

Town of Millersburg

Meeting Minutes

May 11th, 2022

Opening

The regular meeting of the Town of Millersburg was called to order at time on May 11th, 2022 in location by Jim Winkler.

Present

Jim Winkler, Dean Smith, Austin Turner, MacKenzie Taylor, Robert Roa, Steve Eckert, Phyllis Hart, Linda Weirich, Wanda Gall, Darlene Kauffman and husband.

Approval of Minutes

Jim Winkler made a motion to approve the minutes for Wednesday, April 27th, 2022. The motion was seconded by Austin Turner and upon voice vote was approved unanimously.

New Business

Jim stated, for those who don't know, Ben is very ill. The most recent update is that he may have to have his gall bladder removed. As we hear new information, we will make sure everyone is aware what is going on.

We all have copies of a quote for a backhoe for the Street Department. The quote states they are willing to give us \$29,000 for the backhoe we have bringing the cost down to \$89,000. Jim asked if funds were available. MacKenzie told them she is meeting with Janet next Wednesday so she will have a better idea after speaking with her. Jim tabled the quote for the next meeting.

Phyllis Hart is here to discuss the golf cart ordinance. She said, she's not here to cause any problems. Phyllis said, she was surprised by the entire ordinance with all of the rules. Last year, it was not like this. Jim explained, the previous police administration did not enforce this ordinance like they should have. Now that we have a new Marshal and Deputy, they are just doing their job and following our local ordinances. Phyllis asked, is there a grandma clause? I was told that there was. Jim said, no. There is no grandma clause and this ordinance is for all Town residents. Phyllis then asked, why the large fee? Jim said, this \$50.00 includes an officer coming out to your home, inspecting your golf cart, they are providing their time to you. Also, they have to go through the paperwork to make sure you're insured and liable to be out on the Town roads. They also provide you with an emblem and that cost is \$20.00. If you have the emblem already, they will take the price down to \$30.00. Phyllis asked how often we have to register? Jim said, you

register every year on the exact date you did last year. So, if you register May 1st, of 2022 then you register May 1st, of 2023. It's good for a full year. Jim said he reached out to other Towns to see what their policies are. He talked with Middlebury; they don't allow golf carts. Topeka does allow golf carts; they have an ordinance but they don't charge and it does need to be inspected every year. Ligonier charges \$25.00 every year and it needs to be inspected every year. Ligonier also states you need to have a driver's license. Goshen doesn't allow them. Elkhart County doesn't allow them. Bristol charges \$25.00 a year, inspection, license, insured, lights, breaks and signals are the rules for Bristol. Phyllis asked about the stickers that are given out by the Officer's once a golf cart is inspected. She suggested, why don't you change the color every year so that the officer's are aware it's valid for that year. Jim stated, we are doing this because we want to make sure that everyone is safe. Safety is our number one priority. A question was asked about seatbelts. In a typical manufactured golf cart, they don't put seatbelts in them. They also don't put turn signals on them. Robert said, if you get a golf cart and they don't have seatbelts in them, we aren't going to hammer you. Phyllis was told she needed them so she had some installed. The Council agreed that if the golf cart doesn't come with seatbelts, it is not required for them to have them installed. It was determined hand signals are legal if the standard golf cart does not have them. It was highly recommended, do not drive those on the road when it's getting dark. It was brought up that break lights and turn signals can be purchased in a package for about \$180. It was also asked about Gators, ATV's and side by sides if those are allowed on the street? Jim said no, none of those are, unless it's a utility cart.

Robert mentioned we will have Community Watch starting up again on Monday May 23rd at 5:00pm. Robert told the audience he appreciates everyone for coming.

Jim said we will be filling pools but ONLY in Town pools. This needs to be billed and invoiced and payment needs to be in check form and given to MacKenzie or Jessica.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm by Jim Winkler. The next general meeting will be at 5:00pm on May 25th 2022.

Council President



MacKenzie Taylor