Morocco Town Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:30p.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. Attorney Becky Goddard was also in attendance.

Town Council

- The Morocco Projects Unlimited Easter Egg Hunt was a success. Bob told Brian the park looked awesome.
- Brian has purchased paint for the playground equipment. We will be setting a date to start painting soon.
- Brian is going to contact Larry Farwell and see when the new Newton County Community Services building parking lot will be paved. We can see if we can get quotes from the same company to have them do the work while they are in town.
- The volleyball net has arrived. Brian is working on getting it up this week.
- Bob met with the Newton County Road Commissioner. They met and d shared information on roads.
- The employee handbook was approved and handed out to all employees. The back page they will need to sign and get back to Sherri. She will have a folder for them.
- The Morocco Redevelopment Commission was formed, and officers elected prior to the Town Board Meeting tonight.
- Town Wide Cleanup Day is Saturday, May 6. The dumpsters have been ordered.
- We received another quote for the pavilion in Recher Park. This quote was for $22,000. Nikki made a motion to accept the quote and Jason seconded. Motion passed 3-0.
- Dustin asked the board if they could pay for Port a Pots and dumpsters for Beaver fest. Jason made a motion to pay for those items and Bob seconded. Motion passed 3-0.
- The tree on Clay St was removed.
- Brian has power washed and fixed the town signs.
- A MCO report was submitted. It is being made a part of these minutes.
- We received two thank you notes from the Lifewise Academy for our donation.
- Building Commissioner David Hoaks has resigned his position effective May 31, 2023. The Planning Commission made a recommendation to the Town Board to appoint Mick Vanderwall. The Planning Commission will ask Mick to attend the next Town Board Meeting on June 6, 2023.
- The garage on 3761 W 350 S has been pushed over. It needs to be cleaned up. Nikki will reach out to the owners and see if they have a plan to clean up.

Clerk Treasurer

- Jason made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2023, meeting. Nikki seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

- Nikki made a motion to approve the claims from April 4, 2023, meeting. Jason seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Street Superintendent (Brian Vander wall)

Brian asked the board if he could purchase two mowers from Claussen Equipment. The cost for two mowers is $20,000. This is also trading the 2013 and 2014 mowers in. The board agreed to have the town pay $11,500 towards the new mowers and the Morocco Conservancy will pay the $8,500.

Brian said that some tiles were torn up at the Council on Aging building on State St. Henn and Sons will be replacing and fixing the tiles that were damaged.

Town Marshal (Dustin Gary)

Report submitted.

Dustin and the reserves have been sending letters to people that have junk collecting on their property and no current plates on their vehicles. If after clean up day there is still a problem, we will start issuing citations.

Dustin also said he needs new tires on the truck. Nikki is getting several quotes for the tires.

Dustin asked if we could stop sending the police vehicles to Fieldhouse Ford for repairs or maintenance. He is not happy with the service. The board agreed he could take the vehicles where he wanted.

Town Attorney (Becky Goddard)

- Becky sent the letter out to the owner of 202 E. State. They will have 15 days from the date of the letter to get the building into compliance. If not, Becky will file a lawsuit.

Donation Requests:

1. **United Church of Morocco**- Bob made a motion to approve the donation of $1,000 for this summer's bible school.
2. **North Newton FCCLA**- Jason made a motion to approve a $1000 donation to the life wise academy and Bob seconded. Motion passed 3- 0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Sherri Rainford

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Approved:

Robert Gonczy

Jason Cornell

Nicole Kimbrell