next day. Dean asked how is mowing coming? Corey said it is coming in and growing. Avery said his alley needs to be fixed because flooding is coming into the house now. Avery said it used to just be into the garage, ruining whatever he keeps in the garage and potentially the garage itself but has been in the house now. Dean reminded Corey to ask the companies coming about grade. Corey said to slope it to flow down the middle all the way down Washington Street. Dean asked about checking drains to make sure they are open? Avery said there are not any present there. Avery said there is a ditch along the back of his property but there is not a drain connecting to his property at all on Lincoln to Washington. Avery said it splits between his and Patty's and when heavy rain comes it runs to back yard and the ditches go nowhere which is the problem. Dean said let us know how it goes and asked if anyone else had anything for Corey? Dana said no.

Marshall: Ray said the Explorer is fixed and ready to go. He said that Mike has his uniform now and worked this morning about 4 to 630. Ray said Mike continued to watch for speeders on the streets that are complained about. Dean said awesome, if anyone has complaints about certain streets or times that it is no guarantee but that we'll just try catching them. Joni asked Ray if he got their radios? Ray said not yet but that we sent them the financials so maybe in a few weeks. Dana asked Rita about the van she had talked about that sits without plates on the corner of Washington and Jackson? Rita explained to Ray the van sits without plates on Washington on the left-hand side on the corner by MacKenzie's house. Dana thanks Ray about getting in and working the mornings.

Park: Vernon said the grass is growing but everything is going well. Vernon said the park is doing great. He said he is impressed that even with the colder weather the amount of people coming

out to the playground in the afternoons. Dean asked, there was something you wanted to do yet this year, what was that? Vernon said, connecting the drains and that he is going to try and do that in the next couple days between rain. Dean asked if there is any word on the fence? Vernon said he hasn't heard back yet of what kind of fence he wants. He said he is waiting to see he says if he wants what is currently out there, or that if he wants the nylon electric that he'll help him put it in and that would be cheaper to do. Dean said ok, anyone else have anything for Vernon?

Jim raised his hand and said, I do, just a question. He said we are up at the park a lot and that the benches that are over at the pickle ball area are really nice. He said it would be nice to get about three more of those to be put by the playground for parents to use as kids play. Jim said the one bench by the playground is not comfortable and that you can't sit there very long. Dean said ok, so put one over by the playground that is the same style as the pickle ball benches? Jim said yeah, he thinks that'd be great. Vernon asked Jim, you think those ones sit better than the one that is on the playground? Jim said yeah, he only sits on it for about five minutes because it is not comfortable. Vernon asked if the fiberglass ones by the pavilion sit better? Jim said he is not sure and that it would just be nice to have more than one bench over by the playground. Vernon said he will check it out. Avery said, MacKenzie is listening in and says that we have money for the benches. Vernon said ok he will get it figured out. He said the ones by the pickle ball courts are very simple and reasonably priced.

Corey said he has a question. He asked speed bumps, can we put those in to slow people down? Dean said well I know we do that every year, didn't we pull those out for Farmer's Day? Corey said yes the one we did. Avery said if we remove one it is the one on Cripe and that the one on Larimer stays until fall. Dean said he has no problem with that and he knows a lot of kids are up there so whatever it takes to slow people down.

Clerk Treasurer: Addie explained that MacKenzie informed her that she is meeting with County for a LIT supplement and that she will go over that at the next council meeting. MacKenzie also said that LIT is looking promising, but property taxes not so much. Addie said, outside of that its just the resolution for the loan that Avery was going to go over.

Old Business: Dean said the last meeting we talked about mosquito spraying; did you get a quote for that? Addie replied, not yet, she emailed me back today and I signed the FAA approval form but they would like to know the area to be sprayed to send an accurate quote. Whether it is all of Town limits or just a certain area you are wanting sprayed. Dean asked Avery if he remembers what was done in the past and Avery replied no. He is not sure he only remembers getting it done when they were getting the clogger up and running. Dean said oh yeah, that is what it was. Dean said his suggestion is to get the quote to do the Town limits and to get with Corey and Avery about anywhere specifically not to do. Avery said preferably not the wastewater plant. Addie said ok, she said to just print out a map and mark on it which areas not to do. Dean told Corey and Avery to mark then which areas they do not want sprayed. Dean said anything else on old business?

New Business: Avery said there are two things regarding water that he forgot about. He said that the well head has been scheduled to be rebuilt the start of next week. He said that the grant for the water well head delination grant was turned in Monday. Avery said we'll see what the State says. Dean said yeah, we will see what happens. Avery said we need a support letter from County. Avery also added that he did receive a complaint about the weld shop there on Cripe and Maple about the generator running all the time. Dana said that it does run all the time. Avery said yeah, it bugs residents. Dean asked about a decimal reader? Everyone said no, they did not have one. Dean said he needs to get his hands on one. Avery said he had thought they were putting a wall up but hasn't heard for sure and that he just knows he hasn't received locates for it. Dana asked about County doing an inspection because he had heard they maybe did not get any done while building. He said lets look into that with the building department. Dean asked anything else?

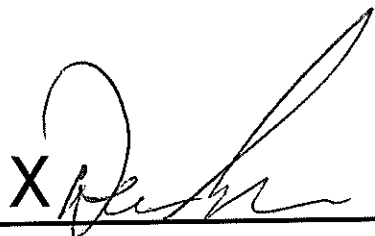
Rhonda Adams said she has lived here in Millersburg for about 11 years come march 1st and two years ago her and her husband got cited for her husband being a pack rat. Which she says anyone who knows them, knows that her husband is a pack rat. She said they got their place all cleaned up but that they live down the road from a house that is totally disgusting. Rhonda said, I am sorry to say it is where Tim just passed away but that the house is disgusting. She said she has to look at it when she leaves Town and when she comes back. She said we have never had anything like that, why hasn't anyone cleaned that place up at all? Dana said he does not understand, but if he just passed away the litigation with who owns the property. Rhonda said well Tim lived out in the truck, Amy and her mom and them live inside. Dana asked, so someone still resides there? Rhonda said yeah and now they have another truck that's on blocks propped up. She asked, do you guys remember Dougie Miller? The council all said yeah. Rhonda said ok so the council then was always on him about cleaning that place up but the house beside it looks worse than that place did if you ask me. I mean there is trash everywhere, there are vehicles with trash in them, there is still the same vehicle there that Tim passed away in. I just don't understand why anyone hasn't gone in and helped clean that place up or something. Dean said we will get ahold of them and see what we can do. Rhonda said it's just that people coming into Town have to see it and people leaving Town and she is shocked the neighbors have not complained about it. Rhonda said she does not mean to be rude or anything but no one could live in that kind of filth. Dean said he will get to work on this. Rhonda said thank you. Dean asked anyone else? Kent Beers said, just the noise from the welding shop. Dana said he knows it has been brought up before and it will get figured out.

Gale asked about when Farmers' Day needs the stage? Rita said the 22-23. Gale said ok so it will get dropped off on the 20th and picked up on the 23rd? Rita said probably, or Monday, yeah. Gale said ok, Bremen inquired about it too so he was finding out since they are side by side if it could go from one place to the other. Gale said thank you very much, he will take that back to the Apple Festival. Dean asked Avery about the aeration pump motor from last meeting? Avery said

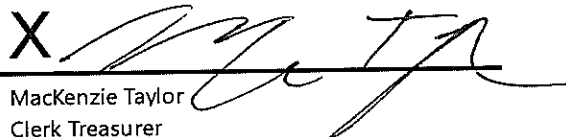
he is still waiting to hear back about that motor and that his point of contact did not think it would need rewind. He said this week he has not been able to get ahold of him yet but that he will. Dean said ok great. He asked, does anyone else have anything?

Dean made a motion to pay bills. Dana seconded the motion. Upon voice vote it was unanimously approved to pay bills.

Dean made a motion to adjourn. Joni seconded the motion. Upon voice vote it was unanimously approved to adjourn.

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Dean Smith
Council President

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MacKenzie Taylor
Clerk Treasurer