

Morocco Town Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m. Attending the meeting were Board Members Bob Gonczy, Jason Cornell and Nikki Kimbrell. Clerk Treasurer Sherri Rainford, and Town Employees, Dustin Gary and Brian Vanderwall were in attendance.

Town Council

- ❖ Resident Gabriel Gonzalez attended the meeting. He lives at 614 E. State St. He is interested in purchasing the lot at 612 E. State St. He would like to build a garage on the property in the future. The lot is currently owned by the Morocco Redevelopment Commission. Becky is going to investigate what we need to do to sell the property to Gabe and report back to the board as soon as possible.
- ❖ MCO report submitted.
- ❖ The MCO contract was tables until next meeting. Becky needs to look it over.
- ❖ The board asked Sherri to follow up with Michael Mark on the equipment that was ordered. Sherri will reach out tomorrow.
- ❖ The town was having issues getting a real Christmas Tree for the center of town. Sherri did some research and found a 20-foot tree that has a ten-year warranty on it. The cost of the tree is \$14,475. This will be paid out of landfill tipping. Nikki made a motion to purchase the tree and Jason seconded, Motion passed 3-0.
- ❖ The River Church wants to help with some activities for the tree lighting. They would like to make a mini gingerbread house. They are asking if the town would purchase the supplies for this. Nikki made a motion to purchase the supplies. Jason seconded. Motion passed 3-0. They also asked for 3 gift certificates for the winners. The town will also purchase those.
- ❖ Bob asked Brian the status on the pavilion coming down. Brian said he has reached out to JR and is waiting to hear back.
- ❖ Bob asked Brian to fill the hole in at Clements house on Kabrina from a water main break this summer. Brian said he would take care of it.
- ❖ Sherri asked the board if they wanted to purchase hams for the employees and board for Christmas again this year. Nikki made a motion to purchase the hams and Jason seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Sherri will place the order.
- ❖ A Purdue student is designing the new walking path. Bob wants to set up a fund for the walking path to start putting donations in. Becky will bring a new ordinance for the town to sign next month for the new fund.
- ❖ Brian will get a quote on the approximately cost of the walking path when they come to pave tomorrow.
- ❖ The board approved the Republic contract extension for 2024-2026. Jason made a motion to accept the contract extension and Nikki seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

- ❖ Jason explained the new alert system for the county. They are not going to be using Blackboard Connect anymore. Jason left brochures for us to pass out to residents to help them get set up for the new system.

Clerk Treasurer

- ❖ Nikki made a motion to approve the claims from October, Jason seconded. Motion passed 3-0.
- ❖ Jason made a motion to approve the October minutes and Nikki seconded. Motion passed 3-0.
- ❖ Sherri will email the current salary ordinance to the board. They will look it over and it will be presented at the December meeting.

Brian Vanderwall- Street Supervisor

- ❖ All new meters have been installed. Utility Supply is coming on November 27 to train us.
- ❖ Brian asked the board if we could purchase 2 new 2-inch meters and 2 new 1- inch meters. The total is \$3274.14. This will complete all meters. Nikki made a motion to approve the quote and Jason seconded. Motion passed 3-0.
- ❖ Brady told Brian there are several lights out at the plants. Brian said he will contact Chris Mestovich.

Town Marshal (Dustin Gary)

Report submitted

1. Dustin would still like to see a golf cart ordinance.
2. Dustin also asked about possible grants and things to purchase new tasers and body cameras. Bob told him to come back to the next meeting with a plan.
3. Halloween went well, despite the weather.

Town Attorney (Becky Goddard)

Two-mile buffer resident Jake Dawson attended the meeting. He attended the Planning Commission meeting on October 24, 2023, and asked them if he could divide off 1 ½ acres of approximately 42 acres property to sell. The planning commission approved this at their meeting. They are now making a recommendation to the town board to approve this land division. Nikki made a motion to approve the land division and Jason seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resident Jim Hough attended the meeting with pictures of the Schwanke residence. He asked what could be done. We currently have a standing order with the court for him to keep his property clean. Dustin will go tag his vehicle and talk to him about cleaning up his property.

The windfarm ordinance was tabled until the next meeting.

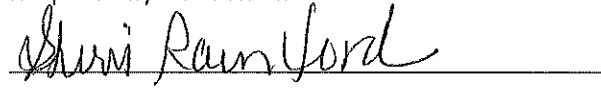
Donation Requests:

1. FOP Shop with a Cop- \$500
2. Morocco UMC- \$100 for postage for Operation Christmas Child boxes.
3. Newton County Fair domestic arts building repair- \$250
4. Morocco Angel Tree- \$500

Jason made a motion to approve the donation requests and Nikki seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

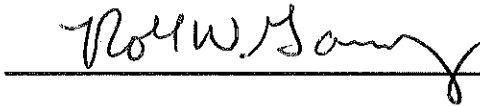
The meeting was adjourned at 7:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

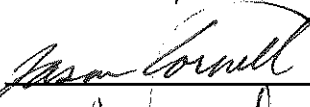


Sherri Rainford

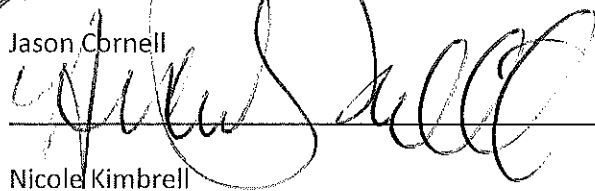
Approved:



Robert Gancy



Jason Cornell



Nicole Kimbrell