

MEETING MINUTES
POSEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
Date of Meeting: Wednesday, October 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 Utility Clerk Billye Robling

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

Virtual Attendee's: Lori Motz, Derick Wiggins

In person Attendee's: list attached to minutes.

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

APPROVAL OF PRIOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES September 12, 2023

Motion was made to approve minutes from September 12, 2023 by Justin Rutledge 2nd by Bruce Baker

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

CLAIMS WERE PRESENTED at Town Hall at 12 pm on October 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 Mike Baehl

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

Public Comment: N/A

Budget: Last month we had our public hearing for the budget and it was read by Christy Foster, it had all the lines like the casino river boat and what we received estimate, General Fund and all of those. We had a hearing. Total of \$779,049.00. We are having a reading again, which is what this is.

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

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

As the council signed minutes, they spoke of the number of years Bruce Baker has served on the Town Council. This will be his last approval of the Budget and it has been 37 budgets he has approved. Mike Baehl talked about what an accomplishment that is and attested that each member chose aye on the budget.

SRF: Mike Baehl asked about SRF payments. Derick Wiggins spoke on sending email to Christy. Mike Baehl explains that Christy is sick. Derick Wiggins said the pay amount for the contractor in the amount of \$88,307.00. Their invoice was \$8,606.00. Mike Baehl asked if they were coming along out there on the plant. Derick explains they had a delay in the delivery of their block, so they haven't got much accomplished in the last few weeks. Derick had not heard an update this week on when they expect to receive the supplies or when they will start back up. Derick stated they really need to get the building, the walls and the roof put up before bad weather hits. Mike Baehl explained to Derick that he might remind everyone that our agreed order says May that it is complete and he means complete. Derick agrees. Mike Baehl said he believes Derick has a copy of the agreed order and that he believes Jeremy Farrar emailed it to him. Derick expressed that he has not seen anything lately on that and asked if it was brand new from them. Mike Baehl explained that it was IDEM, wanting their quarterly update on how they are coming out on the plant and wanting to know if we still are going to make our May date on our competition of our nitrate removal plan. Mike stated the agreed order says it will be done at the end of May some time. Derick states that the contract with the contractor says that they will be substantially complete by March, not sure exact date but at March. Derick states they are right at half way through the time that was allotted for the project and they are definitely not done. Mike states Derick may let them know about the contract. Mike states he knows they wanted to the block to match what was there but they need to get some things rolling. Derick says he will have a discussion with them. Mike states he appreciates that.

**Motion was made to pay the SRF payments as presented by Bruce Baker 2nd by Justin Rutledge
Roll Call Vote taken, Bruce Baker Yes, Justin Rutledge Yes, and Mike Baehl Yes**

Police Dept: Marshal Carter would like to let everyone know that election yard signs are property and that the State of Indiana does view stealing of those signs as theft. With the election coming up and next year, no one is aloud to touch those. Justin asked if there have been any issues with that, Marshal Carter stated there have been unofficial reports that some have been moved from yards and wants to make sure everyone is being respectful of one another. Justin asked if any reports were made on main street and that Lori Motz told him someone was watching and it was actually just him switching out his sign. Marshal Carter also stated that trick-or-treating hours are on Halloween from 5-8 pm for anyone wanting to take part in those festivities. Marshal Cater stated it has been a pretty peaceful month and would like to keep it that way. Bruce Baker agrees that it sounds good. They jokingly discussed Justin Rutledge switching his yard sign and Bruce stated that many years ago the state highway would remove them from state right-a-ways.

Utilities: Mike Baehl stated that Derick Wiggins had talked before and that the plant is moving slow but it is moving in the right direction.

Fire Dept: N/A

Street Dept: Mike Baehl stated that the leaves are starting to fall, make sure that you get them towards the curb. Leaves need to be close to the curb but not in the street and not in or close to the drain. Theresa Bratcher asked if there was a leaf pick-up schedule. Mike Baehl stated there isn't a schedule. Bruce Baker said there is no route order. Billye stated when they notice more leaves out near the curb they start going around and they normally go out multiple times. Mike Baehl states there have been a few water leaks and there will be roads they will need to patch. One of the water leaks was on the new Cale St. area, and will need to be patched. Said we will probably leave it up to them whether to patch it this fall or in the spring but probably let it settle out a good bit before then.

Parks Dept: Mike Baehl states they are still at the ball field practicing for fall ball and others. The water hasn't been turned off yet but will be soon. Usually, when it starts to get cold so the pipes don't freeze up. Mike also states, they got the play ground equipment up where it is supposed to go out there. It is the old equipment from North Elementary and they are going to put it up at the ball park. Mike thanked NIX companies for helping get it where it needs to be.

Community Center: N/A

Cemetery: Mike Baehl stated he seen them getting the lawn mowers out today and was hopeful this would be the last time mowing the grass. Mike stated what a great job they have done keeping up with the cemetery mowing and weed-eating. Justin Rutledge asked how it would be handled next year, would they need to bid. Mike stated they would need to wait and discuss it next year.

Misc. Business: Theresa Bratcher wanted to check in with them to see if they had made a decision on picnic tables at the community center. Mike stated this would be a great time to discuss it. Mike stated if it was picnic tables, they would not want it out in the grass because you would have to mow around them and everything else. Theresa said it is up to whoever where they are placed. Justin Rutledge said there was discussion on being able to move them from the patio to the grass whenever the person has their event. The lighter picnic tables vs the real heavy ones. Mike asked if Tresea has checked on price. Tresea said she had not because Justin had said he was going to check with the Boy Scouts to see if that is something they would want to build them. Theresa states it is whatever they think would work best. They just want to make sure they are built sturdy, right, and built to last. Tresea states it can be anything it is just the Poseyville Farmers Market give back to the community this year. Mike asked what about some benches up on the porch but wants to stay in their price range. Mike suggests getting with the Boy Scouts about building them and Theresa with the price range. Mike suggested that Justin and Theresa work together on this. They both agreed. Also, discussed putting a plaque on the bench or table that states donated by the Poseyville Farmers Market and Community Center. They also discussed Grow Poseyville purchasing new trashcans for Main St.

Theresa also stated that Poseyville Events is about to send out a letter to everyone to get a general meeting between all businesses, clubs and organizations to discuss events for the eclipse. Bruce stated that the Poseyville Historical Society discussed what we would be doing up here and he would talk to them. Mike stated he would share with Grow Poseyville as well because they were already discussing buying glasses. Theresa stated she had spoken with Justin Schmitt had told her they had started to check. Theresa wanted the council to take a look and see if she may have forgotten someone and wanted to make sure that everyone who would like to is aware and everyone work together to make it happen. Bruce stated that we would want to put this on the posey county website, that the hotels will be full all the way up through here. Bruce also stated people would want to be able to get food and different things through here in one centrally located area. Theresa said they have some fun things planned and one thing they are looking into is hot air balloon rides. Theresa said they are thinking of starting the morning with coffee and donuts. Bruce asked if she thought the Town Hall was big enough to have the meeting at. They discussed it and decided to have it at the Community Center, once discussed with her board, at no cost.

Reminder of the Chili Cook-Off on November 5, 2023 was discussed. Theresa said there are 6-7 teams signed up already and Relay for Life would be having a bake sale as well.

NEXT MEETING:

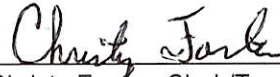
The next meeting of the Poseyville Town Council for 2022 will be held **Tuesday November 14, 2023** at 5:30 PM, This will be a in person and virtual meeting.

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