

**MEETING MINUTES
POSEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
Date of Meeting: Tuesday February 13, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Justin Rutledge President at 5:30 PM.
PRESENT: Mike Baehl, Justin Rutledge, Jodie Rankin Council Attorney William Bender and Clerk Treasurer Christy Foster

VIRTUAL MEETING HELD, AS WELL AS IN PERSON

Virtual Attendee's: Derick Wiggins

In person Attendee's: list attached to minutes.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES January 9, 2024

**Motion was made to approve minutes from January 9, 2023 by Mike Baehl 2nd Jodie Rankin
Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl Yes, and Justin Rutledge Yes**

CLAIMS WERE PRESENTED at Town Hall at 12 pm on February 13, 2023

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

Justin asked council if they could change the order on the agenda that Derick Wiggins and Carrie Thompson had other meetings to attend tonight. Council was okay with change.

Derick Wiggins from Midwestern engineers was at meeting via zoom to discuss the Bid for the water tower. He wanted council to know that the bids had been reviewed and the bid from G & L Tank Sandblasting and Coating LLC for \$397,430.00 was a good bid. The bid had additional costs that were discussed concerning lettering and logos at a cost of \$10,500.00. Also, a mixer tide flex system for \$65,000.00. A board discussion concerning logo, lettering, color of tower, and, mascot was had. The board also had a recommendation from Mike Baehl to accept the bid for the flex mixer.

Mike wanted Derick to know that do to copyright issues the logo that the town submitted would be the logo used. Jodie has the template that she will send.

Jodie asked for a mock up for all to see before final placement.

**Motion was made by Mike Baehl to accept the bid from G & L Tank Sandblasting and Coating LLC for \$397,430.00 and the additional costs for the Mixer Flex System for \$65,000.00, Multi Color Mascot, and Home of the Vikings Lettering for \$10,500.00 2nd by Jodie Rankin
Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl Yes, and Justin Rutledge Yes**

Resolution 2024-02-13-01: Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan:

Carrie Thompson Director of EMA was present via zoom. Carrie had submitted a Multi-hazard Mitigation Plan for the council to review. Mike Baehl, Charles Carter, and Michael Crawford had attended previous meetings representing the town, concerning this plan. Jodie Thanked Carrie for a very professional plan, well thought out, and executed. A very short discussion was had.

**Motion was made by Mie Baehl to accept resolution 2024-02-13-01 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 mother and father. Dakota is requesting permission to place a mailbox on the right of way of the town. President Rutledge Thanked them for returning to get the boards findings. Justin stated that the post office had no druthers on placement of the mail box. The sequential set of boxes was also not a concern for the post office. Justin talked to the Collins's and they are no longer concerned. The council has no issues with them placing the box where they requested. Mike Baehl only asked them to do a locate since it was on the town right of way. Mike just wanted to make sure that no line would be hit during the placement of the box. A five-foot radius would be best per Jeremy Farrar

**Motion was made by mike Baehl to allow the placement of the mailbox in the town right of way 2nd by Jodie Rankin
Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl Yes, and Justin Rutledge Yes**

Midwestern Billing for Nitrate Plant:

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

**Motion was made by Jodie Rankin to accept proposed bills from Huntingburg Machine Works and Midwestern Engineers for payment 2nd Mike Baehl
Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl Yes, and Justin Rutledge Yes**

Personnel Policy: Christy had presented a revised Personnel Policy due to the change in council members and the addition of Juneteenth as a holiday. The Juneteenth was accepted last year but not been updated till now in the personnel Policy. Jodie had questions concerning health insurance and Medicare benefits to employee and spouse. Christy addressed the questions. Christy then told the board that if upon review that they wanted to make other changes they could bring this up again. This was just for the Changes mentioned.

**Motion was made by Jodie Rankin to accept updates to signature page and the addition of Juneteenth as a paid holiday to the Personnel policy 2nd by Mike Baehl
Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl Yes, and Justin Rutledge Yes**

Resolution 2024-02-13-02 Electronic Transfers: Christy presented resolution for Electronic Transfers for the updating for ACH. This document allows the ACH and transfers that will be used going forward.

**Motion was made by Mike Baehl to accept Resolution 2024-02-13-02 2nd by Jodie Rankin
Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl Yes, and Justin Rutledge Yes**

Police Department: Officer Carter had only one point of order. He asked the board if he needed to do an assessment of the security on the new nitrate building and plant? Council asked Water Superintendent Jeremy Farrar if this was needed. Jeremy said that when the project was done that they could do an assessment at that time. He felt that current cameras that were in place will most likely be sufficient.

Utility Department: Justin asked Jeremy Farrar to report on the UV system at the sewer plant. Jeremy told council that he was requesting repairs or replacement to the UV system at the sewer plant. The plant has had E. coli readings in October, November, and December of 2023. This caused at least one violation each month. This needs to be address by April 1, 2024. He had two scenarios he presented. One was a total replacement for the UV system. The other was to replace modules and components at a cost of \$46,750.00. If we replace the system the cost will double the repairs. Jeremy even went back to the parts company and renegotiated cost to get this price. Justin Thanked Jeremy for keeping the towns bottom line in mind and bidding this out.

Motion was made by Mike Baehl to accept bid for UV system updates at \$46,750.00 2nd Jodie Rankin
Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl Yes, and Justin Rutledge Yes

Jeremy then reported on two waterline issues that he is going to need repaired. One is located on Main Street and Lockwood at the intersection. He had a line break and when they went to repair, he found an old steel 2-inch line which needs to be changed. The line needs routed so if future repairs are needed it will not affect the intersection. The other location is at Main Street and South Walker. Jeremy will be getting bids for boring in both locations. He has acquired a bid for both jobs for \$8,500.00 for boring. This is the cheapest out there and they will do this in one day. Three local bids were obtained and Core and Main came in with 3,704.00 The rest of the supplies for the two jobs is currently in stock.

Motion was made by Jodie Rankin to bore and replace at a cost of \$12,204.00 2nd by Mike Baehl
Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl Yes, and Justin Rutledge Yes

Question was asked If when they shut down the roads for repairs do they contact anyone (EMA, fire, or police dispatch) Jeremy said they do most of the time and for State Highway yes, they always do.

Posey County Sewer Agreement: An agreement was draw up by Bill Bender with the guidance from Jeremy Farrar our sewer operator. The council thanked Jeremy for his efforts on this document. It shows a lot of work went in to the thought process for the town. The tie in will be at the Stewartville Road lift station.

Motion was made by Mike Baehl to accept the Agreement for Connection and Usage for Wastewater Sewer System 2nd Jodie Rankin
Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl Yes, and Justin Rutledge Yes

Jeremy had an update on the Hydo vac for the nitrate plant is in. We will not take ownership of it for 2-3 weeks. Jeremy wants the guys to be trained on it before we take it.

Fire Dept: Mike Crawford Fire Chief was present and presented quote for an inspection of the fire antenna tower of \$1,250.00. Mike stated that he had spoke with several previous Fire Chiefs and no one had the tower inspected in their term. The radio issue we have had recently had brought this to light. Mike has notified Jamie Bradford that until we have it inspected that no one is to get on the tower. Currently it has a repeater on it. With not knowing the condition Mike does not want the town to be in liability danger. The life span of the tower is 25years. Mike has approached the county for assistance on the tower. Their meeting is February 21st. Mike said to replace tower it could cost up to \$150,000.00. Justin asked council if they could table till after we hear what the county has decided. Issue is tabled till February 28th for a special meeting to be posted by Justin in the absence of Clerk Treasurer.

Motion was made by Jodie Rankin to table the tower discussion on until after county 21st meeting 2nd by Mike Baehl
Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl Yes, and Justin Rutledge Yes

Fire hose testing: The cost for fire hose testing when precented was a 2023 quote. Mike apologized. He has the 2024 quote and it is a little higher. He did not want to proceed without permission. New quote is 2,080.00.

Motion was made by Mike Baehl to accept the 2024 hose testing quote of \$2,080.00 2nd by Jodie Rankin
Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl Yes, and Justin Rutledge Yes

Valve repair replacement: The valve on the new truck is working now, but is freezing up on them. This part was a used part and to replace it the cost is \$3,200.00. Mike said they could hold off if needed since it is working now. Council discussed issue and decided to make an open motion for replacement.

Motion was made by Jodie Rankin contingent that the valve fails council approves the replacement of the valve 2nd by mike Baehl.
Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl Yes, and Justin Rutledge Yes

Black twp. Training: Black Twp is sponsoring a EMT training session. Mike has requested one of his volunteers go. The cost of the class is \$1,000.00. The rule at the fire department is if you do not pass you have to pay for the class. Mike wants the money to come out of training budget line.

Motion was made by Mike Baehl to send one person to EMT training at Black Twp class.2nd by Jodie Rankin
Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl Yes, and Justin Rutledge Yes

Mike has a list of facility repairs. The first is the door seals are in need of replacement. He hopes this will help cut the utility cost for heat and air. Council discussed it and wants to use the General fund line for building maintenance. Jodie asked Mike Crawford if the membership could help in anyway. Mike responded that the volunteers had been great, but he did not want to ask now since they had been working on the new truck. Discussion on how or who could do the work. Jeremy Farrar said in the past they had used Reynolds Construction for facility maintenance. Locking Thermostat boxes were suggested to keep the facility in a normal consistent range. Justin suggested that this be put on the 28th special meeting for discussion. Council agreed.

Last item for Mike was to let the council know that the new tanker truck was here. Mike said it looks magnificent. It is also working great. Mike complimented Gerry's automotive for the great build on the tanker truck. Truck has the capability to use foam or water. Mike still is planning a dedication ceremony at a later date. He will make the announcement when plans are set.

Street Dept: Jeremy said that the guys are planning to fill some holes soon. A list has been compiled. Jeremy asked if he could contract local Joe Lupfer to do the patching since he had a roller and is a professional paver. Justin asked Jeremy to try to get at least two more bids for the resurfacing. Jeremy said he would but others might put us on a wait list.

The new mower has been delivered it is a nice addition.

Parks Dept: Justin would like to look into a park grant that we had discussion on in the last summer. Just too many other things to handle. He and his boys found some items that made cause for concern. Hope to update equipment if we can. Justin enjoys taking his family there. Hope that others will enjoy it as well.

Community Center: Justin brought up mitigating the costs at the community center. It is a public facility. We do not have intentions of making money but at least getting close to the operating expenses. Supplies, utilities, and upkeep are not being met. With the second phase of water rate increase in place to help pay for the new water plant we need to find a way to cut cost for our taxpayers.

One way I think to help mediate costs is lowering the Salary of the Centers Manager from \$18,750.00 per year to 5,000.00 per year staying in the parameters of the Salary Ordinance is one suggestion. Justin has reached out to current facility manager to discuss this. Justin does not want to lose the current manager and hopes he stays on.

Some of my vision is to creating a page on the Town's website where renters can see a Calander, pick dates, and sign rental agreements was suggested. Payments being made in the Town Hall. Door fobs picked up at the Town Hall. Calls fielded at the Town Hall. Officer Carter currently takes care of opening and closing. Maybe the fob would assist with that duty as well. Phone calls after hours was a concern and Christy was concerned for the extra work on the office staff. Manager would check for damage, cleaning, and collect fob. Discussion continued and logistics can be pinned down later.

Jodie felt that the web page would also be a good marketing tool. Justin also stated that he did not know that the conference room could be rented out. That is another option for revenue.

**Motion was made by Justin to lower Community Center Managers Salary from \$18,750.00 to \$5,000.00 effective March 1, 2024^{2nd} Jodie Rankin
Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl No, and Justin Rutledge Yes**

Cemetery: Justin asked if we had received any bids for mowing the Cemetery yet. Christy said the office had not received any at this time. Jodie reminded us that they had till March 12 Th meeting to get their bids in.

Misc. Business: German American update. Christy has requested that three motion be made to allow German American to process our credit card application. A discussion of card limits, usage, and who has one was covered.

A motion was made by Mike Baehl to approve credit cards from German American 2nd Jodie Rankin
Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl Yes, and Justin Rutledge Yes

Motion made by Mike Baehl to approve the amount of credit limit be \$50,000.00 for credit cards 2nd
by Jodie Rankin
Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl yes, and Justin Rutledge Yes

Motion made by Jodie Rankin to give Christy Foster the right to be the authorized signer, controller
person to authorize GAB to add cards do changes, deletions, and card limits for card holders 2nd by
Mike Baehl
Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl yes, and Justin Rutledge Yes

Share Point: Jeremy Farrar has asked to have a SharePoint to have a place to look at invoices, assign
PO #, look at billing for special project billing. This would be shared by the office staff to make a
smoother transition between office and Superintendent /operator. Billye had looked into it and there
was a cost of \$4.00 per user per month. Christy wants permission to get this addition to the software
program. Discussion concerning using this for council as well at a later time.

Motion was made by Jodie Rankin to add SharePoint for office and Jeremy 2nd by Mike Baehl
Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl yes, and Justin Rutledge Yes

NEXT MEETING:

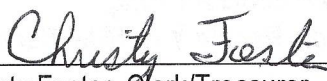
The next meeting of the Poseyville Town Council for 2024 will be held **Tuesday March 12, 2024** at 5:30 PM,
This will be a in person and virtual meeting.

Motion was made by Mike Baehl to hold the next meeting on March 12, 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.

Respectfully submitted,



Christy Foster, Clerk/Treasurer

ATTEST:


Justin Rutledge, Council President