



June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: MacKenzie Taylor, Dean Smith, Jim Winkler, Austin Turner, Avery Ferguson, Ray Rodriguez, Robert Roa, Avery Ferguson, John Veenstra, Steve Ecker, Vernon Miller, and Judd Schrock.

Dean called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Dean made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Austin Turner seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the minutes were unanimously passed and approved.

**Water:** Avery said, water seems to be flowing. I got a membership through Alliance. I am still working on the AWWA membership. Harley from Stouder Services has been coming out and helping me. We completed a report together for NET DNR. Dean asked if this was on his own account. Avery replied, yes. DMR

Avery said this could be tied in with wastewater. I know I am supposed to get approval but yesterday I was ordering chlorine and the price for it is going up (about \$4.00 more a tank), so I ordered in bulk and it should get me through the rest of this year. For 7 tanks it was \$3,000 (14 total) and that includes the fuel surge charge. The council was understanding for this expenditure.

Jim asked Avery on when he planned on doing the hydrant flushing? Avery said he will talk with Harley but try to get it tentatively planned for August. Avery would like to post a week notice in advance to the residents so they can be aware of discolored water. Avery mentioned, I guess Forest River flushes theirs on their own. A Forest River employee was flushing their hydrant so I went over and said something to him. The Forest River employee responded by saying Ben told him he could. Avery told him, he just needs to give Avery a heads up when he is going to be doing this incase levels start to come down in the tank and I'm not aware of what's going on. Jim said, if that hydrant does blow, the cost would be on Forest River for them doing this themselves.

**Wastewater:** The numbers with the treatment plant seem to be doing better and continue to improve.

**Community Development:** MacKenzie told the council she and Jessica met with Bill Murry from Vibrant Communities. It went well, they went over their action agenda, stated what all is happening in town. Vibrant Communities will be holding a community gathering to receive input about the town in the near future. MacKenzie will let everyone know of the dates when she hears from Bill.

MacKenzie told the council she will be meeting with Chris Godlewski and a coworker on July 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. They work with communities' kind of like vibrant communities.

MacKenzie will be meeting with Shannon Oaks on Friday July 10<sup>th</sup> in regards to discussing the action plan with her since she couldn't attend the meeting with Billy Murry.

**Maintenance:** Matt is not in attendance.

Jim said at the Fire Territory Meeting on Monday, Gary Kauffman stated he knows some people that would be willing to donate their time cleaning up the overpass. Jim said, I gave him permission to do so. It's starting to look pretty trashy over there. They should be starting on that soon.

**Park:** Jim asked Vernon about what the timeline is to get the concrete spread out? Vernon replied, I talked to Austin this morning and he is going to be spreading some bigger stones around the pickleball court. Jim said, he didn't do that. Quality Excavating did that. Toni was not happy with what was done up there because it wasn't leveled properly. Vernon was aware of the situation and told Jim that there was another load and Austin did spread those out yesterday. Austin said he would level out the rest by tomorrow or Friday. This project will all probably be done by the end of next week.

Moe Yoder's son is inquiring about summer work for the town. Vernon said, I do have some areas where I will need help. I need to paint the concession stand and that would be something he can do. Vernon was willing to supervise and coordinate when he would be working. He would be capped at 18-20 per week and earn 12.00 per hour. We think three six-hour days a week would be sufficient. The council was all in agreement, they asked MacKenzie where he'd get paid out of. MacKenzie said we would put him in as a general laborer.

Vernon told the council the inspector came in for the concession stand. She wrote up several things but they were all fairly minor. The biggest gripe was about the screen in front of the concession stand. Vernon said he did get it fixed. Then, a better system is needed for a three-hole sink. One is for dishes to be washed, another for rinsing, and then one for disinfectant.

Jim mentioned he heard the semi pro team is no longer play. A couple of rumors have been circulating as to what really happened. MacKenzie asked about the youth program? Jim said, that one will still continue.

**Clerk Treasurer:** MacKenzie presented the April Bank rec. It's balanced and Suzy has signed off on it. The council members looked over the paperwork and signed it.

MacKenzie told the council Jessica has been at training in Fort Wayne all week for the ILMCT. It's all going well and Jessica is learning a lot and making good networking connections.

**New Business:** Jim explained the fireman would like to play water ball again during Farmer's Day. I was thinking about them playing on Cripe Drive if that's okay. Avery said, that should be

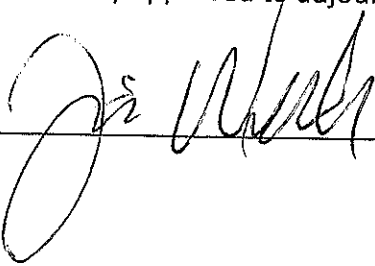
fine I just want to make a note of it for water loss if I need to be tracking that water. I'll discuss it with Harley.

Judd Schrock was here to ask about blocking off part of Jefferson Street where the overpass is. Judd will be having a band playing outside at the old American Legion parking lot. He doesn't want to fully block it off incase people drive by and they want to come down to listen to music or eat at the Pizza Depot. The council was fine with Judd blocking off part of the road. Avery said, if you can't get a hold of Matt to get the barricades then he would get them for him.

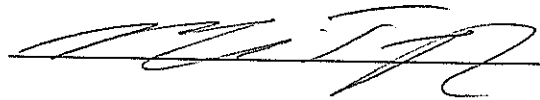
Haley asked about the Back to School Bash and getting bins set out for supply donations. MacKenzie said she hasn't gotten actual bins but we may just put boxes with labels on it and various locations. Forest River told Jessica they will donate 100 backpacks already filled with school supplies.

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

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



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