

MEETING MINUTES

POSEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, July 13, 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, William Bender Council Attorney, and Clerk/Treasurer Christy Foster

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

Virtual Attendee's: N/A technical difficulties with Zoom

In person Attendee's: list attached to minutes.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Justin Collins and 2nd by Bruce Baker

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

CLAIMS WERE PRESENTED at Town Hall at 10:30 am on June 8, 2021

Justin Collins had a Question concerning L.E.C.E. expenditures. Christy Foster Clerk Treasurer. Explained expenses that are allowed by L.E.C.E. Training was a big amount in this line item this month.

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: Sherriff Tom Latham and Travis Clowers was present they will be at the Poseyville Community Center on July 15, 2021.at 6:00 pm for an open forum to discuss recent law changes in Indiana.

Landon Epley was present to discuss his changes for his Eagle Scout project. Due to in ability to get supplies for fencing, (due to Covid), Landon had to change his project. He asked the board if they would allow him to put up a flag pole at the Police Department, paint car stops and put logo on them, and do landscaping to the building. This would be a 20-30 ft flag pole with light kit, concrete and landscaping materials. Landon will need potential help with paperwork for his extension. Board and Clerk Treasurer offered to assist if needed.

Mike said he knows how hard the Eagles Scouts work to get to the final project. He is willing to help were needed for this final step.

Mike Baehl asks him if he had funding for project? Landon does not. Mike asks where he was getting flag pole from. Landon did not have this donated. Mike offered to see if he could get the flagpole donated. He will check and get back with Landon.

Ordinance Weed and Grass 2021-06-08-1: This was brought back up to council by Attorney William Bender. Bill discussed the Weed and tall grass ordinance. The vote taken at the meeting on June 28, 2021 cannot be done as requested. An Ordinance has to be passed before you can amend the ordinance. Bill said that the vote had to be taken on original advertised Ordinance.

Ordinance Amendments for solar panels: Mike Baehl ask board if they wanted to address this Ordinance. It was unanimous to table it yet again due to the potential changes coming from Area Planning. William Bender agreed with their decision.

Ordinance 2021-07-13-01 Electronic Means of Communication. Ordinance was read previously, published and discussion was had. There was no opposition to this Ordinance.

Justin Collins made a motion to except Ordinance 2021-07-13-01 Bruce Baker 2nd this motion.

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

Police Department: no report

Utilities: Gas tracker was read and discussed. We have a reduction in cost for June, July, and August. Mike warned everyone that we had received notice that gas will be increasing in September.

Fire Dept: Jeff Droege was present to ask for acceptance for a new volunteer fire fighter Elijah Robinson. Justin Collins made a motion to accept Elijah Robinson application. 2nd by Bruce Baker

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

Mike said, how nice it was for them to have a full rooster. Been a long time since this has happened. Droege commented that they still had 37-year (give or take year) veterans such as Jon Werry, Steve Collins, and Mike Crawford.

Mike Baehl commented on the great response and turn out for Andy Nottingham's house fire. Looking forward to more applications. Thanked all volunteers for Their great service.

Jeff Droege wanted the council to know that the Rescue Truck will be going in for service. It will have repairs done to latches on the compartments. They have been damaged over the years and no longer stay secure at a scene if at an angle unsafe for all concerned.

Jeff also discussed the pumper truck. He said it is starting to nickel and dime them on repairs. He provided a draw of an option for a new truck. Cost at this time to replace is \$300,000.00-\$3200.000.00. He just wanted the council to be aware of this need. Discussion was had on #3 trucks issues in the past and not wanting to get in the same position again with issues.

Bruce said in our current financial status he would like to take a look again in June or July of 2022. Bruce explained how covid hurt us financially and how we need to recover first before we can entertain the idea of this kind of cost.

Jeff understood he just wants reliability.

Christy Foster encouraged the Fire Department to look into grants for new trucks. To get a grant writer to assist. There is money out there if you look.

Jeff stated That FEMA had a grant but the paperwork was just overwhelming.

Street Dept: Justin reported on light project. The lights are almost all in. He expects them to finish up in the next couple weeks. No bill has been received yet.

Parks Dept: No report

Community Center: Christy Foster commented on the community center. Seems like it is starting to rent out more often and getting back to normal.

Cemetery: Mike commented that cemetery is looking good. He helped out the guy's last week. He did not know how hard it was to mow around the stone. It is intricate work.

Misc. Business: Tree trimming was brought up by Justin Collins. He thinks we should bid tree trimming. He said that some trees are hitting his roll back and some areas even truck cabs. He wants to see if we can do this.

Mike does not want to butcher trees like Duke dose.

Bruce said truck traffic should be on our main roads. He reminded everyone that we keep a little money back for storm season in case we have a big tree in the road. This costs money to remove. It takes big money to trim or cut down trees. Who is this truly going to benefit? Bruce does not want to ruin trees.

Justin is not wanting to cut all trees down at once just a few a year to get it under control.

Bruce: We have to be careful what we do when it comes to tree trimming.

Christy Foster asked to address finances concerning tree trimming. Board approved.

Christy told board that currently that the outstanding debt ratio is close to the top. We will need to pay down our debt to be in a better place to afford new debt. The year 2022 has been cautioned to all towns and cities because of monies used during the 2020 year. Fall out can still come. Christy would feel better to discuss more debt in late 2022 to see the ramifications of covid drain in tax monies.

Community Crossing: Justin inquired into the grant for Community Crossing. Christy had spoken with Debbie from OCRA and nothing has come out concerning the potential grant at this time. Justin just wanted to see if we could do another project next year. Christy advised we should hold off a year to get debt down from previous projects then go again. Justin just hated to lose potential free money., but was reminded we still have our part to pay. Nothing is free.

Mike agreed we need to cut our debt for a year and hopefully the program will come back in to play

Bruce explained Community crossing pay back. We pay back 60,000 a year toward grant pay backs. Community Crossing is a great program and has allowed us to do road improvement that we could not have accomplished without this grant.

Farmer Market: Farmers market for the town of Poseyville is a new program that Christy is working on. The CDC has reached out with a healthy living survey and is asking about programs in our community. Christy feels since we do not have bike paths or specific healthy living programs that maybe we should do this for future grant qualification. This will show we are attempting in our small community to prompt healthy living. Christy had contacted Farm bureau Inc. to see if they were interested in help arrange this market. They put Christy in touch with Their Market master Carla Schenk. Carla said she would be glad to share her knowledge with Christy but does not want to be market master for Poseyville. Christy would appreciate anyone interested in being the Market Master to please contact her. Christy would also welcome potential booth owners that are interested in selling their fruits, vegetables, honey etc. at the booth to contact her. Good thinks are coming our way.

Weed Ordinance No. 2021-06-08-1 was brought back up by attorney William Bender a vote has not been taken at this meeting yet. Please address this before we leave.

A motion was made by Justin Collins 2nd by Bruce Baker to except Ordinance 2021-06-08-1 Weed Control as advertised.

Roll Call Vote taken, Baker No Collins No, Baehl No

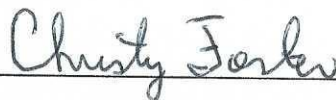
This unanimous vote makes the Ordinance revert back to Ordinance No. 2020-07-14-1 Weed Control

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Poseyville Town Council for 2021 will be held **Tuesday August 9, 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

SIGN IN SHEET

JULY 13, 2021

Town Council Meeting

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Thomas Clowers

Jeff Droege

Tom LATHAM

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Jim Clowers

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Joe Egan

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Christina Foster
Clerk Treasurer