

September 19, 2023

Meeting Time: 12:00 p.m.
Meeting Place: Rossville Town Park Pavilion
Lunch Provided By: Mandy Murray/Milner Community Health Care
Members Present: 10 members present

1. Rod Miller called the meeting to order. Mandy Murray and Milner Community Health Care were thanked for providing the meal and Rita Betts for delivering it in Mandy's absence.
2. Treasurer's Report:
Checking Acct: \$22,379.79
Savings Acct: \$13,695.69
15 Month CD: \$10,303.07
An updated summary of expenses and income from the Summer's End Festival was also presented for review. There are still some outstanding expenses to be paid. If it hadn't been for the Clinton County Tourism Grant, the festival would have been in the red.

Summer's End Festival Committees:

- Booths—Jessica Heater reported there were a few complaints from vendors due to the music near their booths. The food vendors sold out. It was requested that vendors need to clean up and make sure their trash gets properly disposed of in the dumpster. She also stated the Bubble Party was a success.
- Car Show—Roger Gregory stated the entries were down this year. This most likely was due to all of the detours and the early morning fog. There were 164 cars entered.
- Lil Miss/Mister/Cutest Baby—Bev Miller stated there were very few participants this year, but went well.
- Entertainment—There were 2 bands. He stated he had received good feedback. He will not return next year as the entertainment chairperson.
- Hornet Hustle—The 5K was cancelled this year due to the extreme heat. Franklin Finish discounted their invoice 50% due to the cancellation. Carla Hufford and Carrie Bright will not be returning as the chairpersons; however, gave some suggestions for future races.
- Parade—There were 61 entries this year. This was down from past years and most likely due to the detours and fog.
- Fireworks—The fireworks were well received. There was \$1039.13 collected for fireworks. The final bill for the fireworks was \$6000.00.
- Parking and trash pickup—Adrian Tedder stated the parking receipts were down a little this year; otherwise, everything went well. Although he will probably not be in charge, they would like to continue providing this service.
- Calk Walk—Taylor Miller reported 70 items had been donated for the calk walk. There needs to be a few changes for next year.
- Sunday Clean-up—The cleanup went exceeding well with most everything being done by 8:00 a.m.

Other Business:

- Pat McIlrath will not be continuing as the secretary and Rod Miller would like to step down as president. A nomination committee needs to be formed.
- There was concern expressed as to whether the Summer's End Festival can continue due to the lack of support from businesses and turnover at the town hall.
- It was suggested placing a survey on the town facebook page to seek input from the community and have a community meeting for feedback.
- The lack of carnival rides has hurt the festival and was suggested continuing to find a carnival vendor willing to come to the festival.
- New ideas are definitely needed for the festival.

There being no further business to come before the group, the meeting was adjourned to October 17, 2023 and Redline Equipment has volunteered to provide the meal.

Respectfully submitted,
Rod Miller, Co-President
Pat McIlrath, Secretary