

**Board of Public Works & Safety
and Park Authority Meeting
Wednesday, July 8, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.
Ligonier City Hall · 301 S. Cavin St. · Ligonier, IN 46767**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Fisel at 10:45 following the Executive Session.

Roll Call

Present: Board Members Earle Franklin, Tom Janes, and Mayor Patty Fisel
City Attorney Steve Clouse and Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

Minutes from previous meeting of June 10, 2020

Motion to approve: Earle Franklin Second: Tom Janes Vote: All Ayes

Citizens Comments

Name & Address: Miguel Barba, 201 Wright Street, Ligonier

Water bill payments. Too high due to a leak. The bills have about \$500-\$600.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle addressed the issue. When they called to let us know the bills were high we went to the house and checked out and found a few leaks in the house which were corrected. But a leak was still registering. Even when the water was turned off at the shut off valve in basement, the meter was still running which means the leak was in the ground. They hired a contractor to dig the line and found a pipe leak which was repaired. Looking for an adjustment to the bills since the leak went into the ground.

Motion to table to the next meeting and not add penalties pending review to determine what type of sewage adjustment based on normal usage can be issued: Earle Franklin

Second: Tom Janes Vote: All Ayes

Employee Matter

After reviewing a violation of the Employee Handbook Rules, motion to suspend Troy Arnold without pay until he completes a certified program and completes necessary tests: Earle Franklin

Second: Tom Janes Vote: All Ayes

Employee COVID Return to Work Policy

Motion to table for a recommendation from Noble Co medical officer Terry Gaff: Tom Janes

Second: Earle Franklin Vote: All Ayes

WWTP – Pump Repair Quote

The quote is to repair a lift station pump which went bad. Repair will cost \$2755.00

Motion to approve: Tom Janes Second: Earle Franklin Vote: All Ayes

Park Dept. – Equipment Quote

Last year the park department received a grant for fitness equipment around the track at the time the new Parks Director was hired. The equipment arrived just before winter and was not able to be installed right away. Installation was then delayed due to COVID. When it was discovered that the brackets and poles for installation were not included with the equipment, Travis contacted the company and was told they were not included in the original prices and needed to be ordered separately. The cost to purchase the parts to install the equipment is \$2,000.

Motion to approve: Patty Fisel Second: Earle Franklin Vote: All Ayes

Department Heads and Members of Administration

Park Director Travis Brimhall

- Splash pad opened on Saturday, July 4.
- Farmer's market is doing well with 8-12 vendors.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- Three-year sanitary survey from IDEM was received with three items to be addressed. The issues have been corrected and the response sent to IDEM.

WWTP Superintendent Kenny Sprague

- Getting little projects around plant wrapped up.
- Sludge press is working very well.

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- Fire station official groundbreaking ceremony is Wednesday, July 15 at 11:30. Board is invited to attend.

Building Inspector/Board Member Earle Franklin

- WN Waste Recovery has one building up and working on the other.
- Granite Ridge has 13 homes in various stages of building in the Park Meadow development.
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Mayor Fisel's Comments


- Is expecting a zoning request on the annexed property of Mr. Cousens soon.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Tom Janes

Second: Earle Franklin


Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer


Patricia Fisel, Mayor