

MEETING MINUTES
POSEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
Date of Meeting: Tuesday December 12, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Michael Baehl President at 5:30 PM. He then past the gavel to Bruce Baker to preside over this last meeting of his thirty-seven years of serving on this board.
PRESENT: Bruce C. Baker, Mike Baehl, Justin Rutledge, Town Attorney William Bender and Clerk Treasurer Christy Foster

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

Virtual Attendee's: Rhonda Hopf and Derick Wiggins

In person Attendee's: list attached to minutes.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES November 14, 2023

Motion was made to approve minutes from November 14, 2023 by Justin Rutledge 2nd Bruce Baker

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

CLAIMS WERE PRESENTED at Town Hall at 12 pm on DECEMBER 12, 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 November 2023 Due to Christy's absence there are two Bank Reconcilements

Motion was made to accept the bank reconciliation as presented by Mike Baehl 2nd by Justin Rutledge

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

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Public Comment: NA

New Nitrate Plant SRF Bills: Bills were submitted for council approval.

A motion was made by Mike Baehl to pay the presented bills from Midwestern Engineers and Huntingburg Equipment 2nd by Justin Rutledge

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

Derick Wiggins from Midwestern engineers was present via zoom. He was asked for a progress report on new plant.

Derick commented that there had been a delay on the roofing of the building due to the order of the trusses. They did come in per Mike on Monday. There is a progress meeting with the team on Dec. 21 via zoom or teams.

Derick also commented on the progress of the renovations to the water tower. He will be running an ad for bids on the water tower next week or the end of this. Bid opening will be on the next meeting in January. This should give contractors time to submit their bids

New ACH Vendor: Christy has since July been talking to several banks getting bids of service for the changes that she feels is necessary to continue business in the current climate. Christy had gotten a bid from United Fidelity they wanted to charge us for their banking services. Only thing they brought to the table was a pick-up service again it came with a cost. She had talked with 5/3 early on about this and again they wanted to charge for the additional service. Christy also stated with them leaving we would also lose our current customer service if we stay with them.

Christy had also talked to Crane Credit union and unfortunately, they did not have the equipment that was being requested. Check deposit machines was just one thing they were just not quite ready for the changes for ACH. Christy had checked with state board of account to assure her that the town did not have to do business in the town Ordinance. State board of Accounts told her this was no long the case due to the smaller towns losing banks. The town could bank where they wanted to.

Christy then went to German American Bank. They have offered interest on the moneys that currently reside at 5/3 bank. We have had no interest on our money at 5/3. They will provide a check machine and wire and ACH services for no fees and training. Again 5/3 was charging us for all services. A proposal was e-mailed to all the council members for their review. It is Christy's recommendation as the financial officer that the town go with German American.

Rhonda Hopf from German American was present for questions. Rhonda Thanked the council for the opportunity. She opened up for questions.

Justin asked if there were any minimal or select checking fees. Rhonda no fees

Justin Trust Indiana will give us 5% on our money, why the rate difference.

Rhonda said she would ask if we could see if rates were better now. original rates were back in Julu/August when the discuss began.

Rhonda and Mike Baehl also commented that German American is an Indiana based bank as well as branches are as close as Darmstadt.

Mike they also stay on top of Indiana state government.

Christy they are giving us equipment for free, training for free, interest on our money and customer service we have not had.

Mike Trust Indiana is not based out of Indiana.

Justin just wanted to see if we could get a little better rate since Trust Indiana had such a good rate. Christy reminded him great rate no banking services and if we use Trust Indiana, we will have to pay a bank for all the services since we would have no money on deposit if they even would take us.

Rhonda answered a question from Mike how often dose the rate change? Rhonda quarterly. It moves very slowly.

Bruce thanked Rhonda for coming. He appreciated German Americans bid. He told Rhonda that he had been in banking for several years. He thought the package they offered was a good offer. That the board would vote on this proposal.

Rhonda thanked the board and will get with Christy with the new rates soon.

A motion was made by Mike Baehl to except German Americans proposal for new banking and ACH 2nd by Bruce Baker

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

Council Meeting Schedule: Christy Foster presented the 2024 Council Meeting Schedule for 2024. Justin requested Nov 12 be changed to Nov 13 due to Holiday to allow the office staff to have enough time to process for council meeting. All other dates were excepted

A motion was made by Justin Rutledge to except the Council meeting schedule for 2024 2nd by Mike Baehl

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

Transfers: The council reviewed the proposed transfers. Christy explained that this was to balance the appropriations. No money was moved out of appropriations. Books have to have a positive or zero balance at the end of the year.

A motion was made by Justin Rutledge to approve transfers 2nd by Mike Baehl

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

Police Department: Officer Carter reported that another successful Toy drive this year. Over \$2,000.00 was donated. Toys are wrapped and ready for delivery. Officer Carter thanked his wife Chelsie for her labor of love for wrapping all the presents. This will serve 121 kids in North Posey area.

He also thanked Bruce Baker for his service to the community ,his support, and the hiring of Officer Carter.

Officer Carter wanted the council to put Flocking Cameras on their radar. These cameras will identify plates determining if stolen, warrants or if car is stolen ,etc. This information will be shareable from state to state. There is no ownership. There is a contract for \$3,000.00 a year per camera. Two cameras were officer Carters suggestion. The locations are undetermined at this time but working with the County Sheriff for future locations.

Justin Rutledge hopes that we potentially can share the cost with the County Sheriff.

Mike Baehl where do you think we can get this money?

Carter new tax money for LIT

Fire Dept: NA

Utility Dept: NA

Street Dept: Quotes were received for new mower. The council all agree that the diesel mower is the best for the job and very reasonable. This quote is from Hopf Equipment. They also discussed extended two-year warranty. All agree to purchase it as well.

A motion was made by Justin to purchase a new Kubota diesel mower and extended warranty 2nd by Mike Baehl

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

Parks Dept: NA.

Community Center: Heart of Poseyville and Poseyville Events and the library are holding a live reindeer/meet Santa/ornament making/ cookie decorating event in conjunction with the Kiwanis breakfast with Santa

Cemetery: Christy has reached out to the cemetery board president Myron Westfall to see if they can contribute to the cemetery mowing next year. Christy had suggested collecting at Memorial Day from visitors as other cemeteries do. Mr. Westfall was going to take this to his board and get back to Christy. Mr. Westfall had reached out to Christy on Monday. She was unable to make contact with him she will continue to see what he has found out.

Justin wants to bid out mowing again this next year. Interested to see if we could have a meeting with cemetery board.

Christy had also requested a meeting when talking to Mr. Westfall.

Misc. Business: Heart of Poseyville President Jennifer Neidg was present to request the town's support for the Heart of Poseyville. She reported that the Grow Poseyville and Heart of Poseyville were looking into new benches, banners, flower pots and trash cans to help beautify downtown.

Mike said the Christmas banners had everyone excited.

Jennifer said they just want to attract more people to Poseyville. They also would like to have free rent for any of the events held at the community center in the future.

Justin asked if anyone wanted to donate should they make donations out to Grow Poseyville or Heart of Poseyville. Jennifer said either or

Justin asked the cost of the benches. Jennifer said that they were \$2,500.00 apiece. They have 2 already made possible by donations at this time. Two more benches are still needed. Donations are always welcome.

NEXT MEETING:


The next meeting of the Poseyville Town Council for 2023 will be held **Thursday December 30, 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 Mike Baehl 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