

TOWN COUNCIL

November 7, 2011

The Flora Town Council met on November 7, 2011, in the Fireside Building. Those present were: Lee Sorrells, Susan Scholl, Kent King, Jim Hancock, Karla Jenkins, Dick T. Bishop, Vince Seward, David Albaugh, Josh Ayres and Joretta Tinsman.

Joshua Ayres opened the meeting with welcome. Vince moved the minutes of the previous meeting (October 3, 2011) be approved as presented. David Seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and Payroll were signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Truck Bed Switch ~ Delphi Body Works submitted a bid of \$ 4,224.00 to remove the bed from the old leaf truck and put it on the former fire truck, creating a flat bed truck. It is felt there will be additional expenses incurred in making this switch due to the age of the trucks. David moved to approve a \$5,000.00 limit for the truck conversion. Vince seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. John Weaver ~ Mr. Weaver had come in to the town office requesting signage on Third Street to help get drivers to slow down. He was asked to come to the town council meeting but was not present. A lot of walkers and bicyclist use the edge of Third Street since there are no sidewalks. Council decided to post signage alerting drivers to the 35 m.p.h. speed limit to hopefully slow traffic down rather than "Slow Children at Play" signs.
- B. Harvey Mossholder ~ Made a request to do a paranormal study at the former Brethren Home. He was asked to be at the meeting to make request to the town council but he was not present. The Council's decision was to deny his request.
- C. TruGreen Lawn Agreement ~ We are currently paying \$ 148.50 per year for lawn maintenance. TruGreen said lawn needs to be watered to make their treatment effective. Council decided to cancel the contract for next year.
- D. Lee Sorrells ~ Asked what the plan is to repair the patch job done by town employees on South Center Street in October of this year. He remarked the patch job is already unraveling and was a total waste of money. He suggested hiring a professional firm with proper equipment to lay asphalt in the future. Council explained they were attempting to keep the street from coming apart and realize it is not the best patching job the town employees have ever done. We need to look at alternatives the next time.

REPORTS:

- A. Town Marshal – Mark Thomas read the written police report for October including 5 misdemeanor arrests, 4 felonies, 5 citations, 2 parking violations, 1 field interview, 36 written warnings, 75 calls for service, and 3 accidents. Halloween was non-eventful.
- B. Plan Commission – There were three building permits issued in October. David Albaugh for a storage shed. John Simpson for a concrete slab and hot tub. Matt McIntosh for a fence.
- C. Fire Department –No one present.
- D. Park Department – Park Board member, Lee Sorrells, informed the Council that the Park Board is currently taking bids to remodel the restrooms by the Little League diamond and make them handicapped accessible. The Park Board is concerned about spending the money (approx. \$10,000.00) because of the constant vandalism problem at the park restrooms. He asked the Town Board to consider an ordinance making fines of \$500.00 to \$1000.00 for vandalism.

Officer Mark Thomas suggested the use of wireless cameras to control the vandalism. He stated they are being used successfully in Monticello. Officer Thomas will contact Eric Storm, who installed cameras in Monticello, and ask him to check the feasibility and get an approximate cost of cameras at the park. He will report findings at the next meeting. Mr. Sorrells also said the Wabash & Erie Canal Association is interested in moving the log cabin from the Flora Community Park to the Canal Park in Delphi. There is no interest from individuals or groups to maintain the cabin at the Flora Park. Joretta will check old council minutes to see if there are any stipulations from the original donator of the cabin to the town. Seems like a good plan to move it to the Canal Park or Adams Mill. Waiting until Spring to plant grass seed on the new ball diamond.

- E. Airport – No one present.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Foreman – See written report. Josh read the report. Joretta recently sent a memo to Chuck asking that he oversee cleaning up the East side of the old elementary school and boarding up of the windows on that side. The Council would like a maintenance and replacement list for equipment so these expenses could be put in the budget but have not yet received that from the utilities superintendent. Ron Fritz attended lineman school in Crawfordsville and should finish this year with training.
- G. WWT Foreman – See written report. Josh read the report. Carmen excavating repaired a sink hole over a main sewer line in the alley west of Bright Street between Main Street and State Road 18.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1. Josh read a thank you note from Flora Senior Center & Senior Board of Directors for help with the Chili Supper at the 4-H Building on Thursday, October 27, 2011.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. Our office will be closed November 11, 2011 for Veteran's Day as well as November 24th and 25th for Thanksgiving.
- 2. Town Employee Christmas Party – Friday, December 2, 1011 at Sportsman Inn.
- 3. Next meeting will be Monday, December 5, 2011.

David made a motion to adjourn, Vince seconded; motion carried.

TOWN OF FLORA

Joshua S. Ayres, President

David B. Albaugh, Vice President

Vincent A. Seward, Finance Chairman

ATTEST:

Joretta L. Tinsman, Clerk-Treasurer