

August 24th, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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

Attendees: Jim Winkler, Dean Smith, Austin Turner, MacKenzie Taylor, Ben Eldridge, Ray Rodriguez, Tom Sheline, Kathy Sark and family.

Jim Winkler called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. A motion was made by Jim to approve the minutes for Wednesday August 10th. The motion was seconded by Austin Turner and upon a voice vote was unanimously approved.

Police: Ray Rodriguez presented Tom Sheline with a retirement badge as a token of appreciation for completing twenty (20) years of service for the Town of Millersburg. Everyone applauded Tom Sheline for his work and thanked him.

Ray said, during Farmer's Day some stolen property was recovered from Aloha apartment number two (2). The individual was having a yard sale and the victim drove by and noticed his items. The victim did get all of his belongings back. This case was turned over to a detective and he's working on it.

Water: Ben has been having some issues with the sub pump, vault pit and scata system. He was under the impression that Middlebury Electric resolved these issues a month ago but they did not. When Middlebury Electric actually came out to check on the problem, they noticed about nine (9) feet of water in the vault pit. This fried everything. Towards the end of last week, a new transducer was ordered and installed. The valve vault needs to be rewired because it was all under water. Ben said, unfortunately he doesn't have a quote for that but regardless it's something that needs to be fixed. The council members agreed.

Wastewater: Ben showed the council members a quote from Mason Engineering. This quote is for the clarifier. The quote is for three thousand one hundred sixty-four (3,164) dollars. Ben informed MacKenzie of this utility improvement that is needed a while back. MacKenzie assured him that ARPA money can be used for this utility improvement project. Dean made a motion to approve the expense to fix the clarifier. Jim seconded the motion and upon voice vote was unanimously approved.

Park: The football people ordered some street signs to put on SR 13, so people can find their way to the JFL field. Posts are up and the score board should be coming in sometime this week.

Jim asked if there was any feedback about Farmer's Day? Ben said, he had some residents send him pictures and complaints. This was in regards to the aftermath of Farmer's Day of trash being left in the actual park and on the streets from the parade. Ben informed those who complained that the Town has no involvement with Farmer's Day, they're their own entity. Friends of the Park apparently told these resident's, sorry there are only three of us that are involved for Farmer's Day and they can't do it all. In prior discussions with MacKenzie, Jessica and Ben it was suggested to have Friends of the Park sign a contract with the Town before moving any further with next year events. It'd also be helpful for them to attend Council Meetings two months in advance so the Town can be aware of what will transpire for Farmer's Day festivities. For instance, there was a large burn mark on the JFL field from fireworks. This is a new field and we need to be protective over it. This field cost a lot of money. Another issue, the water ball. Not just anyone can hook up to a hydrant and let it run. Ben said, he would have no problem with it if someone would come and ask him but he has to report on the water loss from this. Jim said, next year we will be enforcing a contract and they have to attend council meetings in advance to keep us in the loop. They also, (in regards to the ball tournaments) cannot be charging people for using Town facilities. Someone said, Friends of the Park used to make a donation to the Town after Farmer's Day was over. I don't see why they can't just pay for a street sweeper to come in and clean up the parade route mess. Austin Turner stated that he was very concerned with the parade and how they lined everyone up before it actually started. If someone would've called the fire station with a fire emergency, they would've been screwed because we were blocked in and couldn't go anywhere. This will need to be discussed for next year.

New Business: Jim looked into the audience and asked the Sark family; how can we help you? A young gentleman stood up and introduced himself. He said his name is Pierceton Sark and he is with Troop 21 out of New Paris. Pierceton said, he'd like to make some improvements to Eagle Park. Pierceton listed off all of his suggestions on how to better the park and made it more appealing. He would like to do this for his Troop project. Pierceton said, he'd like to begin this project next year. Ironically, this was on the Town's agenda to revamp and make Eagle Park an all-inclusive park. Another gentleman from the Sark family said, he (Pierceton) has to be the one that acts as a project manager and is responsible for financing everything. The gentleman gave an example, like if he wants concrete, because I work at Ozinga, I can see if I can get some material donated for this project. The Town would be willing to put forth some money too to help with expenses in enhancing this park. Ben and Pierceton exchanged numbers and will work on this project together come next spring.

Dean asked Ray if Robert contacted the humane society about the dogs over near the Town Hall. Ray said, yes. They have been out here a couple of times but no one has come to the door. Ray wasn't sure if or when they will try to contact this gentleman about his dogs again.

Clerk Treasurer: MacKenzie presented the Council with a Reduction Resolution for the MVH Fund. She also provided each member with a current year financial worksheet showing that

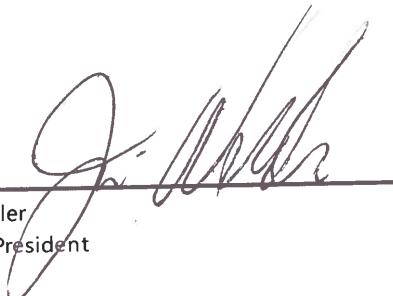
MVH can support the fifty thousand (50,000) dollars reduction. MVH still have sixty-four thousand (64,000) left to spend for this year. They've only spent about twenty thousand (20,000) since the start of 2022. The reduction is to help put more funds towards the backhoe that was ordered and will be delivered for 2023. Jim made a motion to approve the MVH reduction. Dean Smith seconded the motion for the MVH reduction and upon voice vote was unanimously approved.

MacKenzie gave the council members each a budget Form 1, Form 2 and Form 3. MacKenzie briefly explained what each form meant. She told them to look them over and to let her know if any changes need to be made before the public hearing (September 14th). If that goes well, we will adopt the budget on September 28th.

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

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Jim Winkler
Council President



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MacKenzie Taylor
Clerk Treasurer

