

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

POSEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

Date of Meeting: Wednesday January 31, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Town Council President Michael Baehl at 5:30 PM.

PRESENT: Bruce Baker, Mike Baehl, Justin Rutledge, and Clerk/Treasurer Christy Foster

In person meeting

See attached sign in sheet for those that were present and sign in sheet for those that requested to speak

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Meeting was called to order by President Mike Baehl

Bid Opening: Sealed Bids were opened by Derick Wiggins with Midwestern Engineering. All bids were checked for correct documents need for bidding by Derick. Bids were as follows Debra-Kuempel Inc. 1301 N Harlan Ave, Evansville, In 47711 a base bid of \$2,187,416 base bid, alternate bid item 2A \$119,000, and alternate bid item 3A \$18,290. Deig Brothers Construction 2804 A street, Evansville, In. 47712 a base bid of \$2,569,533, alternate bid item 2A \$56,000, and alternate bid item 3A \$18,000. Graves Construction Services Inc. 6399 west street 54 po box 238, Switz City, In 47465 a base bid of \$2,828,282, alternate bid 2A \$44,444, and Alternate bid 3A \$19,191. MelKay 1511 N Garvin street Evansville, In 47711 base bid \$ 1,359,535, alternate bid item 2A \$45,780, and alternate bid 3A 19,655. Huntingburg Machine Works 309 N Main Street, Huntingburg, In 47542 base bid \$1,819,950, alternate bid 2A \$92,500, and alternate bid 3A \$19,655.

Justin had concerns because one bid was not sealed with tape it was only closed with a metal closure. He was reassured it was sealed and had been accepted at the meeting not in office before.

Jim Higgins, CPA, CGMA for LWG CPA's and Advisors (Rate Analyst and Rate Study)

Jim spoke about the rate study (rate study is attached for details) Jim discussed the time table in which the town was required to act. The town is seeking in round numbers 3.5-million-dollar SRF Grant/ Loan. A grant from EPA for \$549,000, another grant from SRF for 1million, and a 0 percent interest loan for the remaining amount has been allowed. SRF has also allowed us to wrap around our existing loan to bring the payments to an amount of \$120,000 a month. Which again in round numbers was \$160,000 a month. Jim explained that components for a lesser rate was the bids on the construction, the wrap around, and

the 0 percent interest. The rate has gone down due to the SRF team allowing the town to wrap around the existing debt. That was huge in getting the rate down. Now tonight the second hopeful reduction is in the bids that will be opened. If they come in lower than expected this will also affect the rate. Hopefully making it go lower again. Jim has prepared for the board's consideration 3 scenarios. Hopefully the lower of the three will be the one presented after the opening of the bids. The timing of the paperwork caused the rates to be advertised on the high end. Now that we have the bids and the wrap around this will make it even more of a Vivial rate. Jim also expressed if we get more money from the State then we could see another rate reduction after November or December. He hopes that more money will come available but at this time and with time constraints we have to adopt a rate to receive the current grants and 0 percent. Jim also explained the qualifications for the SRF Grant/loan . A rate is only good for 5-7 years due to rising costs of insurance , wages, supplies ,and chemicals.

Justin had questions concerning increase in the rates. He had spoke with Jim earlier a couple of times, but his concern was \$40,000. He felt we could make cuts to take care of this increase of \$40,000. Justin wanted to tighten the towns belt and cut cost to achieve this \$40,00 goal. Jim explained that in order to get the grants and 0 percent interest we did not have time to make adjustments in that time frame. Jim expressed we can always reduce the rate later if needed.

Ordinance to amend 2020-10-13-02 Hearing: Hearing was opened by Mike Baehl with individuals allowed to speak in order in which they signed up. Allowing all a 3 min. time to be heard. After everyone's comments and concerns were heard President Baehl addressed some of those concerns calling on Jeremy Farrar Water plant Certified Operator for question concerning operations and time line once we have funding.

Mike Baehl then closed the public hearing.

Ordinance to amend 2020-10-13-02: President Baehl called for a discussion. Justin was convinced that the town could find 40,000 and not need the increase in the rate. Discussion was closed.

A motion to except as amended Ordinance 2020-10-12-02 was made by Bruce Baker and 2nd by Mike Baehl

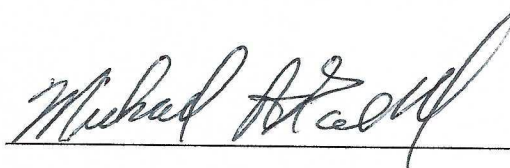
Roll Call Vote taken, Bruce Baker Yes, Mike Baehl Yes, Justin Rutledge No

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, the meeting was closed.

With a motion made by Justin Rutledge and 2nd by Bruce Baker the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be held on February 14, 2023 in person and Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael Baehl", written over a horizontal line.

Michael Baehl Council President

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Christy Foster", written over a horizontal line.

Christy Foster, Clerk/Treasurer