

November 19, 2009

Meeting of the Town Board on the above date at 7:30pm.

All Board members were present. Also attending were Building Inspector Weaver, PPWIA Clerk Keeler, Atty. to the Town Replansky, the Millerton News reporter and eleven members of the community.

Supervisor called the meeting to order and the Pledge was done.

Motion by Keeler second by Butler to accept the Town Clerks report for Oct. 2009. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Gardner second by Couse to accept the Clerks minutes of Oct. 15, 2009. passed.

Correspondence/Public Comments/Supervisors Report -- Supervisor received letter of resignation from Jon DePreter from the Planning Board.

Motion by Butler second by Gardner to accept the same with regrets. 5-0 passed.

Supervisor Pulver thanks our Police Dept., the County and the State Police for an outstanding job with the hostage situation at the school. He stated he has attended meetings with the Red Cross and the School Board and that until next Tuesday there will be Police presence at the school. He stated he was amazed at the turn out of support throughout the crisis.

Public Comment -- None

Bills -- Motion by Gardner second by Keeler to pay PPWIA bills #885-896, Highway bills #897-914 and General bills #915-936. Holding the bill from the Judges until it is checked.

Myrtle Avenue sidewalk discussion -- Supervisor stated that he had met with Highway Superintendent Harpp last year regarding this matter.

Betty Abrams addressed the Board and gave them a petition with all the residents' signatures except two from Myrtle Avenue requesting the sidewalk be removed on the North side of Myrtle Avenue.

Councilman Butler feels that there is nothing to be lost by ripping it up- we would have to do that if we were replacing it.

Councilman Gardner questioned the cost of "aprons", would it be the Towns cost or property owners. She was told the property owners. Supervisor said the Town would grade it and work on the drainage.

Atty. to the Town Replansky will check into the legalities of doing this so the Town gets in no trouble by doing this.

Bill Abrams asked if there would be any problem with putting cones on the sidewalk.

Supervisor replied no problem and that once Replansky gives the OK we will remove the sidewalk.

Celia Shook and Joan Syler addressed the Board regarding renting part of the old library to open a small retail shop. They gave all Board members a copy of their intent for the business.
(On file)

Supervisor asked the Board if they would be receptive to this idea before the ladies go through the long process for approval. Atty. to the Town Replansky said we would do a short term lease agreement so if the Town needed it for ourselves it would be available, he also said we will need to determine the fair market value to rent it. He will send Supervisor Pulver a memo tomorrow with a decision Supervisor said he will contact at least two Real Estate Brokers for fair market value and get it in writing.

Councilmen Gardner and Keeler both would rather see it rented than just vacant.

Celia will contact Supervisor early next week – Monday and noted that it is the South side, the old children's part that they are interested in. Supervisor said we will have to figure out the cost of utilities as well.

Highway Superintendent Report - Bids were opened on Nov. 13th for fuel oil, gas, diesel, and road materials.

Motion by Gardner second by Keeler to accept the bids as recommended by the Highway Superintendent.

5-0 passed. (On file)

PPWIA Report – the problem at the corner of Academy Street has been fixed; they are purchasing a new router as theirs is not compatible with their PC, all but one new meter are installed and charges are continuing to be added to that bill.

Keeler also noted that he passed both his "C" and "D" exams.

Police Dept. Report – All have

Atty. to the Town Report - Assessor Chairman Mara addressed Replansky stating he had asked last month about how to label property that lays in more than one District in the Zoning Law.

Replansky told Mara to make an appointment with him and he will go over this problem as he can not answer that off the top of his head.

Replansky asked the Board if we have the updated Sub-division Regulations- he was told the Board just received them today. Replansky told Planning Board Chairman Bartles that we received them today – Replansky said we need to supply copies to them for their review, then back to the Town Board before adopting.

The Board was also asked if they are willing to explore the affordable housing issue with the County- the County is willing to help write the needed plan for a fee.

Replansky will have Ann Saylor work up an agreement

Building Inspector Report – all have

Recreation Dept. Report – all have

Budget Adoption – Supervisor stated that the Town Board had finalized the budget and asked if there are any questions. He stated that this is the toughest budget we have had to face – there is a five percent tax levy increase of which four percent is election, health care and retirement costs.

Motion by Gardner second by Keeler to accept the budget as submitted. 5-0 passed.

Public Comments – None

Motion by Gardner second by Keeler to go to executive session regarding personnel, no action to be taken, return to regular order of business and adjourn. 5-0 passed.

Town Clerk

Supervisor _____

Councilman Gardner _____

Councilman Butler _____

Councilman Keeler _____

Councilman Couse _____