



## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **POSEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL**

***Date of Meeting: Tuesday April 12, 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, and Clerk/Treasurer Christy Foster

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

**Virtual Attendee's:** Roger Heathcott

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

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

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

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

**CLAIMS WERE PRESENTED** at Town Hall at 2 pm on April 12, 2022

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

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

**Public Comment:** Kiwanis representative Ryan Oeth ask the board to consider having a Bierstube at the annual Autumfest held at the Community Center. Ryan handed out plans for the bier stube including license, layout and planning minutes. Ryan asked the board to review the community center regulations line item that references no alcohol is permitted outside of the Community Center for this event. Ryan discussed liability question that seemed to be a concern and liquor laws. Ryan state that the Kiwanis wanted a safe, fun, and responsible event. Security will be beefed up with officer Carter and deputies. All state liquor laws are going to be upheld. His request was meet with question from Bruce Baker on liability and the possibility of a law suit. Ryan Oeth reassured Bruce that with town liability and special events insurance policy they should be okay. Bruce said he had called Indianapolis to make sure that event happening so close to a school was within the law. Ryan said he had also done this and that no law stands on the books anymore concerning this event. Bruce had a problem with changing the rules for the Community Center. He said the rules have

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Michael Baehl, Council President

  
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Christy Foster, Clerk/Treasurer

been good since 2002. Justin commented that it would draw more people to our town for the Autumfest and also the town in general.

Ryan asked council how this differed from alcohol at events inside verses out if contained in one area. Bruce said it is a limited area. Justin saw Bruce's concerns but he said anyone can get sued this day and age. Ryan had talked to a couple different lawyers in the area suits can happen. Mike added that with a fenced in area he sees no problem as long as it is monitored by police. Mike did make a comment that as a good neighbor policy that they might want to hand out to adjacent neighbors' free tickets for admittance. St Francis did that to their neighbors for the Bierstube for any inconveniences that they might have or would have for their event. Just a suggestion.

Bruce how are you handling food service Friday for those that will participate in the Saturday and Sunday event as a food service. Ryan said by all means we want the booths to participate but we also will have at least one food truck so that people will have food for the Friday night event. We just want food available. Tom Snyder from Kiwanis spoke up and reassured the board that they would have a secure area and be checking IDs. The hope is to grow the Autumfest this will be great for the town.

**Motion was made to for a one-year exception to the Community Center regulations to allow the Kiwanis to hold Bierstube at the Autumfest in 2022 by Bruce Baker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin Collins**

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

Riley Ahrens read a request for tree remove in front of their home 183 S Cale. The Ahrens want to replace the sidewalk which is a cost of 6,000. But they need trees removed as well and it is not in their budget to remove trees. Asking town to remove trees. Three quotes were presented. Low bid was 2500 to remove two trees.

Mike, the town dose not remove trees only in case of a storm and it in pairs streets. Bruce stated in the past 60 years the home owners have been responsible for up keep and removal. Austin said that Sharp St. got their trees removed. He thought he could get his. Mike explained this was an INDOT grant trees included in the cost

Justin appreciated the young couple wanting to do this improvement. He sees that the cost for sidewalk verses the tree removal would be a win for the town. "I don't know why we cannot help this young couple. Austin is our fire chief and volunteers his time" we need to keep young couples in our town. It also will help protect cars from damage as they come into town. Austin felt it potentially could be a liability to the town with falling limbs and his own house could sustain damage.

Bruce asked if the sidewalk would be handicap accessible. Austin had already looked into that and was going to use the bubbled ramp for the blind and handicapped.

Justin, glad to help since they were willing to put their own money in the sidewalks.

Austin has pride of ownership and hopes others will follow.

Mike's issue is that his neighbor removed trees in front of his home at his cost. What is he to say to him if he comes to him and wants to be reimbursed because the town pays for your trees?

Austin, are they putting new sidewalks in?

**Street Dept:** NA

**Parks Dept:** Christy Foster reported on latest Grant opportunity for the concrete flooring at the Town Park. The Town was blessed with another opportunity for a grant to finish the shelter. Hoping to here from them by next meeting if we got the grant. We have volunteers for labor and forms to get project rolling just need money for concrete. Hopefully I will have great news next meeting.

Mike commented on the ball fields. He said that Jeff Droege had made a much-needed new roller for the ball fields. It works great. Also, he wanted to make a shout out for Jeff Wright for his donation of time and service for the ball fields servicing of the lawn mowers and mule. Mike commented if you see Jeff be sure to thank him, he does a lot for the ball field as well as the town.

Little league is now in full swing.

**Community Center:** Farmers market is moving along per Christy Foster. Market starts May 31 and ends on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. New board has been meeting on a regular basis. The Venders will be having a sign up on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. We are in hopes that we will have a great turn out. Theresa Bratcher was present. Theresa is the president and Market Master for the Poseyville Farmers Market. She made a report of the progress of the Market and thanked the town for all their support.

**Cemetery:** Mowing has begun. No other report.

**Misc. Business:** Boy Scouts from 387 was present tonight earning their Citizenship badge. Mike Thanked them for coming and wished them well for the path to Eagle Scouts.

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of the Poseyville Town Council for 2022 will be held **Tuesday May10, 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,

Bruce, timeline for project. Austin, this year.

**A motion was made by Justin Collins that The Town of Poseyville take out 2 trees in front of 183 S Cale St. at a cost of \$2,500**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by none**

**Motion dies**

Austin asked if there had to be a sidewalk in front of his house? Board will have to get back with him on that.

**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. This will take place 11am-1pm on May 8th, 2022.

With bad weather approaching tonight he want it known that the Community Center would be open if needed for shelter especially those on oxygen or any other medical needs

**Utility Dept:** Jeremy Farrar and Mike Baehl visited a Taylorville Illinois Water plant that has a treatment for their nitrates. It is a chemical plant unlike the other plant they had visited. Could be a great option for our plant. They use microbes to get rid of there nitrates. This will be in our PER. This plant runs 24/7 and processing 800,000 to 2 million gallons we run only 4-5 hrs. for our processing with a lot less gallons. It is a complicated process but a possible option. Bruce thanked them for going.

**Fire Dept:** Agreement for Funding of the Fire Department and Ownership of Firefighting Equipment Robb Township and Town of Poseyville agreement was read. This was an agreement that has been standing for years. It was time to update the verbiage and a clear understanding for purchase of equipment.

A discussion of this agreement was held. One question, were we not getting a grant for the new fire truck? Mike said that generally our grant writer does not do fire truck grants. They have said that they know we need one and are willing to get involved to see what they can do. Mike is going to reach out to them and see if they have had any luck.

Officer Carter pointed out that the safety fund that council wants to use for the down payment is half of his safety money. He wants to remind them that he will be needing a new car in 2023. He wants to make sure his portion is there when he needs it.

**A Motion was made to except the changes to the Agreement for Funding of Fire Department and Ownership of Fire Fighting Equipment by Bruce Baker 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Baehl**

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