

Morocco Town Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 2, 2022

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

Town Council

- ❖ Sherri and Bob met with Cender and Cender regarding the outcome of the rate study. We will be increasing the water and sewer rates by approximately 15%. We will advertise in September have the public hearing in October and adopt the rates at the December meeting. The new rates will go into effect on January 1, 2023. We held a first reading on the ordinance at tonight's board meeting. We have not had a rate increase in the utilities since 2013. We are struggling in both the water and sewer funds. The minimum bill will go up \$9.23 a month.
- ❖ We will need to put in a new 8-inch sewer line on the north side of Beaver Street for the new houses going up. Brian is working on getting cost estimates for this.
- ❖ The bakery is now owned by the Morocco Economic Development again. William's Enterprises defaulted on the contract. The Economic Development is going to pause before moving forward with selling the building for right now.
- ❖ There are eight residents who have chickens in town limits. We are going to visit this at the September meeting.
- ❖ We are going to be putting in new sidewalks at the DeMotte State Bank and State St. in front of Mel's and State Street title. Duke made a motion to go forward with the projects and Scott seconded. Motion passed 3-0.
- ❖ A resident came in to complain about the weeds at the old hotel property. Bob will contact the owner and see if he can get it cleaned up.
- ❖ Bob and Sherri met with the Department of Local Government and Finance for the 2023 budget. We will have the public hearing at the September meeting and adopt at the October meeting.

Clerk Treasurer

- ❖ Duke made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 5, 2022, meeting. Bob seconded. Motion passed 3-0.
- ❖ Scott made a motion to approve the claims from July. Duke seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Town Marshal (Dustin Gary)

Dustin Submitted detailed report of calls taken and tickets issued.

Dustin would like to see a golf cart ordinance for the town. He will work with Becky to produce something.

The Morocco Hilltop is having an anniversary party on August 20. John the owner came in and asked if he could have a band up to 2:00a.m. The board instructed Dustin to manage the noise by the complaints he receives.

Dustin has three reserves in field training right now.

The police truck parts are in. Hopefully, the truck will be fixed next week.

Attorney (Becky Goddard)

Becky recorded a quit claim deed for the property by the Town of Morocco sign. This property was donated to the town by the Bland family. Duke made a motion to accept the property and Scott seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Becky brought information on a housing workshop that KIRPC is hosting on Wednesday, August 17.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Rainford

Approved:

Robert Gonczy

Duke Gagnon

Scott Hivley