



Town Council Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2024

Attendees: MacKenzie Taylor, Larry Randolph, Dean Smith, Dana Rutter, Corey Oberlin, Addie Miller, Avery Ferguson, Mike Dull, Haley Hurst, Gale Gerber, Ray Rodriguez, Jim Winkler, and Robert Roa.

Dean made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 23, 2024. Larry seconded the motion. Upon voice vote it was unanimously approved.

MacKenzie had Addie stand up and take her Oath of Office for the Deputy Clerk Treasurer position for the Town of Millersburg. Addie was officially sworn in and congratulated.

Water: Avery explained to the council that there was a leak in the small connection altitude valve. Someone did come and check it out. It was noticed the corrosion and age is starting to show itself. The estimate presented before the council is to fix and repair this, the estimate is \$7,442.00. Dean said, we need to stay ahead of the issue so it doesn't turn into something major. Dean made a motion to approve the estimate. Larry seconded the motion. Upon voice vote it was unanimously approved to fix the needed repairs at water.

Chlorine season is almost complete, there is a minor issue but no repair is needed right now. There are some leaks inside the tower. Dean asked about a broader inspection. Avery said they will fix the stuff in the pit. The valves seem to be on their way out as well. Just so everyone is aware Tri-Star is closing their Goshen location and will just have the Plymouth and Warsaw store open now.

Water has been connected at Ultimate Edge; this was completed last week. Stan Chupp was thinking about coming this evening. He wants to remove the light pole and add a light on the shop. Avery said, his thinking in this is to definitely keep that area lit because of the overpass, but he wouldn't want a bright light shining into someone's home. We can discuss this further with Stan and if he comes to a meeting or contacts one of the council members.

Wastewater: The sewer has been connected as well to Ultimate Edge. The road didn't need to be tore up.

Community Development: We will be having a breakfast with Santa on December 14 from 9:00am-11:00am. Keep it simple and fun, get doughnuts, hot chocolate, juice, crafts for the kids, and small goodie bags.

Maintenance: The street light at Sherman and Washington was fixed today. There was a ground line broke that caused it to stop working.

Corey has not heard back from Blake Dorio about surveying the maintenance property. Corey said he talked with Matt and Jodi from Millersburg Elementary School. Jodi and Matt are claiming the fence that runs along the back side of the playground towards the maintenance building is indeed the town's fence. Jim Winkler replied, the school is the one who put it up. The council agreed if the school is decided it's the town's lets run off of it to help with the future fencing project at the maintenance department. The council was given four quotes, Mike's Fencing, Custom Fencing, Yoder's Fencing, and Picket Ridge. According to Indiana Code, we are to go with the lowest bid and that would be Custom Fencing (\$27,300) if we use the fence along the drive and school playground. Dean made a motion to assign the fence working to Custom Fencing. Dana seconded the motion. Upon voice vote it was unanimously approved to work with Custom Fencing.

Larry asked Corey about the pick-up trucks at the maintenance building. Corey said on the 2009 there seems to be no front-end alignments. He would like to take it to Tim in New Paris and have him look at it. Corey said it sounds awful when driving this vehicle.

Corey asked the council about when to end leaf pick up. Larry said, Matt cut it off early last year and they never got picked up. Dean suggested to continue running the leaf vac until the end of this month. Dana said, that sounds fine all of the leaves seemed to have fallen early this year. Larry also agreed. Corey told the council he is still interested in looking at pricing for a new/used leaf vac. For now, he will try to rebuild the one the maintenance department currently has. We tried to get a demo of this leaf vac from Hoosier Equipment, but they didn't have it in stock and were going to see if another supplier had it in stock so we could test it out and we haven't heard anything since.

Marshal: Robert said trick or treating went really well. All of the reserves came in and worked.

All of the tires have been removed at Affordable Tires.

Park: Vernon got dirt and seed all leveled off around the playground area. Jim asked if the restrooms were locked. The council replied, yes.

Clerk Treasurer: MacKenzie informed the council she will be out of town from Dec. 1-Dec 4. She doesn't know what time her flight is and if she'll make it back in time for the meeting so Addie will run it.

MacKenzie gave the council the amended 2024 salary ordinance. This salary ordinance shows all previous salaried employees have been changed to hourly. This won't change their pay or what they were getting compensated. Dean made a motion to approve the amended 2024 salary ordinance. Dana seconded the motion. Upon voice vote it was unanimously approved to adopt the 2024 amended salary ordinance.

MacKenzie gave the council the amended 2025 salary ordinance. MacKenzie said the only change on here is again moving previous salaried employees to hourly. Dean made a motion to approve the amended 2025 salary ordinance.

Resolution 2024-02 was presented to the council. MacKenzie explained that this list is of old outstanding checks from 2021. These checks have never cleared the bank; therefore, the two-year threshold has been overseen and these monies can be receipted back into the line item from which they were paid out of. Dean made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-02. Larry seconded the motion. Upon voice vote Resolution 2024-02 was unanimously approved.

Resolution 2024-03 was presented to the council. MacKenzie explained there are some categories in the appropriation report that are in the negatives. To get these line items balanced MacKenzie is seeking permission to transfer monies to various categories/line items so we are no longer in the negatives. Dean made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-03. Larry seconded the motion. Upon voice vote Resolution 2024-03 was unanimously approved.

New Business: MacKenzie told the council Dale Johnson called asking about the Liquor Store and getting them to clean up their property. MacKenzie said, she has issued them a couple of ordinance violations and has talked to them twice personally. Jim suggested fine them. Dana asked if he owns the convenient store/gas station? The other council members replied yes.

Gale said he is working on the first round of CCMG for 2025.

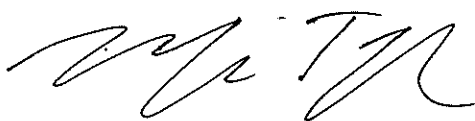
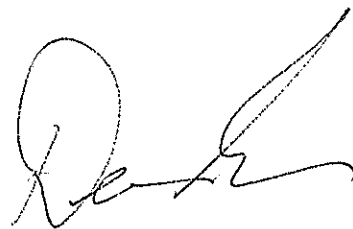
Old Business: Dean asked, has anyone looked at Brian Yoder's property for his drains/stormwater? Gale said yes, he did look at it a couple of times. It needs generalized

maintenance. The drains are filled with leaves and grass clippings. The tile needs to be cleaned out. Take it one step at a time and a process of elimination. Gale believes at least trying this will help quite a bit. Gale said, he also talked with Avery about this. Avery said he has a small vac trailer; he just hasn't had the time to do it. Dean said he just wants to stay on top of it because he can only imagine how frustrating that is.

Avery expressed some difficulties going off of old maps. They're inaccurate and he would be interested looking into a company with ground radar. This would align with the GIS we purchased last year. This way, I can properly locate water lines, etc. Gale said when he was working with Nappanee, he had a handheld laser that would penetrate deep into the ground. He said it was very handy.

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

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

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