

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **POSEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL**

***Date of Meeting: Tuesday, February 8, 2022***

**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, Council Attorney William Bender and Clerk/Treasurer Christy Foster

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

**Virtual Attendee's:** Bruce Baker, Jeremy Farrar, and Roger Heathcott

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

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES** From December 28, 2021 and January 11, 2022

**Motion was made to approve the minutes for December 28, 2021 by Justin Collins 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Baehl**

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

**Motion was made to approve the minutes for January 11, 2022 by Bruce Baker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin Collins**

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

**CLAIMS WERE PRESENTED** at Town Hall at 12 pm on February 8, 2022

**Motion was made to approve the claims by Justin Collins and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Baehl**

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

**Public Comment:** N/A

Rosemeyer Insurance Agency was present to present the Town of Poseyville with a check for \$2,200.00 from IPEP. IPEP is the Town's provider for workers comp. Insurance. The presentation was documented by a

this money for our shelter. It was decided if the press and foundation could attend Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> would be optimal weather and timing. Christy will try to arrange this.

**Community Center:** The community center numbers continue to increase, hopefully this will continue. Mike reported that the council on aging will resume meeting this month.

**Cemetery:** no report

**Misc. Business:** N/A

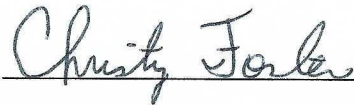
**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of the Poseyville Town Council for 2022 will be held **Tuesday March 8, 2022** 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.

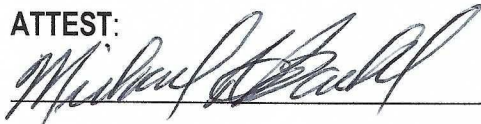
**Roll Call Vote taken, Baker Yes, Collins Yes, Baehl Yes**

Respectfully submitted,



Christy Foster, Clerk/Treasurer

**ATTEST:**



Michael Baehl, Council President

photo of council that was present. Christy Thanked the presenter Rachel for coming to the meeting and the nice check. The Money is to be used for safety equipment for our town workers. The town was fortunate to have been award this grant. Christy had written for the street department, police department and fire department the grant proposals. Out of the three the highway department was the only one to receive this grant.

**Smithville Broad Band:** The council discussed right aways for the fiber optic that is being proposed to go through the town. Council discussed in depth the affects this could have in the future. If the right away is granted what if it is development for housing or a business. This could be an issue with sewer lines and water lines crossing paths. Jeremy Farrar town supervisor had concerns with more locates and crossing of the lines. If there are issues in the future this could cost the town time and man hours to fix. He wanted this to be considered. Justin wanted a process fee. Mike wanted a contract for any hook ups and/or easement fee to make up for what we potential could have in costs in the future. Discussion of where the county right of way currently sits. Bruce said at Pine Street. Bill Bender town attorney will contact Smithville on behalf of the town and have Jeremy Farrar present for his impute into the issue that could potentially be in the future. Council would like to see some form of reimbursement.

**Police Department:** Officer Carter was not present deputy Melvin Bucannon was present but had no report.

**Utility Dept:** A PER from midwestern and Wilson engineering was presented. The cost for PER was 29,000 this is a calibration for the two engineering firms.

**A motion was made to approve contingent on attorney approval made by Justin Collins 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Baker**

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

**Fire Dept:** Austin Ahrens Fire Chief was present with good news. Poseyville fire dept is receiving a LUCAS device. This is a machine that will do CPR by Appling compression mechanically. This device will be no cost to the fire department.

Austin also shared another donation received locally from Alesia Brown. She has graciously donated thermal imaging cameras for our fire department. These cameras are greatly appreciated and will assist in saving many lives. Fire department thanked Mrs. Brown. Council president Mike Baehl also expressed his heartfelt appreciation for such a generous gift to the Fire Department.

Fire Truck Transfer was discussed again at meeting. Austin Ahrens let council know that Derek Voegel has been enlisted to assist with finding a grant for the fire truck. Austin thinks he has found a grant writer to assist in finding something for the new tanker truck they need to replace. Council wants to know what the match will be on the grants they are looking at before they start the process, to see if town and township might work together to assist. Just need to know amount they would need from council before they proceed.

Jeff Droege was present and is concerned over the grant's requirements. He is not sure that we can ask our volunteers to get the required training grants require. They are looking for small grants for air tanks, nozzle replacement, and turn out gear since the cost for replacing is so high. They hope to find an avenue for those expenses as well as the tanker truck.



Jeff discussed with council the age of the tanker stating to replace it will take \$400,000. Jeff wants council to take the money they saved round numbers 20,000 and save it back for the cost of the new tanker.

Clerk Treasurer Christy tried to explain the budgeting process. The money is not their left-over monies to spend. Monies go to the general fund for the next year's budget. If we hold money, it may be seen by the state that we do not need as much revenue and cut our budget. This is a budget allowance for them to stay in not something to carry over for fire department. Christy stated if we had an emergency, we would need to have general funds to cover the unexpected costs. So, if we all stay in our budgets or under it allows us to continue to operate. Examples stated storm damage trees down all over town, winter storms, unexpected salt, or any other catastrophic incident. We cannot let this deplete our funds to the point of not having enough to run the town. Please understand, I want a new tanker truck also but we need to find other avenues for the monies.

Bruce also agreed that the SBOA can take our general monies away if we would hold monies. He suggested using the LIT Safety Fund.

Jeff informed the council that engine 1 is down for now to get transmission fixed. Cost is unknown but it needs to be repaired quickly. Had to take it to Henderson. Only place close that can assist with fire engine repair. Truck is a 1992 and this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> transmission since we got the truck.

Mike said that they needed to concentrate on the grants and we would work with the township once they had a proposal to discuss. The last thing we want is the SBOA to cut our budget.

Jeff would like to see a 5–10-year plan put in place for purchase of truck. He also states that he felt that Poseyville fire department was under funded in comparison. Jeff was reminded that it is based on income and per capita for all our funding, without a tax increase this was all that was available. Jeff and Austin do not want to see a tax increase.

Justin wants to move the money \$20,000 they did not use last year to the rainy-day fund.

Mike said this is a small community we will work together and move forward with grants. Fire department is to report back next meeting on the grant findings. Council needs to know what % will be needed for the grants.

Mike knows repairs are not cheap but they are needed.

Mike said that he appreciated the fire departments passion for what they do for the community and it is a thankless job until we need them.

Austin said he would see if Derek would have something to present to the council next month.

Mike again thanked Jeff and Austin for their work for the town.

**Street Dept:** Christy and Mike thanked the street department for a good job trying to manage the ice and snow

**Parks Dept:** the grant form is complete except we need pictures and a press release to finish up this grant process. Christy asks the council for a date to get a photo and meet with the foundation to thank them for