

## Morocco Town Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. Attending the meeting were Board Members Bob Gonczy, Scott Hivley. Clerk Treasurer Sherri Rainford, and Town Employees Brian Vanderwall, Dustin Gary and Lisa Willis was in attendance.

### Town Council

- ❖ Mr. John Cannon from Todd Rokita's Office attended the meeting. He is the outreach representative for Mr. Rokita. He spoke on several programs his office offers. They have the Indiana unclaimed property division along with fraud protection services. He left Sherri brochures and information to have on hand at the office.
- ❖ John Maciejko a Morocco resident asked about upgrading his sidewalk. He lives on Lincoln St. He also asked about possibly moving his water meter. Bob asked Brian to measure his sidewalk tomorrow. Bob explained we are doing sidewalks and he would be added to the list. Brian will also look at his water meter and see what we can do.
- ❖ MCO Report was submitted. A copy of this report is in the minutes.
- ❖ Pastor Bob Rawlin's from the Goodland First Baptist Church attended the meeting. He presented the board with flyers. Scott made a motion to give the church \$300. Bob seconded. Motion passed 2-0.
- ❖ Carolyn and Mike Hanau attended the meeting. They are interested in purchasing a home on State St. The town owns a lot next to the house they are interested in purchasing. They would like to purchase the lot if they buy the house. Becky will investigate it and report back next meeting.
- ❖ Bob was approached by a resident asking if we could possibly put in a dog park. We were thinking behind the Lion's Club.
- ❖ Bob spoke on the sidewalk projects and the lighting uptown. Bob will talk to Duke and see if they can come up with a plan.
- ❖ Bob asked Brian to pick up old carpet on Clay St. Also, there is a tree that needs picked up in front of the old Masonic Lodge building. Brian will get that tomorrow.
- ❖ Demo permits have been pulled for the houses on Clay and Jackson St. JR Yoder will be taking both houses down soon.
- ❖ Cory Hillis and Greg Willis from the Utility Board presented the town board with an increase in water and sewer of 33%. They also would like to increase tap fees to \$2400 for water and \$2000 for sewer. The town currently charges \$800 for water and \$1500 for sewer. The average bill for the town to put in taps is \$3800. We are losing money for every tap. Bob made a motion to table the increases until next meeting when we had more information.
- ❖ Town Wide Clean up will be on Saturday, May 7. Sherri has ordered dumpsters and will advertise on the May utility bill.

### **Clerk Treasurer**

- ❖ Scott made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 1, 2022, meeting. Bob seconded. Motion passed 2-0.
- ❖ Scott made a motion to approve the claims from March 1, 2022, meeting. Bob seconded. Motion passed 2-0.
- ❖ Sherri introduced her new utility clerk, Lisa Willis. Lisa started today. We are excited to have her join our team.

### **Town Marshal (Dustin Gary)**

Report to be submitted

Dustin had pictures of two properties that need cleaned up. Becky will send out a letter to Beaver St. and Brian will talk to the Grove St. property owner.

Police truck will go in for repair once Devault's in Kentland get the parts.

### **Town Attorney Becky Goddard**

- ❖ Becky presented the board with a credit card ordinance. All debit cards have been cancelled and we are just using a credit card now. Scott made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-4-5 and Bob seconded, Motion passed 2-0.
- ❖ The Board asked Becky to find out what we need to do to sell all town owned lots. Becky will report back next meeting.
- ❖ The Planning Commission asked Becky if we could come up with ordinance for people that own more than 20 acres, that want to build pole barns on their properties in the two-mile buffer. Becky will investigate a few options and report back.

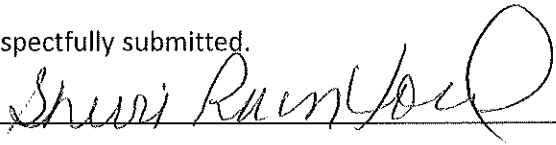
### **Donation Requests:**

1. Knights of Pythias- \$500 (Table)
2. Morocco American Legion- \$3000 (Tower & Tables)
3. NN Athletic- \$500 (Railcat's Game)
4. United Church of Morocco- \$3750 (Sidewalk Project)
5. Morocco Methodist Church- \$900 (Utilities)
6. Morocco Projects Unlimited- \$500 (Easter Egg Hunt)

Scott made a motion to approve all donation requests. Bob seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

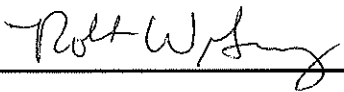
Meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

  
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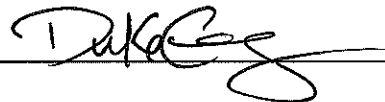
Sherri Rainford

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Robert Gonczy

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Scott Hivley

