



**MEETING MINUTES
POSEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
Date of Meeting: Tuesday January 9, 2023**

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

PRESENT: Mike Baehl, Justin Rutledge, Jodie Rankin 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: Jacque Rutledge, Jeremy Farrar, Lori Motz, TR, and Austin Ahrens

In person Attendee's: list attached to minutes.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES December 27, 2023

**Motion was made to approve minutes from December 27 ,2023 by Jodie Rankin 2nd Justin Rutledge
Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl Yes, and Justin Rutledge Yes**

CLAIMS WERE PRESENTED at Town Hall at 12 pm on January 9, 2023

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

Public Comment: Dakota Pettigrew was present with his father. Dakota is requesting permission to place a mailbox on the right of way of the town. He had discussed with neighbor. Neighbor was rude and very unhelpful per Mr. Pettigrew's statement. He just wants a box at his home so he does not have the cost of box rental. Per the post office he has the right to place box. A discussion continued and the board decided to table to the next meeting.

**Motion was made by Justin Rutledge to table the discussion until next meeting 2nd by Jodie Rankin
Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl Yes, and Justin Rutledge Yes**

Election of President of the Town Council of the Town of Poseyville:

Jodie Rankin put Justin Rutledge up for Council President for the ensuing year. Reason for appointment was the vote count at election.

Motion was made by Jodie Rankin to elect Justin Rutledge to the position of President for the Town Council for Poseyville 2nd by Justin Rutledge

Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl Yes, and Justin Rutledge Yes

Mike Baehl then passed the gavel to new Council President Justin Rutledge.

Jodie commented that she would like Mike Baehl to continue to oversee the new Nitrate Plant since it was nearing the end. All were in agreement.

Appointment of Area plan commission representative:

Motion made by Jodie Rankin to appoint Justin Rutledge to the position of Area Plan Commission Representative 2nd by Mike Baehl.

Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl Yes, and Justin Rutledge Yes

Opening of bids for the water tower rehab: Derick Wiggins with Midwestern Engineers was present to open the sealed bids. Derick stated before the opening of the bids that the Davis Bacon wage scale had been update after the bid package was put out. He had posted the amendment to the package. He had received two signed amendments via email. There were two companies that had already sent bids in. Derick asked the council to accept the amendments due to timing. Council concurred.

Bids are as follows

Classic Protective Coating INC	\$787,950.00
Currens Construction Services LLC	\$748,450.00
D &M Painting Corporation	\$481,340.00
E &L Contractor's INC	\$424,200.00
G & L Tank Sandblasting and Coating LLC	\$397,430.00
LC United INC	\$570,000.00
Viking Painting LLC	\$548,000.00

Derick asked council to let him take and review bids to make sure that the rest of the paper work was in order and he will report back with the low bid.

Motion was made by Mike Baehl to table until bids were reviewed by Midwestern Engineers 2nd by Jodie Rankin

Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl Yes, and Justin Rutledge Yes

Derick said they had a progress meeting. Derick informed Council of work that has been completed and what is still to be completed. The date of completion should be around April 10, 2024

Bills were presented from Midwestern Engineers and Huntingburg Machine works for consideration for payment from SRF. Bills were reviewed.

Motion was made by Mike Baehl to accept proposed bills from Huntingburg Machine Works and Midwestern Engineers for payment 2nd Jodie Rankin

Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl Yes, and Justin Rutledge Yes

Police Department: NA

Fire Dept: Mike Crawford Fire Chief was present to give an update on the receiving of the new fire truck. It will be delivered later this month. They will have to then get gear and equipment not included installed. Mike is planning a dedication ceremony. He will let everyone know the date later.

FEMA grant money they received for training will begin the end of this month including officer training. New air packs will be received in a couple of weeks from the grant. no cost to the town thanks to the grant.

Mike requested the town council allocate money for a hose test. It has been a very long time since this test has been done. The estimated cost is \$1,957.00. This is a one-day test.

Motion was made by Mike Baehl to spend \$1,957.00 for a hose test for the Poseyville volunteer fire department 2nd by Jodie Rankin

Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl Yes, and Justin Rutledge Yes

Mike wanted to purchase one set of turn out gear and two helmets with his turn out gear line item. Estimated cost was \$ 3,500.00 for the turn out gear set and \$400.00 a helmet

Motion was made by Mike Baehl to approve one turn out gear and two helmets to be purchase 2nd by Jodie Rankin

Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl Yes, and Justin Rutledge Yes

Mike also wanted the council to consider charging rent and utilities to EMS for their use of the Fire Department building. Mike stated MARRS and New Harmony charged.

Discussion was had and Justin said he would contact EMS and have the discussion.

Motion was made by Mike Baehl to table charging EMS rent and or utilities 2nd by Jodie Rankin

Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl Yes, and Justin Rutledge Yes

Utility Dept: NA

Street Dept: NA

Parks Dept: NA.

Community Center: Annual Report was read and discussed.

Cemetery: Discussion on grass mowing at the cemetery was had. Justin said he felt that it would behoove us to open the cemetery mowing for bids because it is beneficial to the taxpayer for us to at least explore our options. Jodie agreed that we should at least entertain bids and see what is available. A meeting will be held with the cemetery board this Wednesday at 7:30pm

Motion was made by Jodie Rankin to post bids for mowing contract for the Cemetery 2nd by Mike Baehl

Misc. Business: Justin Rutledge proposed that the new council split up the different areas and have a direct point of contact. example PD-FD one council member would be who would be point of contact etc. Then bring back to council any cares or concerns. This will help communication. No decisions made to keep everything

Transparent. Justin and Jodie felt Mike should do utilities since he is here in town. Mike Pointed out that he also farmed and had out of town family. He said he would take that on with that understanding.

Justin also wants to have the website updates made by office. He had contacted Web designer. They discussed making a login for 2 or more people so updates could be done in a quicker time frame. Justin wants zoom links, minutes, and agenda to be posted by Billye or Christy as a backup he offered to help if needed to keep this up. We need transparency. Justin also wants these same items placed on our Facebook page. Christy reminded him that the town does not nor will respond to any comments on Facebook. This opens up all kinds of issues. We have had issues in the past with Facebook. That is why we only post events on this site. Justin said he wanted this done for Transparency. Jodie wants events for Poseyville Events on the page as well. Christy reminded them that all town events are posted on Facebook that is what that has been used for.

Motion was made by Jodie Rankin to add three logins for the Website for in house updating 2nd by Mike Baehl

Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl Yes, and Justin Rutledge Yes

Motion made by Jodie Rankin to put Council information on social media Zoom, Minutes, and Agenda 2nd by Justin Rutledge

Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl NO, and Justin Rutledge Yes

Theresa Bratcher told council Farmers Market will be preparing for the June 4th opening. she also would like to close street off again for opening. Just an update for now.

Jodie thanked Jermy Farrar for his overview of the town.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Poseyville Town Council for 2024 will be held **Tuesday February 13, 2024** at 5:30 PM, This will be a in person and virtual meeting.

Motion was made by Mike Baehl to hold the next meeting on February 13, 2024 @ 5:30pm 2nd Jodie Rankin

Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl Yes, and Justin Rutledge Yes

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, the meeting was adjourned.

With a motion made by Mike Baehl and 2nd by Jodie Rankin the meeting was closed.

Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl Yes, and Justin Rutledge Yes

Respectfully submitted,



Christy Foster, Clerk/Treasurer

ATTEST:



Justin Rutledge, Council President