

MEETING MINUTES

POSEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, March 9, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Michael Baehl President at 5:30 PM.

PRESENT: Bruce C. Baker, Mike Baehl, Justin Collins, and Clerk/Treasurer Christy Foster

Virtual Meeting held due to the Pandemic Virus, as well as in person

APPROVAL OF PRIOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

motion made by Justin Collins and 2nd by Bruce Baker

Vote taken, Baker Yes, Baehl Yes, and Collins Yes

CLAIMS WERE PRESENTED at Town Hall at 10:30 am on March 9, 2021

A Motion was made by Bruce Baker to approve the claims. Seconded by Justin Collins.

Vote taken, Baker Yes, Collins Yes, Baehl Yes

Opening of Bids for Community Crossing Project 2021.

Brian from Midwestern Engineers was present and opened sealed bids.

E & B Paving	555,968.00
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JH Rudolph	550,532.00
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Joe Lupfer Equipment LLC	398,775.00
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All bidders were present.

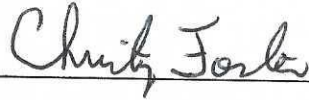
Upon opening of bids documents were checked for correct documents. Bids will be viewed by town Attorney William Bender and a special meeting will be called for the official awarding of said project.

INDOT requires that bid be awarded no later than April 8, 2021

Donna Nash: Donna spoke concerning town speeding on Endicott St. hoping new fire fighters have learned from this training provided. Thanked Jeff and the fire department for their service to the town.

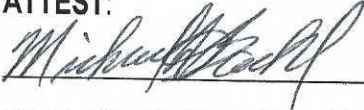
THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, the meeting was adjourned. With a motion made by Justin Collins and 2nd by Bruce Baker the meeting was closed.

Respectfully submitted,



Christy Foster, Clerk/Treasurer

ATTEST:



Michael Baehl, Council President

Police Dept Report: Officer Carter reported on training he is participating in with the county. Officer Carter thanked the county for this opportunity. Officer Carter had a review with the Fire Department on blue light Traffic Laws and Water Hydrant Laws.

Utilities: Jamie Hyatt reported on new mailing process. Changes have been made to insure receiving of bills. A reminder to all, bills are always due on or before the 23rd of the month. If you do not receive a bill please do not hesitate to contact the office for a reprint or an amount.

The lobby will reopen on Wednesday March 10th. We will require all to abide by CDC rules at all times. Due to lobby size no more than two patrons will be allowed in at a time, masks, and social distancing apply. Other options are available for payments, drive through window or drop box. If service is required at drive through as a reminder, white button will alert office staff of your presence. Please be patient as we may be on the phone or working with someone in the lobby.

Phone systems have been updated. Please pay close attention to prompts. 1 is for Clerk Treasurer, 2 is for Utility Office, and 3 is only used for afterhours emergency such as a gas leak or a water main break. If leaving a voice message be sure and choose a party correctly. Access to messages are not shared.

Fire Dept: Jeff Droege was present and gave the report for Fire Chief Ahrens. Jeff thanked officer Carter for his training given to the fire fighters concerning laws for fire hydrants and blue light traffic laws. Jeff wanted the public to know that a 15ft from fire hydrant rule applied not only for the ability to get to hydrant but also to assure that autos do not sustain damage from hose attachment to hydrants. Jeff asked everyone to please park 15 ft from hydrants to assure that fire fighters could see hydrants.

We are very fortunate to have new volunteer members biggest membership Jeff has seen in many years. Jeff referenced 19 turned out for local fire. This is such a great response. With this number of volunteers, we can take care of cleanup of equipment without assistance from other fire companies. Jeff also was appreciative for the back up from Wadesville and Cynthiana fire stations.

Triad a training company was contacted to see what the cost would be to train 5 new firefighters. They charge \$80.00 an hour or a flat 6,000 for 5 people. Training is required by the state in extraction and in house fire fighting. Jeff said we have the capability to do part of training in house. Potentially getting with other area firehouses to see if interested in a joint effort to train new members. Jeff felt that travel would be an issue for our guys if they participated in other Evansville area training.

Mike asked if it was mandatory? Jeff said yes, a one- or two-year program

Mike thanked the fire department for a great job with the fire recently. Hats off to these guys.

Justin in regards to the training asked them to get a solid cost and let us know more.

Jeff felt that their budget would cover the cost.

Street Department: no report Mike made a comment on the snow removal. He thanked our town workers for a great job we as a town had better snow removal than other towns he was in that week. Thanks for getting the job done.

Parks Dept: Concrete slab where the old shelter was has been removed. Christy Foster Clerk Treasurer thanked the guys for their hard work. This is another step closer to having the new shelter rebuilt.

Mike reported on the ball parks. He and a few other men went and prepared the ball fields today. Fields have been sprayed. Everyone is looking forward to the new season. They will have a work day Saturday 03-13-2021. If interested or have any question reach out to Jared Baehl

Community Center: Karen Blaylock was present at the meeting. She came to speak on behalf of the council on aging. They were wanting the blessings of the board to reopen the activities at the center. Board was excited to hear they were ready to come back. The center will host the senior citizen programs in April. They will be following CDC rules and using throw away utensils for meals.

Board all voted unanimously to reopening.

Cemetery: Donna Nash was representative for the cemetery board. She asked that the graves be cleared by April 1, 2021. Then when for Memorial Day please decorate one week before and clean up 2 weeks after.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS Old Town Hall Building request for rent. Board discussed the stipulations \concerns for the old Town Hall. It was agreed that a bid \estimate for in potential mold be looked into. Also discussed was the drainage issue with the gutters, and lock on front door, street parking, and utility bills that were requested. They decided to not act on any repairs until cost was determined and lease was agreed upon. Christy Foster will seek estimates for mold abatement and provide Water, Sewer, and Gas billing as requested.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Poseyville Town Council for 2021 will be held **Tuesday March 24, 2021** at 5:30 PM, This will be another Virtual meeting. This is too aware the bid for the Community Crossing Grant for 2021

Public Comment: Brenttanie Tucker Endicott St. Traffic: Brenttanie presented her concerns with speeding and child safety. Brenttanie had done her homework checking on speeding fatalities with certain speeds. She presented a petition from residence and discussed issues on this street. Petition and paperwork attached exhibit A. Her request is lowering speed limit, adding bus stop sign, or even a stop sign at Hoehn Dr.

Bruce Baker Thanked her for her work on this concern. You have done a nice job.

Mike Baehl is not in favor of reducing speed limit.

Justin is not interested in a stop sign but would entertain the idea of a bus stop sign. Justin suggested more of police presents in the area to deter offenders.

Officer Carter added in his thoughts. He is working on getting a speed display sign to remind everyone how fast they really are going down Endicott. He is hoping to borrow this from sheriff Latham. Officer Carter responded to the speed limit change. "This request would require a traffic study, which takes time". He did note that houses do sit closer to the street than other neighborhoods. He also noted on street parking was also an issue.

Mike thought police presents and a bus stop sign would probably be the way to go for now.