



MEETING MINUTES

POSEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, August 10, 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: Theresa Bratcher and Austin Ahrens

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 9:45 am on August 10, 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: Relay for life will be held at Murphy Park in New Harmony on August 14, 2021. Plenty of shade for all. Event will be at 10:00am until 10:00pm. Mike Baehl said that there might be prizes for anyone who walked over 5 miles up to ten. Young Dairy Men will be at the event selling their tasty ice cream. Mike Baehl said he has sampled many times and it is delicious. Mike Baehl's wife Judy is working with and helping organize this event. They were not able to have the event last year and are very excited to have the opportunity this year.

Ordinance Amendments for solar panels: This was a request by area planning to except changes to the standing county Ordinance for wind to include solar guidelines.

Under advisement board agreed to table these Ordinance amendments again since Area Planning had not made their decision.

Cemetery: Mike again complimented the guys for a nice job on the cemetery. The town has one man down due to illness and Mike is going to help mow this week if needed.

Misc. Business: ARP Monies: Christy made the board aware of the Money now received from ARP. The first-year deposit has been made. Due to ARP stipulations. They will have to amend the Ordinance when the board makes their recommendations for spending the money now in our position.

Autumfest was brought up. Kiwanis was to be in attendance but could not make it.

Autumfest is on for the last weekend in September as usual. Applications for the parade is available. Mike mentioned what a great opportunity it is for our local fund raisers to have. It was missed last year. Everyone is looking forward to this year's event. Get your floats ready the theme this year **Not all heroes wear capes.**

. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Poseyville Town Council for 2021 will be held **Tuesday September 14, 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.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Christy Foster, Clerk/Treasurer

ATTEST:



Michael Baehl, Council President

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

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

Ordinance Establishing Police Department Donation Fund

The Ordinance was read by President Michael Baehl. Council Lawyer William Bender advised that if we read this ordinance and passed with majority vote it would not be needed to be advertised since there was no fines or monies in this Ordinance. Discussion was had with council. Justin said he had not seen the Ordinance and wished to read it over. Justin questioned the wording of the Ordinance. Asking why the town would fund this donation fund. Christy Foster Clerk Treasurer explained that the wording was so if the town wished to donate at any time they could. That being said the town has no funding for this at this time. Upon reading and asking questions the vote was taken.

A Motion was made by Bruce Baker to accept the Ordinance Establishing Police Department Donation Fund and 2nd by Michael Baehl

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

Since it was not unanimous the council will vote next meeting

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2001-06-07-02

UTILITY STATEMENT DUE DATE, RECONNECTION FEE, AND DEPOSIT REQUIREMENTS

Ordinance was read by President Michael Baehl. Discussion was held by the council. Justin asks if the town was having trouble collecting. Diana Powell Utilities Manager was present to answer questions. Diana said that with the increases in water did not cover the last balance of the renters upon there leaving. This increase of deposit will be returned to the renters upon their move and or applied to the final balance.

A motion was made to by Bruce Baker to approve the amending of Ordinance no. 2001-06-07-02
2nd by Justin Collins

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

Police Department: Officer Carter reported that Property complains were being addressed. He also stated that it is a long process to be able lawfully to walk on someone's property. He asks for patience. There are changes that will be coming very soon. Justin Collins commented on the positive effects of officer Carter work on the cleanup.

Officer Carter ask that everyone be mindful of the School Buses. With School back in session it is not a race to get around the buses. Please slow down. He and his deputies will be patrolling daily to try and keep an eye out for the children.

Officer Carter had been contacted by the Haubstadt Police. They have a 2018 Dodge Durango that is fully equipped with police equipment for sale. They are asking \$30,000. Officer Carter would like the board to consider this as a back up vehicle. Our current backup Car is now being used for the utility side. He also

stated that New Harmony did not have a back up car and was in a high-speed chase that damaged the car. Now they are looking into potentially leasing a vehicle from the county due to the specialized equipment needed in the vehicle. He wants to look ahead and get a backup so we will not be in that position. Price is good with all the equipment it comes with. Only thing he would add is a light bar for use in traffic assistance. He would like to keep to vehicles at all times rolling one off at a time with a newer one.

Money was discussed. Bruce gave the total available between a joint account shared by fire and police. Stating that is what this fund could be used for. Bruce asked Carter to see what the insurance would cost for this addition. Mike Baehl wanted to know if we had an extra car would we be able to let joining townships use it if they were in a pinch. Mike asked if the Fire Dept could use? There are certain things that only police can have access to. If the fire department would use this or utility for conferences it would have to be stripped of certain equipment. Carter is to check in to this question. Christy will check on insurance.

Utilities: Michael Baehl complimented the Poseyville Post office on the new service given to the utility billing. Bills had gone to Evansville and back to Poseyville. With the new program Diana Powell is sorting and Poseyville post office is delivering from Poseyville. Mike thanked Diana for her extra work in order for this to work.

The light poles are in and the bill was received for the installation of new LED lights. Mike asked Christy if she could see a savings. There was 212.00 this time but bill would reflect a full month next time. Christy would be able to have an accurate report at the September council meeting.

Fire Dept: Austin Ahrens was with us via Zoom. He was requesting 10 bottles to be replaced as they did last year. The money would need to come out of Safety Lit cost was just an estimate of 8-10 thousand dollars. Mike asked Austin to come back to next meeting with a cost per bottle and for the proposed 10 bottles. Mike asked Austin how the new training was going. Austin reported great. They did unfortunately have 2 new volunteers resign. this was not due to the training. Training has been 8:00am till 4pm. Long days but great training. Austin complimented his guys. They are working hard and doing a great job. Austin "I am very proud of there efforts". "Great group of guys". Other stations included in training are Smith, New Harmony, and Griffin fire stations. This is mandatory training for new volunteers. Mike Baehl Thanked them all for a thankless job. "No one never appreciates the work they do till they need them. Thanks for your hard work"

Street Dept: Equipment truck has been cleaned out and bed removed. It is ready to go up for sale. They will advertise this and have a sealed bid. Mike Baehl commented: new truck replacement is going slow due to the chip issue there are limited trucks available that meets our needs mike and Jeremy are working still on finding a new one.

Parks Dept: Christy reported she has talked to James Reynolds and construction on the shelter should start nest week. Concrete will come after the shelter is completed.

Mike commented: If anyone knows of anyone needing a project for Eagle Scouts or whatever we sure could use the other shelter to be rapped with aluminum, new decking and roofing of the old shelter. This will keep it going longer. Anyone interested please contact Mike. Justin added if anyone wanted to donate concrete and time for the new shelter that is welcome also. Donations are always welcome.

Community Center: Christy reported rentals are going well. Glad to see it in use again.