

# Millersburg Town Council Meeting

## June 9, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Millersburg Town Council held on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 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"/>
Raymundo Rodriguez	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"/>
Haley Hurst	Park Board President	<input checked="" 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, May 26, 2021. The motion was seconded by Dean Smith and upon a voice vote was approved unanimously.

#### I. Water Superintendent

- Water sprinkler rates are in tact.
- Ben said so a couple of things, first one, we've had several phone calls about rusty water. Which is due to bypassing the filter. Monday of this week Ben opened 6 or 7 hydrants and tried to clear it. I tell people it doesn't look good but you'll get more iron and just run cold water for 5 minutes and try to flush it out.

#### II. Waste Water Superintendent

No Wastewater Related Items.

#### III. Community Development

- Art alley is done. Not what Ben expected. There were 7 kids and we bought them 100 gift card to Target. Kate Rink did the flower pots. We decided to do a fall festival October 8<sup>th</sup>. Pumpkin decorating, maybe a trunk or treat type of things.
- Ben brought up the EDC donation. In years past, we'd donate it to Enhancing Millersburgs instead of giving it to Elkhart County. I'm not sure what we sent last year. Research and see, take out of water improvement and give it to Enhancing Millersburg.
- Ben will keep an eye on the new art alley. He's trying to figure out how to address it with the tenants. Charles Beard has been very cool about everything and receptive. Ben thought about putting a generic letting saying can you move your bikes to the other side.

#### IV. Maintenance Director

- Spoke with Ben and Matt where we want to burn the brush. We came up with , the north west corner of the well field close to Forest River's fencing. Talking with Matt today, maybe we could dig a bit of a hole there and put it around the fence to block it. Burn the brush in the hole. Ben said yes, if you want to continue doing that. Looking around at other municipalities they don't do this, what if the limbs were taken out there and once a week, they chip away at the pile with a chipper. What's the appeal at having a giant pile of brush and burning it? Jim said we aren't going to let it get like that now. Ben suggested the Street Department already has a ton of limbs, so why can't they drop it at the Street Department and have them take it out there. Someone asked, where is the collection site, then? I don't think it's feasible having a driveway back there. What are we going to do with the brush? This will be an educational process. Put it on website, facebook, or a mailer. The problem we are having Jim said, Matt caught a guy last weekend trying to dump his stuff at the park. Matt told the guy he cannot do this and told him to leave. The guy did, but came back at a later time and dumped his stuff anyway. Goshen chips it and grinds I, Ben said. Austin said that sounds good once a week as long as it's taken care of. Dean said he is for that. We will work out

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details with Matt and you. Haley asked why they don't chip it instead of burn. I didn't know that they chipped it. The chipper is sitting in the park shed. Jim said I didn't even know we had one. That would be free mulch if someone wants it said Dean.

### V. Marshal

- Ray said, I have two guys that are eager and interested in being reserves. But, they are having trouble trying to find a place to do their 40 hour training.

They are going to go to the next step with Doug Miller. Craig sent his information to another attorney to start whatever process is next.

Jim said, it's time to see Joni Miller and her property needs to be taken care of. Keep us informed of what's going on with Doug Miller.

### VI. Park

- Haley said we had a meeting and it was brought up the list that we gave Austin was not being done. Several of the things were not being done, trash wasn't getting picked up, there's issues with the playground that aren't getting taken care of. Jim said he would take care of it and will address that. ----> Ben said, the only thing I have is we had the basketball tourney over the weekend and it was wonderful. There were 9 adult teams, they had players from Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois. Brandon Hemrick was the one that hosted the tournament, he is from Concord and use to do the basketball tourney at the Sports Center. They brought in a grill and were selling hot dog. He texted that night and would like to do another one on the 26th. They all said courts are great and would like to have food trucks. Ben said we didn't charge thre first time.

### VII. Clerk/Treasurer

- Mackenzie announced the ARPA Ordinance and Jim made a motion to approve the ordinance and Austin Turner seconded the motion.

### VIII Old Business

- Rick said, he still needs to get with Matt about the trees. We want to include sidewalks all the way down to Jefferson. The steps will be an interesting ADA issue.
- We have a puddle out front of the new building, I want to get with Matt because it's sitting right on an inland It needs to be worked on and there's another one right next to it. It drains by the park and railroad. I'll take a look at it.

Jim wants to see the Comp Plan hearing happen in two weeks. So, we can get this adopted with County.

Rick said, I spent some time here today with Erik going through some final things. This door back here needs to be replace. So, people coming in, we need a window in here. We called for a window in these doors and it didn't happen. Erik will meet with Ray and MacKenzie to get these keys figured out once and for all. Rick still isn't sure what's going on with the main entrance doors. Erik is going to have his door people look at it. They are in for about 17,000 Jim mentioned. The building still isn't ready for the public. The last pay app is the 49,000 in retainage. Rick said, I can let him know when all of this is done and we will do one final walk through. This is the final pay app and then there is one retainage.

Landscaping- everything between the side walk and the front of the building will be taken care of.

### IX. New Business

Phil Bontrager came to discuss the new security system that we could have installed. This would tie all of the lift stations, water, and street back together and the Town Hall would be the main center point. The software we had in the old building is out of date, so this would be helpful in updating our system. The council members looked over Phil's quotes, plans, and all three council members approved the expense on updating our secutiry system and tying it all back to the Town Hall.

Gary Kauffman came to seek permission about using the meeting room for Lion's Club meeting starting in September. All three council members approved for the Lion's Club to be able to use the meeting room for their monthly meetings. Flags may be brought in and used on display, but no hanging memorabilia will be allowed.

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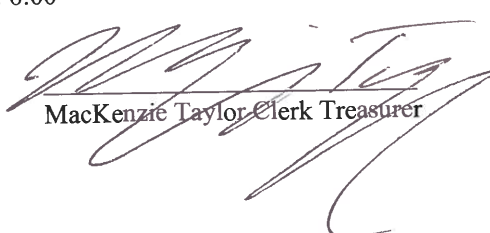
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Jim Winkler made a motion to pay bills. The motion was seconded by Jim Winkler and upon a voice vote was approved unanimously.

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

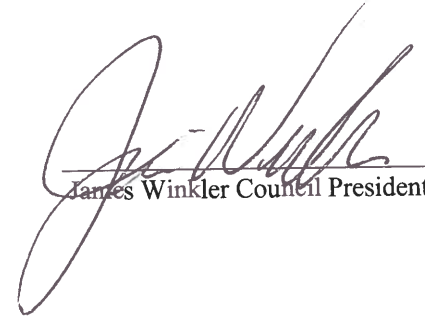
**Adjourn: 6:00**

Attest:



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MacKenzie Taylor Clerk Treasurer



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James Winkler Council President

