



MEETING MINUTES
POSEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
Date of Meeting: Tuesday April 11 2023

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

PRESENT: Bruce C. Baker, Mike Baehl, Justin Rutledge, 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: Roger Heathcott and Debbie Bennett

In person Attendee's: list attached to minutes.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES March 14, 2023

Motion was made to approve minutes from March 14, 2023 by Justin Rutledge 2nd by Bruce Baker
Roll Call Vote taken, Baker Yes, Justin Rutledge Yes and Mike Baehl Yes

CLAIMS WERE PRESENTED at Town Hall at 12 pm on April 11, 2023

Motion was made to approve the claims by Bruce Baker and 2nd by Justin Rutledge
Roll Call Vote taken, Bruce Baker Yes, Justin Rutledge Yes, and Mike Baehl Yes

BANK RECONCILEMENT

Motion was made to accept the bank reconciliation as presented by Justin Rutledge 2nd by Bruce Baker

Roll Call Vote taken, Bruce Baker Yes, Justin Rutledge Yes, and Mike Baehl Yes

Public Comment: Theresa Bratcher the Farmers Market President was at the meeting to requesting permission to close down a section of church street for the opening of the Farmers Market on June 6th. This area will be used for bouncy houses and a barrel tractor ride. Theresa gave a brief description of the vendors that have thus far signed up, vegetable growers, honey, meat, eggs, pastry, jellies, and Artisans to name a few.

A motion was made by Justin Rutledge to close Church Street on June 6th from 3-8 2nd by Mike Baehl
Roll Call Vote taken, Bruce Baker Yes, Justin Rutledge Yes, and Mike Baehl Yes

Old Town Hall Bid: Bid was placed in the Posey County News for two consecutive weeks for the Bid for purchase for the property at 20 S Cale Street (known as the Old Town Hall). William Bender was present to open the bid. One bid was received on April 10th at 3:30pm. Bill opened the sealed bid. J.I. Hirsch and Co. offered a bid of \$3,000. Susan Weatherholt was present at the opening. She wants to tear down the Old Town Hall and put it to much needed parking for down town. The board Thanked her for her bid and for helping the town continue to grow.

A motion was made by Justin Rutledge to except the \$3,000 bid from J. L. Hirsch and Company 2nd by Bruce Baker

Roll Call Vote taken, Bruce Baker Yes, Justin Rutledge Yes, and Mike Baehl Yes

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT: A contract was received from Debra Lynne Bennett-Stearsman to represent the town of Poseyville. (Signed Contract is on file) The Bond team at SRF requires that we have the contractor to monitor our records as stated in said contract. The board was provided contract via e-mail to review before the board meeting. Mike, Bruce, and Justin listened to Debra as she outlined the need for the contract as well as the highlighted duties she will manage under this contract.

Mike called for a discussion, hearing none he called for a motion.

A motion was made by Justin Rutledge to except contract as presented 2nd by Bruce baker

Roll Call Vote taken, Bruce Baker Yes, Justin Rutledge Yes, and Mike Baehl Yes

Police Department: Officer Carter reminded everyone that it is mowing season and not to blow clippings into the street. This causes a problem for our sewer systems. There is a Town Ordinance coving this and he will be ticketing for these offences.

Office Carter will be having Golf Cart registration and inspection at the community Center on May 14th from 1-3pm. In coalition with the Relay for life garage sale day.

A grant was precured by the town and Officer Carter has now received the equipment. It is a speed sign that will be place in different locations to track speeding, times, and other stats. This is a reminder but will be monitored. The stats that are received from this moveable unit will be used to determine the areas that patrols will be needed and what times of day offenders are frequently coming through said area.

Recently we have been having issues with stray dogs and cats. This particular time, a call was made concerning a friendly dog. Animal control was called and by the time they got to Poseyville from Mt Vernon the dog was along the side of the road deceased. A concerned citizen donated a chip reader so in the future this issue may be able to be solved and the animal returned to its owner. Out of a sad situation we hopefully can help next time with the chip reader.

Mike thanked officer Carter for assisting with traffic during the Grow Poseyville clean up day.

Utilities: As a follow up with exposed pipe, Jeremy Farrar sent a bid for boring the exposed pipe. It was \$7,200. Board had previously had accepted the bid for covering pipe with rock to stop erosion till other solutions could be found. This was an emergency issue. Jeremy had received 3 boring quotes and Altstadt's came in the lowest. After a very short discussion the board made a motion to except the bid from Altstadt's to bore the exposed line.

A motion was made by Bruce Baker to except the bid from Altstadt's Hoff for \$7,200 2nd by Justin Rutledge
Roll Call Vote taken, Bruce Baker Yes, Justin Rutledge Yes, and Mike Baehl Yes

Jeremy had sent estimates for equipment for changing meter pits to all radio rea. Christy explained the finances that Jeremy and her had discussed. The estimate was for 500 meters, 500 transmitters, software and additional computer training. Jeremy wants to use the ARP money that is \$140,178.73. Christy explained quote was higher than ARP money. Christy and Jeremy will purchase 125 meters and then as our employees change out the meters we will order. As we can work them in for the additional meters out of our operating

budget. Christy also told the board she had tried to replace current reader and it was not a viable piece of equipment any longer. That it was not replaceable. So, the need is really urgent that we get this changed out. Because we will not have a machine to read and download for billing if the current reader quits on us. Plus, the fact that we may not be able in the future to find a person willing to read the meters as we currently do. Justin asked if there were other quotes for this project. Christy was unsure but thought he had gotten several quotes. This company was giving us a brake since we were purchasing so many. Justin was not comfortable with this since he had not been presented quotes. Mike spoke up and said he knew Jeremy had received other quotes, but since Jeremy was not present, he understood. Bruce said he was in agreement with this update that we had to keep up with equipment and the possibility of not always having a meter reader in the future. Also, this is good for customer service requests. Potentially a quicker find for leaks. Justin said that "out of ignorance" for this project he would have liked to have more quotes to compare.

Mike called for a motion after discussion

A motion was made by Bruce Baker to except the quote from EJP for the upgrade of equipment by using the ARP money from 2021

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

Black River Sewer Project: The council discussed the Black River Rest area project. They agreed that the Posey County Sewer District would take over the lines and care of lines with shared ownership with INDOT. The town will at this time be processing waste only. Christy asked who the bills will be sent to? Mike said it was Posey County Sewer District for all billing.

The council wanted everyone to know that we will not be billing individuals nor taking any complaints concerning this project. This should all be reported to the Posey County Sewer district. The council said there is a lot of unanswered question at this time. A sewer study was done for cost of processing waste. The board was provided information prior to meeting so they could have time to review.

Christy expressed her thoughts that option one would be the best for the town. The board had a short discussion.

A motion was made by Bruce Baker to except Option One 2nd by Justin Rutledge

Roll Call Vote taken, Bruce Baker Yes, Justin Rutledge Yes, and Mike Baehl Yes

Amendment to owner Engineer agreement: An additional agreement was required by SRF which is attached (Exhibit A) this is for water tower, additional services and boring at the water plant. Just a formality.

A motion was made by Justin Rutledge to approve the amendment to the owner engineer agreement 2nd by Bruce Baker

Roll Call Vote taken, Bruce Baker Yes, Justin Rutledge Yes, and Mike Baehl Yes

Christy had a bill for 2 new pumps for the sewer plant. One was purchased in an emergency case and when the replacement pump was installed, they found the other was not functioning at full capacity. Christy asked on Jeremy's behalf if they could go ahead and purchase the new pump. Christy said they had the money in the account for the second pump. Mike commented that when the new pump was put in, they had to back flush the other pump to get some debris out to get it working. It was almost another emergency, if that pump could not have been flushed to get it going. Mike expressed the need for new pump.

A motion was made by Bruce Baker to allow the purchase of the new pump 2nd by Justin Rutledge

Roll Call Vote taken, Bruce Baker Yes, Justin Rutledge Yes, and Mike Baehl Yes

Fire Dept: Fire Chief Mike Crawford presented a new member application to the council for acceptance. Carl Wayne Seib of Poseyville. Board was glad Carl Seib was showing interest and believe he will be a great asset to the fire department.

A motion was made to accept Carl Wayne Seib's application for the Poseyville Fire Department 2nd by Justin

Roll Call Vote taken, Bruce Baker Yes, Justin Rutledge Yes, and Mike Baehl Yes

Mike then informed the council the brush truck had to be taken to Jerry Wilderman's for repairs to the pump. Pump was leaking due to corrosion. The pump is 10 years old cost should not exceed \$1,000 if more than that he will let the board know. Mike also wanted permission to send 3-4 guys to a convention in Indianapolis. Hoping to get ideas for gear storage on the new fire truck. Expenses will be for mileage and meals. No overnight. They will travel up and back in the same day.

A motion was made by Justin Rutledge to approve to pay mileage and meals expenses for conference 2nd by Bruce Baker

Roll Call Vote taken, Bruce Baker Yes, Justin Rutledge Yes, and Mike Baehl Yes

Mike also wanted permission to purchase 2 dash cameras. The cost is \$150.00 each. Mike Baehl asked him to provide quotes to the council next time for consideration.

Mike also wanted to make the board aware that he had to send 2 sets of turn out gear to Don's cleaners after a fire. The cost was \$35.00 a set for cleaning.

Mike also invited the board to come look at the concrete at the fire house there is wear on the concrete joints metal is showing. He feels that it is time to replace the concrete. Council will investigate this issue.

Mike also shares a feel-good piece to the council. Last year the fire department receive a Lucas device to assist in resuscitation. This device was used on a run recently and was able to revive patient for transport. Thankful to have the device to assist with reviving a patient.

Mike plans an aware and presentation celebration coming soon and invited the board to be present for the presentations.

Street Dept: Grow Poseyville was in town cleaning gutters, painting the street curbs, washed windows and power washing the sidewalks. The high school kids and staff were a big part of this awesome project. The kids got credit as long as they got a signature from an adult supervisor every hour. Good for the community and great for the kids.

Parks Dept: parks had weeds pulled and cleaned up also as part of the Poseyville clean up day. Bliley had citizen ask when the swings would be back up at the parks. Mike will look into it.

Community Center: North Elementary asked permission to use the lawn at the Community Center on May 25th for end of school games.

A motion was by Justin Rutledge made to allow North Elementary use the lawn on May 25th 2nd by Bruce Baker

Roll Call Vote taken, Bruce Baker Yes, Justin Rutledge Yes, and Mike Baehl Yes

Cemetery: N/A

Misc. Business: Relay for life will have its town wide yard sale May 13th from 7:30-2:00pm. Relay for life would like permission to get a dumpster placed at the recycle center as well as on main on Haines lot. Mike Baehl said he would be glad to get the dumpsters taken care of and ask Hanie's Plastic for permission to place dumpster on their lot.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Poseyville Town Council for 2022 will be held **Tuesday May 16, 2023** 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 Rutledge and 2nd by Bruce Baker the meeting was closed.

Roll Call Vote taken, Bruce Baker Yes Justin Rutledge yes and Mike Baehl Yes

Respectfully submitted,



Christy Foster, Clerk/Treasurer

ATTEST:



Michael Baehl, Council President