

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **POSEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL**

***Date of Meeting: Tuesday March 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:** Brad Hudoff and Jeremy Farrar

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

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

**Motion was made to approve the minutes by Justin Collins 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Baker**

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

### **CLAIMS WERE PRESENTED at Town Hall at 2 pm on March 8, 2022**

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

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

**Public Comment:** Judy Baehl representing Relay for life requested permission to hold the Town wide Yard sale sponsored by Relay for Life. Date requested was May 7<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day weekend from 8am to 2pm. Judy also ask if the town was going to provide the dumpster that has historically been provided.

Mike asked the question to Officer Carter if the dumpster was used last year. He said it was used. Board agreed that they would provide a dumpster for the towns use on that weekend.

**Motion was made to allow the Relay for Life sponsored Town Wide Yard Sale to be on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 8am-2pm by Bruce Baker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin Collins**

**Farmers Market:** Farmer's Market starts May 31 and ends on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Christy asked the board if the farmers market needed signage does she have permission to purchase them. Theresa Bratcher the Market Master is in hopes we can get donations for the signage. Board did not have any problems with the purchase. Farmers Market will be sponsored by Posey County Farm Bureau Inc.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of the Poseyville Town Council for 2022 will be held **Tuesday April 12, 2022** at 5:30 PM, This will be a in person and virtual meeting.

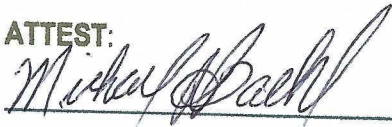
**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS**, the meeting was adjourned. With a motion made by Bruce Baker and 2nd by Justin Collins the meeting was closed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
Christy Foster, Clerk/Treasurer

**ATTEST:**

  
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Michael Baehl, Council President



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

**Andy Zeller from Evansville Regional Economic Partnership (EREP)** to explain OCRA blighted property grants. This grant is in affiliation with Hud. Which will allow \$500,000 for downtown and industrial areas for health risk renovation. They will take down the buildings, remediate, and seed and straw. They will also allow money with in the \$500,000 for purchase of the property. Andy explained that property can either be purchased by the town or the owner can donate property. The property will then have to be a green space for five years. There is a possibility depending on what is going back on the green land it could be expedited as long as environmental come in clean. Potential reconstruction could be low-income housing or a park.

The process consists of grant proposal, grant hearing, explanation of why the need for the project, and application. For 2022 the first round of applications is due July and, in the fall, (date still to be determined).

Bruce asked the match? Andy said 90% OCRA Grant and 10% town portion. There would also be additional monies not covered by grant, environmental study, lawyer fees, and estimate. Who ever gives the estimate for tear down can not be considered in the bidding process.

Justin Collins has reached out to Jacob Fredricks concerning his property that has old grain elevator, to see if he was interested in selling property or potentially tearing down of elevator. Mr. Fredricks was present for this discussion. Mr. Fredricks has a residence that is currently attached to the grain elevator. He wanted to make sure that he could keep residence piece of property. Mr. Fredricks added in the conversation that he had an environmental study done and it came back clean of asbestos, lead and other contaminants. Board then ask Mr. Fredricks if he was interested in selling the property in question to the town, he said he was will to work with them. The board then asked Mr. Fredricks to work with town attorney to work out the legal agreements of this potential project. Mr. Fredricks was glad to work with town attorney William Bender.

Mike thanked Andy Zeller for his time and information.

Justin wanted to know what was needed next to move forward.

Andy said the estimate needed first.

Mike asks William Bender to get paperwork ready.

Bruce added first we need the cost of the project to move forward.

### **Black river rest stop sewer project**

Brian Bullock project manager with BLN engineering was present. He had a proposal for The Town of Poseyville to except the sewage from the Black River Rest Stop. A map was provided for consideration. They are proposing that the rest stop install needed sewage lines and equipment. At the time of completion, the town of Poseyville will take ownership and maintenance of lines and equipment. They would like the town to consider a wholesale rate or what is called and INDOT rate of service. This will be sewage only line being installed with a grinder at the rest stop. Approximately 26,000 feet of line will be run in this project.



Fund monies and it needs to go back to the general fund to operate the town. Justin then wants to know if the Police department was the same way. Bruce replied yes. It all comes out of General Fund. Justin said Bruce was not right. Bruce said yes, I am right 35 years of experience with audits and budgets. If you want a lesson, I will be glad to meet you 2 times a week to teach you. Justin said he still worked and could not do that. Justin felt that we should put money back in the Rainy-Day fund. Bruce explained the money needed to stay in General Fund for other issues that may come up like storms. He did not feel that we would have issues doing so. Bruce tried to explain how the tax dollars work in General Fund. Justin disagreed and called for a motion.

**A Motion was made to move 20,000 to the Rainy-Day fund by Justin Collins hearing no second the motion did not carry.**

**Street Dept:** We are coming into the mowing season. Jeremy wanted to remind everyone not to blow clippings into the street. The grass will stop up the storm sewers. New cameras are assisting with viewing issues already. Storm Drain on Fletchall St. typically is backing up on high rains. The camera was used and found a large stick collecting debris and once cleared it did not back up during that big rain.

**Parks Dept:** Mike said he had been talking to Mitch Wagner concerning Eagle Scout projects. He asked Mitch if he had a boy who need a project. Christy has filed for a grant for the concrete in the shelter and if we are awarded this would be a great opportunity for a scout. No monies will be needed to do this project. He also asked about community hours that the new shelter needed to be painted. There was no set plan from conversation.

Mike reported that the principal at the North Elementary had reached out to him concerning playground equipment. She has gotten a grant for new equipment and wanted to know if we could use the used equipment for our park. Unfortunately, we do not have enough ground to support all the equipment. But potentially we can see if the Poseyville Youth league would be interested. There will be no cost to us for equipment.

**Community Center:** The community center numbers continue to increase, hopefully this will continue

**Cemetery:** no report

**Misc. Business:** Bruce: 1992 fire truck was 80% 20 % grant that is the direction to go Fire Department needs to hire an administrator to make it work. Then we can afford the loan payments. Andy Zeller said that EREP will look into it not much out there.

Justin Fire Department is wanting to get a fire district. He does not want this to happen. All agreed.

Discussion continues between Justin and Bruce.



Tonight, the BLN company would like to see if the board would consider moving forward with negotiations. Negotiations will start with a contract agreement to be approved by the board and reviewed by town attorney William Bender, at a later date.

Jeremy Farrar Town operator/manager was present via zoom to interject his thoughts and concerns.

Jeremy was concerned on the slow times for the rest area (winter months) little no movement in the pipes. This could cause issues with gas build up. He wanted to know if they were considering any fix for this in the design process. Also pipe line size was discussed. Mike wanted to know if the county had been contact concerning this project. BLN is just in the beginning phase of this project will be reaching out to the county has they progress. The scheduled date of project is starting in January 2024 and finishing 2025 no end date at this time. Right aways may be needed to be purchased, this is a process in its self. This is the reason for starting now.

Mike asked if they were going to bore the lines to keep paving to a minimal due to freeze and thaw.

**A motion was made to approve BLN to move forward with design and discussion to tie in Black River Rest area sanitation.**

**made by Mike Baehl 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Baker**

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

**Smithville Broad Band:** Brad Hudoff speaking on behalf of Smithville Broad band was on zoom to assist with any questions or concerns the board had on the Broadband project.

Mike Baehl led out with the questions with the need for right away fees. Mike expressed the costs later down the road. The town would potentially have with repair, labor, and right way purchases. Smithville in previous conversation did not seem to want to pay anything. Brad was not opposed to paying a fee he just wants the town to make a proposal of what they want. Brad just needs a cost to take to the company.

Justin felt that there should be an annual fee to cover potential costs. Maybe a cost per foot.

Brad said they had paid Bloomington a use of right away. It was reasonable a one-time fee. They also had a per unit fee. The concern is in the older part of Poseyville infrastructure may need repairing and they may cause additional cost due to the location of lines. Bruce said we would get a proposal together. Council asked William Bender to prepare and send off proposal to them. Again, cause for concern development of new subdivision and right away that will then need to be purchased.

**Police Department:** Police Department will be having its annual golf cart registration the day of the yard sale at the community center. This will be a drive-up event. A tent will be on the lot. Safety items will be available for purchase such as safety reflectors, reflective tape, and flags. This will take place 11am-1pm on May 8th, 2022.

Dumpster will be available at the recycle center to get your summer clean up started.

Officer Carter also has no heat currently. His furnace went out. He also has concerns for AC unit. An estimate of repair was gotten. Council was presented the quotes for AC unit as well as furnace.



Discussion was had and council agreed that AC unit was next and to just replace both at the same time to save on labor costs. Mike was going to discuss with Beuligmann the possibility of a split unit to see if that would be more cost effective.

**A Motion was made to except the estimate of 6,098.00 or if possible, use a split unit. made by Justin Collins 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Baker**

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

**Utility Dept:** Jeremy Farrar informed the council that the 60 in John Deere mower had 1,000 hours on it and warranty is out. In the past it has been the best plan of action to replace it. Since this is the most used mower, when it gets this many hours and the warranty is out that they replace it. They can not afford to have it down during mowing season especially since they are now mowing the cemetery. Jeremy has gotten a quote from H&R Agri Power 9,000 with trade in of 3,900, John Deere 8,600 with trade in of 3,500, and Hope Equipment Kabota 8,000 with a trade in 3,500. Jeremy recommended price and fuel efficiency he thought the Kabota was the way to go.

Justin did ask if we could get more out of the current mower. Jeremy had concerns with the high usage and no warranty but would do whatever the council wanted.

Bruce felt that the Kabota was the way to go and agreed that it has worked for years to do this when warranty was up and hours were high. Maintenance can get high.

Mike agreed that we did not need it to go down.

With Covid issues we need to move on mower while there are some in stock.

**A motion was made to purchase the 30HR Kabota at \$8,000 contingent on estimates made by Bruce Baker 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin Collins**

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

**Fire Dept:** Chief Ahrens was unable to attend. Justin said that the only thing he knew of was the gutters were falling off. Mike said he had looked at them and it was due to freeze and thaw and they were full of debris.

Justin then brought up the fire depts need for a new fire truck. He read from the Paperwork from previous meeting that was provided. He feels that we can use the Rainey Day fund and put back 20,000 that was not used last year. He feels that we will not loss money per this paperwork we can do this. Christy agreed that yes, we could use rainy day only for a certain percentage. But that it would be an auditing nightmare to keep this straight. As discussed in the previous meeting grants and loans were the way to go. That is how we have done it in the past and this was the best for the town. Justin did not understand why we could not put money back. Christy tried to explain how General Fund would use that money not used in the budget next year.

Bruce Baker tried to explain how the General Fund works. Bruce explained that they currently the Fire Department have to come to us for approval to spend that money because it is General Fund money. Justin said he disagreed that money was the Fire Departments money. Bruce tried again to explain that it is General