

TOWN COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 7, 2011

The Flora Town Council met February 7, 2011 in the Fireside Building. Those present were: Susan Scholl (Carroll County Comet), Eric Walsh (Umbaugh), Daniel Marsh (Umbaugh), Bret Rinehart, Bryan Gates (ABC HiDef Communications), Kevin Clothier, Phil Miller, Karla Jenkins, Steve Wickersham (Quick Pak), Paul J. Redmon, Dick T. Bishop, Joshua Ayres, David Albaugh, Vince Seward and Joretta Tinsman.

Joshua Ayres opened the meeting with welcome. David moved the minutes of the previous meetings (January 3, 2011 and January 12, 2011) be approved as presented. Vince seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and Payroll were signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Umbaugh & Associates~Eric Walsh and Daniel Marsh were present to introduce Ordinance 2011-01. David moved to accept first reading of Ordinance 2011-01 establishing a schedule of rates and charges to be collected by the Town of Flora from the owners of property served by the sewage works of said Town and other matters connected therewith. Vince seconded. Motion passed. First phase (20% increase in rates) implemented upon adoption of Ordinance 2011-01. Second phase (10% increase in rates) to be implemented in January, 2012. Town Attorney, Dick T. Bishop, will review the ordinance. Will then advertised the ordinance ten days prior to a public hearing and the final adoption, both to be held at the March 7th council meeting. Hopefully can have new sewage rates in place by April 1, 2011.
- B. Approval of 2011 Appointments and Committees~David moved to accept 2011 appointments and committees as presented with two vacancies on Airport Board to be filled by recommendation of Airport Board. Vince seconded. Motion carried.
- C. Brethren Home~Bret Rinehart present to give an update on listing contract which expired in December, 2010 and to report on little interest shown in purchase. He plans to schedule a meeting with Van Taylor, Executive Director of Kokomo Rescue Mission, to discuss possibility of federal grants available to make it feasible to make the facility into a not-for-profit shelter. The Council will try to meet with them. With a serious buyer would be room for negotiation in the current list price of \$159,900.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Household Hazardous Waste~Council approved request from Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District to use Carroll County Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 23, 2011 for annual hazardous waste collection event from 7 AM until 1 PM with collection hours of 8 AM to 12 PM. They will also be collecting electronics this year.
- B. ABC HiDef Communications~Bryan Gates presented a proposal to put broadband wireless internet on water tower at the park. Council will do some research on North Central Communications contract, looking into closing that contract. Bryan will return to the March council meeting with more information.
- C. Cintas-First Aid Safety Supplies~Quote presented in the amount of \$399.80. We currently use Zee Medical Supplies for first aid supplies. Cintas currently services police department defibrillators. Council sees no reason for change at this time.

REPORTS:

- A. Town Marshal – Paul Redmon submitted his written report. He reported no misdemeanor arrests and no felony arrests, 3 citations, 15 written warnings, 63 calls for service and 4 accidents. Paul thanked Mike Titus & Fire Department and town employees for dedicated service in the winter storm last week. The Fire Department had made preliminary plans for a generator to be hooked up at the 4-H building at the park for a shelter which thankfully was not needed and will continue working on securing a generator & a contract with County in case future need arises.
- B. Plan commission – Issued two building permits in January. One to Carroll County Highway Department for a storage building located at 616 East Elizabeth Street and a second one to H. E. Halcomb for a storage shed at 710 S. Center Street.

- C. Fire Department – No one present.
- D. Park Department – No one present.
- E. Airport – George Capitanio submitted a letter of resignation from Airport Board.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Foreman – See written report. Quote from Delphi Body Works to make '83 Chevy Tanker truck donated by Fire Department into a dump truck for utilities of \$12,820.00. The question come up whether we could use the dump bed from the '67 dump truck. There is also a question about the condition of the transmission on the donated fire truck. Need to look into these two matters before accepting quote. Worked on frozen water line at the old school (2nd winter in a row). Need to re-work the water lines at the school this spring to prevent future problems.
- G. WWT Foreman – See written report. Bill presented a quote from C&S Solutions, Inc for a 1" camera for toilets and small drains plus it works like a metal detector for the present system in the amount of \$4,240.80. Council decided not to purchase at this time. Bill had a slight accident with 2006 Chevy truck and presented two quotes from Collisions Unlimited. Council decided to take estimate with a new bumper (\$966.85) and turn a claim into insurance (\$250.00 deductible).

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1. Steve Wickersham from Quick Pak arrived at 7 PM asking the town to supply three phase power to his business in the industrial park. Mr. Wickersham states he needs this in order to expand his business, but he is not able to help with any of the cost for same. Steve & his son were asked to come to March council meeting, will ask Chuck to bring figures on cost, and will discuss further. States has been asking since 1991.
- 2. Bonnie Maxwell has requested that a letter of support to be sent to INDOT LaPorte Selection Committee. The letter should indicate that the Town of Flora sees the importance of Adams Mill's preservation mentioning the Transportation Enhancement grant funding application for Adams Mill. Council okayed letter.
- 3. Joretta announced that the Department of Local Government Finance has approved the Town's Budget.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. Ribbon cutting at the Moondog Matinee in Flora will be held Friday, February 11, 2011, at 2 PM.
- 2. The office will be closed Monday, February 21, 2011 for President's day.
- 3. Next meeting will be Monday, March 7, 2011 at 6 PM.

David motioned to adjourn the meeting and Vince seconded that motion. 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