

# AGENDA

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

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

5:00pm – 6:00pm

## **Jim Winkler called the meeting to order.**

A motion was made by Jim Winkler to approve the minutes for Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The motion was seconded by Dean Smith and upon a voice vote was approved unanimously.

## **Attendees:**

Jim Winkler, Dean Smith, Austin Turner, MacKenzie Taylor, Raymundo Rodriguez, Robert Roa, Benjamin Eldridge and Rick Pharis

## **Water – Ben Eldridge**

The four butterfly valves have been replaced on the filters.

Well number 2 is being worked on. It's been pulled and overhauled. Thursday or Friday it will go back on the line.

Jim asked Ben about the final bill for the water tower project. The total was 168,500. Jim said, we couldn't remember the exact number but thought that was a little high. Ben replied, that's the correct amount for the repairs and repainting.

## **Waste Water – Ben Eldridge**

In regards to the sledge pump that went bad. Do we want to purchase a new one for 7,500? Do we want to rebuild the old one for 2,000 or so and have that as a spare? The Council all agreed to purchase a new one and rebuild the old one. ARPA money can be used for these enhancements.

## **Community Development – Ben Eldridge**

Ben is working on getting quotes for the structure next door. Ben is going to solicit money from Interra, Tani Reed thought it'd be a good idea. Ben's vision is a 20 by 20 concrete slab, four posts, all open and a roof. This way, it can have a multi-use for different times of the year.



**Maintenance Director-  
Matt King**

Not present because he has strep throat.

**Marshal- Raymundo  
Rodriguez**

Ray sought permission to potentially add another reserve officer. This one is a young female who's previously worked in the jail. She's very eager to join the force. All Council members said they'd be happy to meet with her before officially bringing her on the force. The Council gave Ray permission to let go of any of the current reserves we have if they aren't fulfilling their duties.

**Park- Ben Eldridge**

There's a white trailer that's been sitting in the park abandoned for 3 years now. It's an eye sore and needs to be removed. Possibilities were discussed about running a VIN, doing a rebuild title because Austin Turner is interested in it. It's been difficult to find actual ownership of the vehicle. It contains obsolete music equipment. Ben asked the Council, if I unload that thing, I want to make sure I'm covered and no one is going to come after me. The Council gave Ben permission to go through and unload it. Whatever can be saved, give to MacKenzie so she can keep records and hold onto it for us.

Ben said, something to start thinking about is what do we want to do with "Friends of the Park?" They use our park, get free utilities and free labor from the Street Department to run their errands and do work for them. They used to make a donation to the Town but they haven't done that in years. Jim said, this is like a catch 22 because it is a Town celebration even though the Town itself really has no involvement in it.

Ben asked about disbanding Park Board. We can't seem to keep people on it. The Council gave Ben permission to go in either direction.

Ben would like to start seeing Lavon Miller get some softball teams/tournaments out at the park this spring and summer. Ben will get in contact to see about the youth league because they didn't seem to utilize the field a whole lot.

Jim will give Ben contacts about someone who can help him start up some corn hole tournaments. If we need to buy another set of corn hole, we can do that.

Ben asked if Jim's daughter in-law would be interested in refereeing volleyball. Jim said, yes.

MacKenzie asked the Council about Vernon's pay. MacKenzie did not put him into account of raises for 2022 in the previous salary ordinance. Do we want to up his hourly pay or give him that lump sum of the park maintenance director at the end and pay him 13.00? The Council asked if we could afford to pay him 15.00 an hour. MacKenzie wants to double check with Janet and Suzy before giving a confirmation.

#### **Clerk Treasurer- MacKenzie Taylor**

MacKenzie gave the Council Nepotism Agreements to sign.

We will hold off on the amended salary ordinance until we hear back from Suzy and Janet about Vernon's pay.

#### **New Business-**

Rick had Jim sign the 2022-year contract with TRIAD for engineering services.

The water problem in the basement of the new building... I've been in contact with R Yoder. They are blaming our architect for the design of the building, so that's why they aren't responding much to the issue. Rick said, he did notice out the meeting room side the ground slopes a bit towards the building. Then, the down spout (the one at the south east corner) needs to be reconnected. Jim said, if we need to, we'll get our attorney involved. We will wait to see what happens.

Rick mentioned he's a bit disappointed with Pulver. They only topped 5 trees and none of them are down yet. I talked with Nate and he said the tree group was after him about removing some concrete. The issue's been resolved and they'll be back in.

Clerk Treasurer MacKenzie Taylor opened the Council Meeting at 4:58pm. Nominations were made for new positions and Town Council.

- Nomination of the Town Council President for the year 2022... MacKenzie Taylor nominated Jim Winkler as the Town Council President for the 2022 year. Austin Turner seconded the motion of the nomination for Town Council President. The voice vote was approved unanimously. Dean Smith nominated Austin Turner for the Annual Board of Finance President for the 2022 year. Jim Winkler seconded the motion to accept Austin Turner as the Annual Board of Finance President for 2022. The voice vote was approved unanimously.

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The following Positions & Outside Professional Services were approved unanimously for 2022:

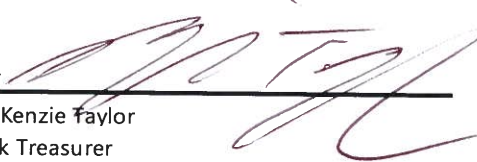
Marshal	Raymundo Rodriguez
Utility Superintendent	Benjamin Eldridge
Maintenance Director	Matt King
Economic Development Coordinator	Benjamin Eldridge
Liability Insurance	Synergy
Medical Insurance	Anthem/IPEP
Attorney	Craig Buche
Engineers	Triad
Annual Board of Finance President	Austin Turner
Publishing Agency	Goshen News & Elkhart Truth
Park Board President	N/A
Financial Advisors	Craig Buche, Suzy Bass and Janet Alexander
Financial Institute Bank	Interra Credit Union



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.

X   
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Council President

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