

# Millersburg Town Council Meeting

## December 9, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Millersburg Town Council held on Wednesday, December 9, 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 type="checkbox"/>
Alan Mackowiak	Marshal	<input 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 Jaberg	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, October 28, 2020. The motion was seconded by Dean Smith and upon a voice vote was approved unanimously.

**I. Water Superintendent**

- Ben had a bid opening a couple weeks ago for the water tower project. Seven or eight bids were received and ranged from \$164,000- \$400,000. Dixon Engineering went through all of the bids and gave their final recommendation. The second lowest bid was given to LC United of Sterling Heights Michigan. The project will begin around April or May and the water tower will be down for 6-7 weeks. In the mean time, Ben will develop a plan so the transition is smoothly completed without having the water tower for such a period of time. Ben also mentioned, he believes he won't need to take out a loan to pay for the project.
- So far, Ben's plan is to use the Middlebury Electric's scata system to help identify where pressure is needing to be released through the hydrants. Dean asked Ben how long before the water tower would need to be redone? Ben replied, 15 years.
- On the overflow pipe, IDEM dinged Ben on not having the proper mesh to conceal so birds can't get up there and nest. With the new project, they will put up proper close off's that will open and shut as needed.
- Ben will send Craig Buche an e-mail about Petra Berring's house and what the Town can legally do about it. A few people have been interested in purchasing her home.

**II. Waste Water Superintendent**

- No Wastewater Related Items.

**III. Community Development**

- NIPSCO emailed Ben about replacing their street lights in Town with LED lights. This will start next year. Ben also gave recommendations where else they could replace some of the poles. Dean gave permission for the LED lights.
- Simar, the gentleman that owns the gas station and liquor store, said he is planning to build/add on to the gas station and put a liquor store over in that area. When the new addition is built, he said he would meet with Ben or the Council to discuss selling the liquor store property at a low cost or donate it to the Town.
- Jim asked about the alley that is located across the Street from Interra Credit Union. Jim said he has seen someone that lives in the apartment building park their car in the alley. He would like someone to get a hold of Charles Beard and tell him that cars cannot park in the alley.

**IV. Maintenance Director**

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**V. Marshal**

- Al retires on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Ray is interested in moving up to the Marshal's position. Jim would like an add printed in the newspaper about a new deputy position that is available for the Town.

**VI. Park**

- No Park Related Items.

**VII. Clerk/Treasurer**

- MacKenzie announced the Ordinance 2020-11 for ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR OF 2020. The funds being reappropriated are Park Fund Nonreverting for \$1,000, Riverboat for \$14,000, and Cumulative Capital Improvement for \$4,000. This was advertised in the Goshen News and Elkhart Truth to the taxpayers. The deadline for additional appropriations is December 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Ordinance/Resolution number 2020-12 is an adoption for the CARES ACT RELIEF program that Millersburg was awarded \$30,691.00 to go towards Police Payroll.

**VIII Old Business**

- Rick presented Pay App 5 from R Yoder for the Town to sign.
- The exterior lighting was an increase mark up from R Yoder. TRIAD will cover the cost of the light increase, since it wasn't the Town's fault. TRIAD will give Rick a check for \$369.00 to cover the inflation.
- Bontrager Security is going to work through TRIAD so it won't be as expensive going through R Yoder. The cost for Bontrager Security is looking to be around \$31,000.00.
- Rick gave Reith Riley paperwork for a change order of \$47,178.

**IX. New Business**

-Elkhart County and Planning Development would like to petition for the vacation of a portion of a north/south unmaned town right-of-way. Location is 195 ft. north of Walnut St. and 165 ft. east of SR 13, 1,500 ft. north of CR 42, N. Benton Street in Clinton Township. The Petitioner is Bravo Romeo LLC represented by Freedom Builders. This motion to vacate the alley was approved by the Town Council. Jason Avol also about the Comprehensive Plan and the status. We will have a meeting Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 2020 and then a public hearing about it in February or March. Jason further mentioned the County will have to get involved and adopt this for us when it's ready.

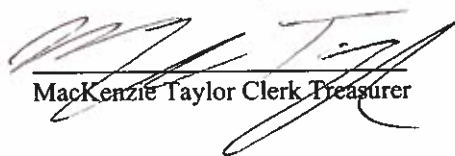
- Tina Smith would like to discuss decorating the Town of Millersburg for Christmas. She understands not doing a Christmas with Santa because of the COVID pandemic. Ben said that Kate Rink went to him last month and asked about decorating the Town and getting a nice permanante tree that can be taken up and down. Funds will be looked at to be able to decorate the Town more in years to come. Ben volunteered to decoate some pole lights with what he has here for this year.

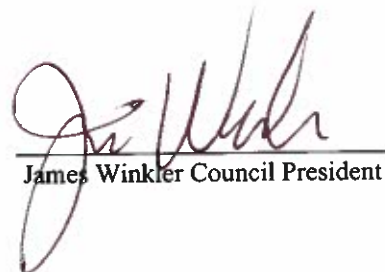
Jim Winkler made a motion to pay bills. The motion was seconded by Dean Smith and upon a voice vote was approved unanimously.

Jim Winkler made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dean Smith and upon a voice vote was approved unanimously.

**Adjourn: 6:00**

Attest:

  
MacKenzie Taylor Clerk Treasurer

  
James Winkler Council President