

**MEETING MINUTES
POSEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL**

Date of Meeting: Tuesday March 12, 2024

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

PRESENT: Mike Baehl (via zoom), 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, Mike Baehl, Charles Carter, Joe McDonough, CS, Dereck Collins

In person Attendee's: list attached to minutes.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES February 13, 2024, Additional Appropriation meeting February 28th, Special Called Meeting February 28th

Motion was made by Jodie Rankin to approve minutes from February 13 ,2024, Additional Appropriation meeting minutes and Special called meeting minutes 2nd Mike Baehl
Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl Yes, and Justin Rutledge Yes

CLAIMS WERE PRESENTED at Town Hall at 12 pm on March 12, 2024

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

Mowing Bid Opening: William Bender Town Attorney was present for the opening.

Randalls Lawn Care	\$23,850.00	30 weeks
Four Seasons Landscape	\$Occurrence	\$950.00
Tricut Lawn Care	\$28,900.00	34 weeks \$850.00
Austin Scheller	\$Occurrence	\$790.00 weekly
C&R Lawn care	\$40,320.00	\$1260.00 30 weeks
Cutright	\$Occurrence	\$1,000.00
Jill Schmitt J&L Lawn care	\$23,650.00	31 weeks
Cut Above	\$Occurrence	\$600.00 35 weeks
Denny House	\$Occurrence	\$800.00 34 weeks

Justin thanked everyone for coming and making bids for the Mowing of the Cemetery. Since the bids were per occurrence and as a whole the board will have a special meeting Monday March 18th to make a final discission.

A Motion was made by Justin Rutledge to table bids to review and meet March 18 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall to award the contract 2nd by Jodie Rankin
Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl Yes, and Justin Rutledge Yes

Justin thanked everyone for coming

Public Comment: Alex Hannah asked the council to consider a 6ft fence for his dogs. BZA told him that his plan he submitted was to be discussed with the town due to encroachment on town sidewalk easement. The drawing and pictures of area for fencing was provided to the council. Justin Rutledge said he was not wanting the town to give up the public side walk and he was one of three. The council discussed the issue but decided to table to review the presentation and will make a decision next meeting.

A motion was made by Jodie Rankin to table the request for fencing from Alex Hannah for further review 2nd by Mike Baehl
Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl Yes, and Justin Rutledge Yes

Midwestern engineers billing for nitrate plant: Derick Wiggins from Midwestern engineers was at meeting via zoom. Bills were presented from Midwestern Engineers and Huntingburg Machine works for consideration for payment from SRF. Bills were reviewed.

Billing for midwestern was approved as presented. Discussion was had concerning change order that Derick presented. Layne had requested a change for the roof. Midwestern is not recommending the change. Layne was told the type needed early on and that is the expectations. Derick went to bat for the town because the cost was higher due to material change. Layne then gave the town a cost credit of \$18,540.00 down to \$17,000.00 with this credit it makes changes only \$ 3,460.00. Justin thanked Derick for taking care of the town.

Derick recommended to the council to accept change for connector roof for \$1,500.00 and ice breakers for roof change at \$3,500.00.

A motion was made by Jodie Rankin to accept the payment request by Midwestern Engineers for 24,823.00 2nd by Mike Baehl
Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl Yes, and Justin Rutledge Yes

A motion was made by Jodie Rankin to accept the payment to Huntingburg Machine for 124,889.00 2nd by Mike Baehl
Roll Call Vote taken, Jodie Rankin Yes, Mike Baehl Yes, and Justin Rutledge Yes

Discussion of Income Survey: Patrick Hickey with E-rep was present to discuss the necessity to have a current income survey of the Town of Poseyville. The survey will make us eligible for grants in the future. OCRA grants will review the survey to see if we are eligible for the grant for the comprehensive plan. This could get a grant with a matching 10% for the town if we qualify for the grant.

An income survey is good for five years. The survey will be completed in the time line of 2-3 months. This program to get income survey is a free of charge service that E-REP will provide. This will help get OCRA grants in the future. Justin pointed out that the Sewer Plant may need to be addressed in the near future. Justin feels this is something worthwhile. This survey will be good for sewer, water, and sidewalks grant work. Discussion continued.

A motion was made by Justin Rutledge to start the Income Survey process with E-REP 2nd by Jodie Rankin

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

American Legal Publishing Proposal: Joe McDonough addressed the council via zoom.

ORDINANCE CODIFIING.

American legal publishing located in Cincinnati Ohio. Service 325 local government offices all over the state of Indiana. Joe has been rep for American Publishing for 35 years for the state of Indiana. Proposal is for standard process. We would take and organize ordinances to a current body of law. To make it current and accurate. They would take our fees, fines, and penalties to make sure they are current. They would review our ordinances to make sure we are state compliant. They will then send recommendations to our town attorney for his approval. The idea is to get everything up to date. To make them more accessible and easier to find. The work will then be available in hard copy, online accessible, as well as placed on an online library with their company with a link so it can then be placed on the town webpage for access for the citizens. This allows citizen to know where to go to review the laws of the town. The fee for service is \$5,400.00. This can be broken up into a two-year payment. If we want an online service, it is an additional \$495.00 a year to keep the online service current. It will take 6-7 months to get this service completed and get the report to the town. Then we would have 2-3 months to review. In essence the project would take a year for completion. Updates are an additional cost per page basis's \$18.00 single column \$22.00 for a double column. To up keep these ordinances Joe estimates \$750.00 a year. This 750.00 would be if we had updates or changes to current Ordinances.

Justin asked Christy Foster if this was feasible for the town. Christy said that the budget was set for this year. The budget for 2025 could have this incorporated into it since they will bill in 2025 and 2026.

Justin reached out to another company to see what they offer. Justin said they only wanted to talk about website.

Motion was made by Jodie to begin work with American Legal Publishing proposal to review our ordinances 2nd Mike Baehl

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

Heart of Poseyville: Jennifer Niedg was at the meeting to let the council know that the Town of Poseyville is an Official Indiana Main Street. With this distinction we have training and webinars available to us. The goals are to work on our historic standards, to procure money from grant dollars, and to assist with the comprehensive plan. Additional information can be found at <https://events.in.gov/event/2024-IndianaMainStreetDesignations>

Coming events are a trash pick up day on 10th of May. The school will assist with Mr. Schenk allowing volunteer students a field trip to assist that day to alleviate work load that day. Jared Baehl with grow Poseyville will be assisting with that project again this year. Mike Baehl has had conversation with them and Thier needs to be a planning meeting this year to organize the event better. We had tvs and non-permitted items last year. Mike spoke to Judy Baehl and she will assist with posting allowed items and non-allowed items.

Mike asked that Jared Baehl, Judy Baehl, Jennifer Niedg and Jeremy Farrar have a meeting prior to event to discuss the issues.

Planning a meal on Main St. for May 18th for Grow Poseyville.

One of nine to receive the ODAN award. Jennier wanted to thank the people that wrote letters and calls made to assist with the process.

Jodie thanked Jennifer Neidg and Heather Morlan for thier hard work on getting this accomplished.

Solarbration Committee: Heather Morlan and Theresa Bratcher asked the council to allow the Community Center to be used as well as the lawn for this celebration. They wanted the same courtesy as Autumnfest, streets shutdown, electric, picnic tables, and restroom usage. School gymnasium is being used for magic show and school parking lot. Discussion was had concerning logistics.

A motion was made by Mike Baehl to block off streets and allow the usage of Community Center 2nd by Jodie Rankin

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

Police Department: Charles Carter was present via zoom. Golf cart stickers will be expiring soon so please get your golf cart inspected. This can be done on May 11th at the community center lawn. If this is not convenient, please call Police office and arrange an appointment for inspection and sticker renewal.

Utility Dept: Christy Foster discussed ACH changes. Letters sent out. April 1st will be starting April 20th draw if information has been received from client. A paper bill will be sent to the client. This will make clients aware of the cost being taken out of account. The bills go out on the 8th of the month and this gives clients time to discuss and make any changes prior to draw from accounts on the 20th.

Mike Baehl updated us on the new water plant. The work is progressed quickly with the tie ends to occur this next week. Electric is on line. Layne is aware of the timeline and fines if not finished as proposed. Pipe is till not in but expected this Friday.

Fire Dept: Mike Crawford was present. Mike presented quotes for the cracks in the fire truck bay. James Reynolds Construction quoted 576.83 a 1–2-day job. Also presented was quote from Beuligmann Heating and Air Conditioning for new heaters in the fire truck bay \$6278.00.

A Motion was made by Jodie Rankin to accept the quote from James Reynolds Construction for wall repairs 2nd by Mike Baehl

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

Justin mentioned we probably should have gotten bids for heaters but we cannot now that we have received a quote.

Mike reminded the council that we needed to support local. We have quick response when needed, close, and they are good to us. Discussion

Motion made by Jodie Rankin to table quote on Heaters to explore the budget 2nd by Mike Baehl

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

Mike Crawford said tower is being inspected tomorrow.

Street Dept: NA

Parks Dept: Mike reported some of the Playground equipment at ball field has been mounted. More work still needed to complete. They are working on it. It will be nice when it is finished

Community Center: Justin announced that Bernie Fehrinbach has retired affective February 26th. Justin read Bernie's letter of resignation.

Justin said that they would be replacing Bernie. If interested in applying. Check the town webpage, contact the office, or Facebook for applications. The council will post when they are closing acceptance of applications.

Jodie thanked Bernie for his years of service to the town and community.

Currently all rentals are going through the town hall. Billye Robling is doing a good job of taking this over.

Rates are going to be checked to see if we are comparative to other communities. Make sure that it is affordable for more usage Per Jodie.

Jodie is donating a backdrop for use.

Cemetery: NA

Misc. Business: Closing of the Town Hall for the eclipse.

A Motion was made by Justin Rutledge to close the office for the day of the Eclipse 2nd by Jodie Rankin

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 April 9, 2024** at 5:30 PM, This will be a in person and virtual meeting.

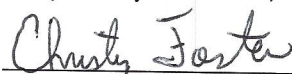
Motion was made by Mike Baehl to hold the next meeting on April 9, 2024 @ 5:30pm 2nd Jodie Rankin

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