

MEETING MINUTES
POSEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
Date of Meeting: Tuesday November 14, 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: Justin Rutledge, Derick Wiggins, Richard H.

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 October 11, 2023

Motion was made to approve minutes from October 11, 2023 by Bruce Baker 2nd by Mike Baehl

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

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION August 8, 2023

Motion was made to approve minutes from August 8, 2023 by Bruce Baker 2nd by Mike Baehl

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

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION October 11, 2023

Motion was made to approve minutes from October 11, 2023 by Bruce Baker 2nd by Mike Baehl

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

CLAIMS WERE PRESENTED at Town Hall at 12 pm on November 14, 2023

Motion was made to approve the claims by Bruce Baker and 2nd by Mike Baehl

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

BANK RECONCILEMENT

Since Christy is not here this was not completed at this time but will be completed when she returns

APPROVAL NITRATE BILLS FROM DERICK WIGGINS November 14, 2023

There were 2 bills but 3 signatures were needed. Mike Baehl read out the amounts of each bill. One for Huntingburg Machine Works in the amount of \$217,976.00 with \$148,390.00 being paid to Layne. The other for Midwestern Engineers in the amount of \$14,821. Mike had a progress meeting and stated that everything will be done in time.

Motion was made to approve the payment of these bills by Bruce Baker and 2nd by Mike Baehl

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

APPROVAL OF SALARY ORDINANCE FOR 2024

Justin had a question about the insurance benefits on section #3 for full time employees. He asked if it should be changed to unless they (the employee) waive that. Bill Bender said that it was ok. Justin had no other questions.

Motion was made to approve Salary Ordinance 2023-11-14-01 by Bruce Baker and 2nd by Mike Baehl: Establishing Salaries for the Various Officials and Employees of The Town of Poseyville, Indiana, For the Year 2024, And Providing for The Payment of The Same from The Various Funds of The Town Be It Ordained, Effective as Of January 1, 2024

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

Public Comment: N/A

Police Dept: Marshal Carter stated there have a few instances over the past couple of weeks of suspicious behavior in the area. He would like to make everyone aware that we are blessed to live in an area with very low crime but we do have a major interstate running right above us. Marshal Carter stated being vigilant is extremely important and he wants to stress that if you see it, say it. It doesn't matter how small it may seem it could be part of something larger. Marshal Carter stated his phone is always on and accepting phone calls. Justin asked about radio coverage in Poseyville. Marshal Carter stated that radio coverage in Poseyville is at 100%. Marshal Carter asked that since radios are back at 100%, if he could advertise for deputy positions. Mike Baehl asked if he will want to run that in the Posey County News. Marshal Carter stated yes and do a part time application pull to see what interest we have since the hourly rate has increased. Marshal Carter is hoping to attract some extra help in town. Mike discussed the juvenile problems and Marshal Carter stated that he has not had one incident where the parents did not back him up. Justin asked what appropriation would the Ad be paid out of. Marshal Carter discussed what appropriation that could possibly be used and asked if there was an appropriation the town has for things such as this.

APPROVAL TO RUN AD IN NEWSPAPER FOR JOB OPERTUNITY FOR DEPUTY

Motion was made to approve Marshal Carter to run the advertisement in the Posey County News by Bruce Baker, 2nd by Mike Baehl

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

Utilities: Mike Baehl discussed updating the Water Meter Tampering Ordinance. Mike explained that the cost of new meters and to replace them is more than \$100 and the reconnect fee is low comparably. Mike stated he would like the other council members to look over them so they can discuss updating them next month. Justin stated it would give them time to look it over and check with other towns on what the going rate is. Mike stated that we are just trying to cover ourselves in case someone was to get upset and mess up the meter. The current rate would not cover the replacement.

Fire Dept: Bruce asked if there was an update on the new truck. I was agreed that no one had heard an update. Justin discussed getting with the fire department to check the progress. Mike discussed a bill for one of the other trucks at the fire department. He stated that a starter had went out on it and it had to be paid.

Street Dept: Bruce stated he was watching the street dept. today and asked them how the new equipment was doing. They said they really liked it and that it was more efficient than the previous. The one they had last year used a quart of oil a day. It is taking the guys less time to get the leaves picked up.

Mike discussed the water leak at the end of Main St. and that they were letting it settle and then it would be patched up. Marshall Carter joked that we should leave it because people are driving slower in the area. Everyone discussed that it has slowed the traffic in the area down. Mike commended the utility department for coming in on a Sunday and working diligently to get the leak under control. Bruce stated that they did great work.

Parks Dept: N/A

Community Center: Mike asked if we had gotten a report from Bernie. Billye stated we did not have one. Bruce stated that it looked like the community center had seem to be busier.

Cemetery: N/A

Misc. Business: Mike stated that Bill, Jeremy and Mike will be getting together one day this week or next week to put something together for the county for the sewer usage from the Black River Rest Area. Mike discussed the rate study and the cost. Mike stated that Jeremy had suggested that the county pay the invoice amount from the rate study as the tap in fee. Justin agreed it would be a good idea. Mike stated the county sewer district would like us to draw up the contract or agreement between us and them for things such as how much sewage we will take from them for the month or the day, the cost and other relevant information. All council members agreed it sounded good.

Thresa stated that The Heart of Poseyville is wanting to plan a Halmark Christmas event at the community center. They are hoping to do it the same day as breakfast with Santa with the Kiwanis club. They are wanting to get someone to do carriage rides. Thresa was asking if that would be ok. She wasn't sure if she would be able to find anyone but she is still looking. They are planning different crafts, some vendors, and other activities. They are wanting to do it either on the 10th or the 16th. Mike asked what the route would be. It was discussed to not cross Main St. The discussed the route being down Fletchal St., to Cale St., and then Butler St. It was stated again not to cross the highway. She stated it wasn't looking probable but she is still looking and hopeful. Marshal Carter stated that he is looking into December the 4th at 5:00pm for the Lighting of the Christmas tree. He has spoken with the band director and has reached out to the choir director as well. There was more discussion on the carriage rides. Thresa said that it would be from 9 am to noon on a Saturday or a Sunday. Marshal Carter stated there would need to be a way for the citizens to get out of their homes. Mike stated that the horses usually do not more super slow so he thought it would be okay. Everyone agreed and the council said they were ok with the carriage rides.

NEXT MEETING:


The next meeting of the Poseyville Town Council for 2022 will be held **Tuesday December 12, 2023** at 5:30 PM, This will be a in person and virtual meeting.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, the meeting was adjourned.

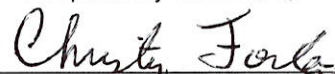
With a motion made by Bruce Baker and 2nd by Mike Baehl the meeting was closed.

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

ATTEST:


Michael Baehl, Council President

Respectfully submitted,



Christy Foster, Clerk/Treasurer