



## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **POSEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL**

***Date of Meeting: Tuesday, May 11, 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**

**Virtual Attendee's:** Jamie Hyatt, John Epley, Mindy Bourne, and council member Justin Collins

**In person Attendee's:** list attached to minutes.

#### **APPROVAL OF PRIOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**motion made by Bruce Baker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin Collins**

**Roll call Vote taken, Baker Yes, Baehl Yes, and Collins Yes**

**CLAIMS WERE PRESENTED** at Town Hall at 9:30 am on May10, 2021

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

**Roll Call Vote taken, Baker Yes, Collins Yes, Baehl Yes**

**Public Comment:** Mike Baehl wanted to thank the Relay for Life team. The yard sale was well received by the town. Bake sale sold out by 11:30, food from the grill hot dogs and hamburgers, and etc. was sold out by 12:10, food sales were 1,000.00, ice cream from the Masonic Temple had a great turn out, and the ice cream truck did well also. Ice cream truck was very appreciative of the Relay team for having them. Bruce thanked Relay for Life for holding the event. He hopes they will continue the event.

**Landon Epley Scout Project:** Landon asked the town if they could order the fencing for the park. He has been ready to do work, but due to Covid-19 he was unable to get project started. A discussion was had between John Epley father of Landon and council. The decision was to have land survey done and then start project. Council gave permission to order supplies.

A motion was made by Justin Collins to approve the purchase of the fencing and to complete the survey for this project. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Baker

# SIGN IN SHEET

May 11, 2021

Town Council Meeting

Name *Michaela Brehl*  
*Bruce Brehl*  
*Joe Flynn*  
*Theresa Bratcher*  
*Charles Carter*  
*Kim & Landon Epley*  
*Doreen Hallenberger*

**X** *Christy Foster*  
Christina Foster  
Clerk Treasurer

**Roll Call Vote taken, Baker Yes, Collins Yes, Baehl Yes**

Contact for this project will be Kim Epley mother of Landon Epley. Due to Landon's school schedule.

**ARP (American Recuse Plan) Ordinance:** This is the first reading of this ordinance. The ordinance will be publicized in the Posey County News. Then A public hearing will be held at the next town council meeting June 8, 2021 and vote will be taken.

This Ordinance is required in order to receive any money provided by ARP

A motion was made by Bruce Baker to read the ordinance and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin Collins

**Roll Call Vote taken, Baker Yes, Collins Yes, Baehl Yes**

Ordinance was read to public.

**Ordinance from area planning for solar panels:** This was a request by area planning to except changes to the standing county Ordinance for wind to include solar guidelines. Mindy Bourne was on zoom and explained the Ordinance amendments. This would not change any town Ordinance that is currently in place this was to amend Ordinance to include Solar.

Mike Baehl: was concerned with the 100 feet from non-participating landowner's property line. This would not allow our town to grow. We need similar boundaries like the Wind Mills possibly a mile or a little less, again so we can grow as a town.

Mindy explained in order to make changes to this ordinance we would have to ask the area planning to allow this this change. Then it would go to the county Commissioners for approval.

Mindy explained that this was a county Ordinance change. This would not affect our standing Ordinance we adopted for Wind mills.

Justin: asked about setbacks that were in the amendment

Bruce: asked if we request changes will this affect County Ordinance? (Mindy)Not unless the County commissioners gives approve. This county Ordinance is just in our jurisdiction for the corporate limits. Mindy said that we did not need to make the decision tonight we could table it.

Motion was then made by Bruce Baker to table this request of acceptance for the Amendments to the Wind and Solar Ordinance 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin Collins.

**Roll Call Vote taken, Baker Yes, Collins Yes, Baehl Yes**

Bruce complimented Mindy on here knowledge and assistance to the board

**Police Department:** Officer Carter reported on the Golf Cart registration. He was pleased with the turn out and wants this to be an annual event. It only takes 5 mins to complete. Thanks to all we came and completed the registration. If you were not able to make it, please reach out to officer Carter. Officer Carter will be glad to schedule an inspection/ registration.



**Motion was made by Bruce Baker to not pursue this software from I-Cloud 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin Collins**

**Roll Call Vote taken, Baker Yes, Collins Yes, Baehl Yes**

**Flag Box:** Jamie Hyatt wanted to thank Hunter Straw for his beautiful flag box in the Town Hall lobby. Any damaged flags or flags that need to be destroyed can be placed in the box. This is another great Eagle Scout project.

**New website:** Jamie Hyatt made an updated report on web page. The webpage is live now. It is a work in progress some tweaking needed but over all done.

Web address is [www.poseyville.us](http://www.poseyville.us)

Mike had been on the site and ask Jamie to check on minutes and agenda button and see if fire department list of officers could be added.

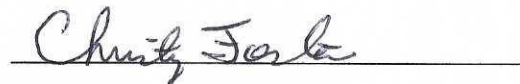
**SRF:** Water and sewer infrastructure has been granted over 100,000,000.00 to be awarded to small communities. Mike would like to call for a work day for all board members. This is to reach out to several engineers to get there SRF thoughts and cost for PER. Paperwork for the process for SRF has been made easier for this process. He would like them to present 1 hour each. Several have to travel long distanced to reach us. Mike would like to have the meeting at 1:00pm date to be determined later. He asks the board to consider this and get back to him. The next couple of days so he could get this set up. This work day will be a public event. Date will be posted when available. A called Special Meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of the Poseyville Town Council for 2021 will be held **Tuesday June 8, 2021** at 5:30 PM, This will be a in person and virtual meeting.

**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

The police department had movie on the lawn at the Community Center with cotton candy, popcorn and drinks. For the weather threat and temperatures, the event was enjoyed by all that attended. The police department made \$125.00 on cotton candy alone. He was pleased with the outcome. He will be scheduling another movie night on the lawn in July. He wanted to thank Harrison Unger for his assistance with the sound. Harrison and Joni from Joni's Flower shop have been wonderful in their support for this community event.

Mike really liked movie in the park cotton candy rocked!! It was a good time by all.

Bruce thanked Officer Carter for his efforts for our Community.

The police car had some issues this month. As some had reported the police car had turn signal problems. Officer Carter was aware but due to the lack of parts he was at the mercy of the auto industry. Mt Vernon and New Harmony also had the same issues. It was a recall issue. It has now been rectified.

Officer Carter in our last meeting had requested to investigate the cost of updating our SOP (Standard Operating Procedures). He has a quote from Lexipol for \$1,506.20. He was able to talk them down from \$5,000.00. This cost is a one-time cost. This allows a beginning so that it can going forward be kept up to date. Due to the age of the SOP legal help is needed to get this up to date.

Justin: wanted to know if this would change the current SOP? Will this be specific to Poseyville?

Carter: No, it will get us up to date and it will take our current SOP and build on it.

Carter purposed payment be taken out of Safety line item.

Motion was made by Justin Collins to table this till the next meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Baker

**Roll Call Vote taken, Baker Yes, Collins Yes, Baehl Yes**

**Utilities:** Justin Collins talked about the Duke Energy plan for pole replacement of 116 poles. These lights will be replaced with LED lights, with a cost savings monthly of round numbers \$600.00 a month. Justin had investigated payment plans through Duke Energy and local banks. His findings are Crane Credit Union has the best rate. If we go that way it will save \$11,000.00.

Bruce: The savings sounded good and lighting would be improved

Mike: lighting will be a little brighter with LED but not overly noticeable.

A motion was made by Bruce Baker to accept the agreement proposed by Duke Energy and to seek finance with Crane Credit Union.

**Roll Call Vote taken, Baker Yes, Collins Yes, Baehl Yes**



**Old Town Hall Building request for rent.:** Christy and Mike have met with 2 more companies. Concerning remediation. The question to the council is so “do we want to rent this building”. Questions discussed was cost of mold remediation, cost of insurance and up keep. The board discussed proposed agreement from Casey Voelker. Board is going to get a lease agreement written. After agreement is received from Bender Law, we will set a meeting with proposed renters. A Three-year lease agreement and cost of rent were also discussed. Due to insurance cost and renovations to recouple that expenses rent would need to be in the 300-350 a month range.

Board discussed if not rented it would possibly be put up for sale.

Christy will coordinate a meeting with proposed renters to discuss lease.

A motion was made Bruce Baker to table this till next meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin Collins

**Roll Call Vote taken, Baker Yes, Collins Yes, Baehl Yes**

**Pest control:** Christy met with four companies for pest control. The previous provider has retired.

Her findings based on inspection, contact, and cost of service was to hire Arrow Pest control.

A motion was made by Bruce Baker to except Christy’s recommendation for pest control. 2<sup>nd</sup> Justin Collins

**Roll Call Vote taken, Baker Yes, Collins Yes, Baehl Yes**

**Small Business Grant:** Mike Baehl wanted all the business of Poseyville to know we did not get the Small Business Grant this round. We were not given a defined reason why. Posey County did receive the grant so you can submit your grant proposal to the county. It is all the same application process this time you just have to file it under the county not the Town of Poseyville.

**I-Cloud:** Mike Baehl had requested and inquiry into software to improve our billing process for utility customers, due to our mailing issues. Mike has since worked everything out with the post office here in Poseyville. Mike thanked our local post office for all their help. That our post master was great to work with. Our utilities office is working with the post office making the process for all easier and more efficient. Utility bill mailing has improved. He feels now that there is no need for this service. Mike had requested a survey be used to see if the need was there, we only had 30 responses. That speaks loudly that the need is not yet there. We are just not ready.

Mike had asked Christy to investigate this potential need. He asks her recommendation.

Christy: I feel that our current demographics and lack of response to survey tell us that the need is not there. Additionally, the cost per month would have to be considered. I-cloud is a great company and the software would be a great addition sometime late. I do not feel we are ready for this technology. Financially as well as demographics I would have to say I do not recommend this software at this time.

Bruce: I agree we are not ready.

**Fire Dept:** Chief Ahrens was not present. Speaking on behalf of the fire Department was Jamie Hyatt. Jamie reported Chief Ahrens had reached out to other local fire houses to see if any interest was there for fire training. He heard back from Smith with potential 2-3 interested in training, New Harmony 1-2, and Griffin 2. Cost per person was \$200.00. This was the cost they felt the other houses would pay. Total cost is \$6,000 for the training. Bill was presented to the board last meeting. This cost would come out of there Safety Lit.

A motion was made by Bruce Baker to approve the training with the surrounding fire departments. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin Collins

**Roll Call Vote taken, Baker Yes, Collins Yes, Baehl Yes**

**Street Department:** Christy Foster had talked to Joe Luper from Luper Construction and gave him the go ahead to start street work. Funds had been received. Mr. Luper will contact office when roads will need to be closed down. The office will then if needed, contact the school concerning bus routes. Schools last day is May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Officer Carter: Reminder to everyone it is mowing season and to please do not blow clippings in our streets. This causes drainage issue for our utility department. Thank you for your assistance.

A question was asked about street out in front of Town Hall. This is a state Highway. They are aware of the issue. It is a spring under the road. Town has checked to see if it was a water leak on our part, it is not a water leak

**Parks Dept:**

Mike reported ball park is in full swing. Kids are really having a good time this year.

Christy reported on the shelter progress. There was concern that we were running out of time on spending of grant money. Christy reached out to the Posey County Community Fund Grant providers. They Are aware of issues with covid-19 and reassured her that they had time. The money was received the first of October so till then we are good to go. Contractor Brian Reynolds will try to start the project sometime in June or July.

Justin asked if we could construct the shelter out of metal to save cost. Lumber is so high right now.

Christy responded. We are under a grant contract. Which specifics are spelled out? We were given the grant under those specs. We can not deviate. The lumber issues are getting better and hopefully will be even better by construction time.

**Community Center:** Community center is back in use. Rentals are being booked. Good to have the center in use again.

**Cemetery:** Mike commented on how nice the cemetery was looking. He also will have a log of hours for mowing so we will know hours needed if contracted out some other year.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**