

Millersburg Town Council Meeting June 24, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Millersburg Town Council held on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Al Mackowiak	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"/>
Tonya Jayburg	Park Board President	<input 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, June 10, 2020. The motion was seconded by Dean Smith and upon a voice vote was approved unanimously.

I. Water Superintendent

- No Water Related Items.

II. Waste Water Superintendent

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III. Community Development

- The alley located across the Street from Interra Credit Union has plans to get redone to enhance Millersburg. The plans are to close off the alley and make it for foot traffic. There are also plans to lay down new grass, put a spot for doggy bags (so the tenants living there will actually clean up after their pets), add tables, benches, and chairs, have a mirror painted, and a little flower garden so the children at 5 Little Stones can learn how to grow/take care of flowers/plants.
- Charles Beard attended the meeting to dispute the closing of the alley. He does not want the alley to be just for foot traffic, he claims he needs open access for his tenants to get into the side door. Therefore, they would still be able to do so, since no cars currently ever park there. He then disputed this again because he has to have brick work done on the side of his building. The Council Members agreed to hold off this project (unless Charles Beard does not get quotes and the work done in a timely manner). Jim Winkler asked for a time table and Charles was unable to give him one. Charles said he hasn't received any quotes yet.
- Joni Miller proceeded to question whether the alley property is really the Town's. Ben believes that this is Town property but will contact the Town Attorney to get a definitive answer.
- The Carriage TIF is going to close out once County gives a certain portion to the Town for the new Town Hall and the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is \$30,000.00.
- On the Town's Facebook page resident's are unhappy because they don't know how to locate it. Ben took a video to show resident's how to properly get to the Facebook page. Ben will also give all of the Town Employees the Admin information.

IV. Maintenance Director

- There has been a rumor circulating the Town about Floyd Beachy's brother. His brother purchased property along the railroad for \$5,000.00. A week ago, some trees were cleared from the area and there was rockwood added to the ground. It is suspected that the brother would like to set up a

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camper along the side of the road and train tracks to live in. Someone will call Floyd after the meeting to see what is truly going on.

V. Marshal

- The Personnel Policy has been drafted and changed for employees to carry/conceal weapons. Craig Buche accepted the draft and inserted one paragraph at the end. This will get published in the Goshen News and the Elkhart Truth.

VI. Park

- Bumper posts, the basketball courts, and the volleyball courts are complete. The new trash cans have been set out around the park too. -There is a rotten trailer that contains sound equipment and has been sitting at the park for a very long time. This makes the Park look unappealing. There was a discussion of who the trailer really belongs to. To conclude, Friends of the Park are the owners of the trailer. Ben will contact Floyd Beachy to try and get this removed as soon as possible. -As for more projects to follow from the Park Board, they are wanting to put new locks on the shed that contains their equipment and tools. They also plan on doing more landscaping around the playground to make it more appealing. -Joni Miller mentioned within the actual playground, a side board on the train was busted out and there is a nail sticking out. The Park Board will fix this as soon as possible. -Jim Winkler noticed within the new mulch that was laid at Cook Station, there seems to be some pieces of steel in the tire mulch. The mulch that was purchased by the Park Board should not have any steel in it whatsoever. The Park Board will keep an eye out and discard any steel pieces they find.

VII. Clerk/Treasurer

- MacKenzie gave Resolution 2020-05 for Council President Jim Winkler to sign. This states that Jim is the sole administrator to sign the Campbell & Fetter loan.

VIII Old Business

- Rick Pharis asked about the status of the Comprehension Plan and the Steering Committee. Ben had ten members he thought would help represent the Steering Committee: Toni Reid, Rick Pharis, Haley Hurst, Mark Yoder, Jeffery Lewis, MacKenzie Taylor, James Winkler, Dean Smith, Austin Turner, and Ben Eldridge.
- Rick will get more information for the Town to review the possibility of getting another sidewalk fund/program.

IX. New Business

Joni Miller had questions about fixing the sidewalks in Town due to her husband being handicapped. The sidewalks do not accommodate for handicapped individuals. The Town of Millersburg no longer has funds to redo the sidewalks, but this is something we would be interested in looking into and getting again to enhance Millersburg.

Mike Patka came in to discuss about removing a sidewalk from his property that has been sinking for a number of years. He plans to relandscape around the area where the sidewalk will be removed. Mike has all of the equipment he will need. He asked if the Town would help fund part of this project and if this was an acceptable project for him to perform. The Council members approved for Mike to take out the sidewalk, but they were not able to help fund this project. Mike will get in touch with Matt so he can help him with the concrete removal.

Haley Hurst was in attendance to get permission to put traps in her yard. Haley has been having issues with loose cats in Town. The cats have been destroying parts of her property, garden, pond, and endangering wildlife. The Council members assured Haley if it's on her property she can trap the animal and release it to the owner of the cat or to the Humane Society.

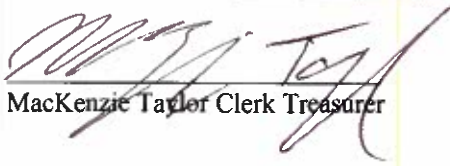
Jim Winkler made a motion to pay bills. The motion was seconded by Austin Turner and upon a voice vote was approved unanimously.

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

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Attest:


MacKenzie Taylor Clerk Treasurer


James Winkler Council President

