

## Morocco Town Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

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

### Town Council

- ❖ Jake Dawson and Jane Cowan came and presented the board with an overview of the new program that is being offered at the United Church of Morocco for 5 & 6 grade Morocco Elementary students. They walk from the elementary school every Friday to the church for a 30-minute instructional time. The students learn about Christ. The board approved a \$500 donation. (See donation requests)
- ❖ **The regular meeting was recessed to begin the public hearing.**
- ❖ The public hearing is on the new water & sewer rates that will take effect on January 1, 2023. There was no public comment, and the hearing was closed at 7:30p.m. The regular meeting was then reopened.
- ❖ Ben Christensen from Utility Supply attended the meeting. He had contacted Sherri and Aaron a few months ago about updating the town's water meters. The town currently has 47 radio reads and 500 touch read. The technology that the town has is becoming obsolete. Ben gave us a quote for 500 meters in the amount of \$127,500. These meters will come on pallets and Brian and Allan would start replacing around 6 a month until all are replaced. After a lengthy discussion Duke made a motion to order the meters and Scott seconded. Motion passed 3-0. These meters will be paid for out of the Covid money.
- ❖ The board set the Trick or Treat hours for 5-7p.m. on October 31, 2022.
- ❖ Sherri asked the board to adopt the 2023 Conservancy and Town Budgets. A public hearing was held at the September 6, 2022, Town Board meeting. Scott made a motion to adopt the budgets and Duke seconded. Motion passed 3-0.
- ❖ Duke told Brian the frame around the shop garage doors needs attention. Brian is aware and is working on it.
- ❖ The Natural Prairie Dairy had a fire. They used 340,000 gallons of water. The board asked Sherri to bill them for the water used. The amount of the bill is \$1153.78.

### Clerk Treasurer

- ❖ Duke made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 6, meeting. Scott seconded. Motion passed 3-0.
- ❖ Scott made a motion to approve the claims from August. Duke seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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

- ❖ Report submitted

### **Attorney (Becky Goddard)**

Becky has sent out three nuisance letters:

1. 506 S. Roosevelt St.
2. 110 E. Beaver St.
3. 108 E. Beaver St.

Also, the board asked Becky to file a lawsuit on the resident that lives at 302 E. Beaver St. He was sent a letter in April to clean up his property and has not complied. We have had several neighbor complaints.

### **Chickens:**

- ❖ The Morocco Planning Commission agreed to keep the animal ordinance as written. Sherri will get Becky a list of residents that have chickens in town. Becky will be writing letters letting them know they need to get rid of the chickens or they can file for a variance.

### **MCO Report: Brady Decker**

- ❖ A report is being made a part of these minutes.
- ❖ Aaron told the board that there could be up to a 10% increase in MCO's new contract.

### **Planning Commission**

- ❖ Nikki Kimbrell from the planning commission made a recommendation to the board that Chris Mestrovich be appointed to the Morocco BZA. Bob made a motion to accept the recommendation and Scott seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The Morocco BZA members are: Brian Vanderwall, Scott Deneau, Chris Mestrovich, Jess Brandt, and Greg Willis.
- ❖ Nikki also made a recommendation for Sonja Pulvers to be the new member on the Planning Commission beginning January 1, 2023. Bob made a motion to accept the recommendation and Scott seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

### **Donations:**

- ❖ The LifeWise Academy is asking for a \$500 donation for their program. Scott made a motion to approve a \$500 donation and Duke seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sherri Rainford

Approved:

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Robert Gonczy

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Duke Gagnon

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Scott Hivley