

TOWN COUNCIL

January, 3, 2011

The Flora Town Council met Monday, January 3, 2011 in the Fireside Building. Those present were: Lee Sorrells, Gail Ennis, Jim Hancock, Josh Disinger, Paul Redmon, Don Craft, Edwin Buswell (K-IRPC), Susan Scholl (Carroll County Comet), Karla Jenkins, George Capitanio, Mike Markley, Jeanne Drust, Joe Drust, Justin Conner, James Shaw, Jason Young, Ryan Kramer, Steve Henderson, Mary Beth Thar, Gary Stahl, Dick T. Bishop, Vincent Seward, David Albaugh, Joshua Ayres, and Joretta Tinsman.

Joretta Tinsman opened the meeting with welcome to the organizational meeting. The first order of business is election of officers. David Albaugh moved to set officers as follows (same as 2010): President–Joshua Ayres, Vice President–David Albaugh and Finance Chairman–Vincent A. Seward. Vince Seward seconded. Motion carried and officers set. Joretta turned the meeting over to Joshua.

Vince moved the minutes of the previous meetings (November 16, 2010, December 6, 2010 and year-end meeting on December 20, 2010) be approved as presented; David seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and Payroll were signed.

PUBLIC HEARING

Edwin Buswell from K-IRPC presented the proposal for the OCRA grant from the Office's Community Focus Fund of the State's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The total amount of CDBG funds to be requested is \$600,000.00 with an additional \$200,000.00 derived from Town of Flora Cumulative Sewer Fund and a bank loan for wastewater system improvements. We were not awarded the previous two rounds of OCRA grants applied for. This grant proposal will be mailed January 7, 2011 with the application being made March, 18, 2011 and the grant awarded in May, 2011.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. H. J. Umbaugh~WWTP Rate Study ~ Last meeting had planned to proceed with Umbaugh's recommendation for a 30% increase in sewage rate over three year period but we have financing issues. We did not receive the OCRA grant awarded in December, 2010. The rate would go up if rolled the 1993 bond with new capital expenditures for a new bond. All rate increases must be in place by 2012 as a new bond can not be issued until after all rate increases are in place. Uncertain how long IDEM would give us to find funding after ordering us to make improvements. Have faxed Umbaugh our agreed order and they will contact T-Bird. Umbaugh will come to February 7th meeting with their recommendations regarding the sewage rate increase. Will table rate increase until after the February meeting.
- B. T-Bird Design ~ Announcement made that T-Bird has submitted the required Summary Report per the Remediation Plan for the agreed order to IDEM.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. K-IRPC Board ~ Our representative on the board is currently David Albaugh and David agreed to serve on the board another term.

REPORTS:

- A. Town Marshal – Paul Redmon read his written report for January. Report included 4 misdemeanor arrests, 2 citations, 10 written warnings, 56 calls for service, and one accident. Paul stated it has been a slow year and he thanked his officers for their dedicated service and their proactive efforts in keeping burglaries and crime to a minimum.
- B. Plan Commission – The following building permits were issued in December: One building permit issued to Breezy Roth for a shed.
- C. Fire Department – No one Present.

- D. Park Department – Two Park Board members present to state they disagree with the location of the new building to house the Carroll County Extension Office, Community Meeting Room and Carroll County USDA Offices at the Park. This is in the early stages of planning at the Flora Park. Would ask the Park Board to be present at the future planning meetings.
- E. Airport – George Capitanio President of the Airport Board and President of Air Indiana Skydiving, LLC, was present with approximately 10 other Sky Divers. At this time they have grievances with the Airport Board regarding their reasons for not wanting them to continue sky diving at the Flora Airport. Josh stated that the Airport Board has recommended that they not jump at the Flora Airport and the Town Council is reluctant to go against Airport Board's recommendation. It was decided that the Town Council and the Airport Board should meet with George in the near future to determine whether both sides can make compromises to work out an agreement/contract to continue sky diving or if jumping should be terminated at the Flora airport. George offered to put meters in his hangers and pay for the electricity he is using plus pay the Town \$.50 per jump to help with maintenance at the airport. Currently are awaiting the Airport Board's recommendation of someone to fill Tom Elzbeck's position on the Board. His term expired in December, 2010.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Foreman – No written report submitted. Have been putting up Christmas decorations and plowing snow. The tub grinder is working well with the pile almost cut in half.
- G. WWT Foreman – See written report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Next meeting will be Monday, February 7, 2011 at 6:00 PM.
2. Office closed Monday, January 17, 2011 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
3. The Legislative reception will be held in January. No one plans to attend.

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

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Joshua S. Ayres, President

David B. Albaugh, Vice President

Vincent A. Seward, Finance Chairman

ATTEST:

Joretta L. Tinsman, Clerk-Treasurer