

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**POSEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Date of Meeting: Tuesday August 8, 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**

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

**Public hearing was opened for Ordinance 2023-08-08-01**

Mindy Borne was present and explained the amendment that was being asked for consideration. The change in the ordinance would allow people to be anonymous when making complaints.

Mike Baehl expressed his thoughts on the matter. He feels that if you have a town complaint that you should have some teeth in it. Sign your name to the complaint be accountable. Justin said that in the criminal side of things being anonymous helped him while in law enforcement. When neighbor were against neighbor. He felt that this would keep the trouble down. Bruce expressed that he had been in this position for 37 years and had experienced both ways anonymous and signing the complaint. He said that on the criminal side he could see Justins point but in town government it was different. He was for signing the complaints. Need for signed complaints made it easier to contact the parties involved.

**Mike Baehl called for any other discussion hearing none closed the discussion.**

**Mike Baehl called for the vote on Ordinance 2023-08-08-01**

**Motion was made by Justin Rutledge to adopted Ordinance 2023-08-08-01 as written 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Baehl  
Roll Call Vote taken, Bruce Baker No, Justin Rutledge Yes, and Mike Baehl No**

**Public hearing for 2023-08-08-01 was closed**

**Public hearing was opened for Ordinance 2023-08-08-02**

Mindy Borne was present and explained the amendment that was being asked for consideration. The change in the ordinance concerned penalties and fines. Change was to mirror the state statues in fines.

Justin said this was a moot point since it mirrored state codes.

Mindy asked if there were any questions concerning the Ordinance 2023-08-08-02?

**Mike Baehl called for any other discussion hearing none closed the discussion.**

**Mike Baehl called for the vote on Ordinance 2023-08-08-02**

**Motion was made by Bruce Baker to adopted Ordinance 2023-08-08-02 as written 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin Rutledge**

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

**Public hearing for 2023-08-08-02 was closed**

#### **APPROVAL OF PRIOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES July 11, 2023**

**Motion was made to approve minutes from July 11, 2023 by Bruce Baker 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin Rutledge**

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

**CLAIMS WERE PRESENTED at Town Hall at 12 pm on August 8, 2023**

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

**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 Bruce Baker 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin Rutledge**

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

**Public Comment:** Health department Health First Indiana with representees Dr. Rapp, Dr. Brown, and Donnie Martin came to discuss new funds now available to Posey County. **(Attachment A is a screen shot of ways this money can be used)** examples were given such as OB care, newborn care, trauma needs vaccination, SOP officers' assistance, school nurses and more on attachment. The first year they will receive \$245,000.00 in 2024 for services and in 2025 they will receive \$625,000.00. our county for the need was ranked 12-18 and last year we were ranked 16<sup>th</sup>. The services will help people with no insurance as well as those that do have the means. They will be able to provide AD machines for sports events., lead testing and CPR classes. The team asked if the area had any ideas for needs. Officer Carter said since school is in there are more need for sitters. Could they provide a sitter class for CPR and Stop the bleed. Mike Baehl said he would like to see B/P clinics and matters of balance classes for the silver slippers at our Community Center The team said those were good suggestions and would take it back for consideration. The next health board meeting will be held on August 26<sup>th</sup>.

Addalynne Carter a student at North Elementary had submitted a request to talk to the council about having hens in the town limits. Addalynne presented her reasons for consideration. Listing scraps could be feed to the hens, waste was good for the gardens, eggs for the table, and money saving since eggs have reached a all time high of 2-6 dollars a dozen.

Mike explained to her that the town had an Ordinance that had permeators for chickens if it was for a 4H project. But due to the complaints of odor, home being so close together, and the animals that hens would pulls into the town. He would not be open to change our current Ordinance. He thanked Addalynne for coming to the meeting and being prepared and presenting a well thought out proposal. Its nice to see young people at our meeting. Bruce and Justin also thanked her for having the courage to present this as well as being well prepared. Donnie Martin from the Health department also made everyone aware that bird flu was back in Posey County.

**Fire Truck Amortization:** Christy presented a new amortization to the board. The old fire truck was sold and the \$44,000.00 was applied to the principle for the new fire truck. The Lender for the new fire truck had offered a new amortization for consideration. This bringing current payments down or we can continue with the \$40,000.00 annual payment. Christy felt the lesser amount gives the town more money to work with and it is a saving on the interest. She recommended excepting the new amortization.

**Motion was made by Justin Rutledge to accept the new amortization for the new fire truck 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Baker**

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

**Police Department:** Officer Carter wanted to remind everyone that school is back in session and we have a lot of new kindergarteners. Remember a bus stop sign is not a suggestion it means" STOP". This is a fineable offense and it will be taken to the Posey County Prosecutor. There were 6 last year. Please beware of the children.

Officer Carter presented billing from Lexipol for consideration. He asked the board to allow him to pay for an annual contract with Lexipol to be paid out of Safety. This would keep the police department current in its SOP's and provide training manuals.

**A motion was made by Justin Rutledge to approve the purchase from Lexipol for training manuals and updated SOP's 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Baker**

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

Officer Carter has received a new list of grass and weed complaints. He will address some of these complaints but wanted the public to know that we have to be very careful on how the complaints are handled. The law can not dictate a homeowner's property up keep unless it is a health issue. We have to tread lightly. He assured everyone he would look into the complaints he received and act according to the Ordinance of the town and the health laws.

Justin asked office Carter about recent acquired speed sign. Officer Carter said when the sign arrived it was much larger than expected. Unfortunately, it will need a trailer due to the size of the sign to make it a mobile sign. Money is available for the trailer through a Grant. Just looking into trailer now.

Mike Baehl explained that a board decision was made to change the Salary Ordinance to show an increase in salary caps for the Deputies \$13 hr. to \$25 hr.

The increases will be covered due to a wave of insurance. He also told that there would be an additional \$10,000.00 savings after the raise. Again, this is due to a wave of insurance. Mike also commented that we needed to raise the deputy pay to be able to hire officers in this job market. Officers can be paid up to \$35.00 hr. This at least puts us in the area to be able to attract officers for hire.

**A motion was made by Bruce Baker to amend the Salary Ordinance 2022-09-13-02 for the deputy's hourly wages to be \$25.00 effective 8-8-2023 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Baehl**

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

**Utilities:** The work is proceeding on the new water plant nitrate addition. Christy had received Bills from engineering company Midwestern for Huntingburg and Midwestern Engineering to be submitted to SRF for Payment.

**A motion was made by Justin Rutledge to accept bills for submission to SRF for the water plant improvements for Midwestern Engineers 2<sup>nd</sup> Bruce Baker**  
**Roll Call Vote taken, Bruce Baker Yes, Justin Rutledge Yes, and Mike Baehl Yes**

**A motion was made by Bruce Baker to accept bill for submission to SRF for the water plant improvements for Huntingburg Machine Works 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin Rutledge**  
**Roll Call Vote taken, Bruce Baker Yes, Justin Rutledge Yes, and Mike Baehl Yes**

**Fire Dept:** Fire Chief Mike Crawford was not available, but asked the board to permit repairs to the 2012 Kenworth rescue truck. Mike had noticed a leak under the truck. The cost was estimated at \$1,700.94

**A motion was made by Justin Rutledge to repair the rescue truck 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Baker**  
**Roll Call Vote taken, Bruce Baker Yes, Justin Rutledge Yes, and Mike Baehl Yes**

#### **Street Dept. NA**

**Parks Dept:** Mike Baehl reported that concrete was poured at the park shelter. Boy Scouts did a nice job with the assistance of Chad Hoehn. Thanks goes out to Chad Hoehn for taking his personal time to assist. Mike said that the little league supporters are getting ready to put in the play ground equipment that they had acquired from North Elementary last year. It is a great thing since kids come to play ball and socialize with others this will be a great asset to the park.

**Community Center: NA**

**Cemetery: NA**

**Misc. Business:** The town during one of our many wind storms had two sections of fence get broken at the main office. A quote from the original installer Tri-State Fence was received for repairs. Jeremy has submitted this bill for consideration.

**A motion was made by Bruce Baker to except the quote from Tri-State fence for fence repair 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin Rutledge**  
**Roll Call Vote taken, Bruce Baker Yes, Justin Rutledge Yes, and Mike Baehl Yes**

**Theresa Bratcher representative for the Farmers Market** was here to request a road closing of Church Street at the Community Center for the closing event August 29th for the Farmers Market. Barrow train will be there, thus the need for closure. Bruce wanted to make sure that the buses coming to store buses that night were made aware. He has seen them coming in on Church Street. A Farmers Market Representative will reach out to the bus garage to make sure they are aware. Permission was granted.


**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of the Poseyville Town Council for 2023 will be held **Tuesday September 11, 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,

  
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Christy Foster, Clerk/Treasurer

**ATTEST.**

  
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Michael Baehl, Council President