

**Board of Public Works & Safety
and Park Authority Meeting
Wednesday, August 12, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.
Ligonier City Hall · 301 S. Cavin St. · Ligonier, IN 46767**

Call to order: Mayor Fisel

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 July 22, 2020

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

New Business

Police Dept. – Full Time Officer Recommendation

Three part-time city officers applied for the new full-time position. A committee including Board of Works members interviewed the prospects. A unanimous recommendation was made by the interview committee which led to the following motion.

***Motion to approve the hire of Jerod Bechtold to Full-time Police Officer: Earle Franklin
Second: Tom Janes Vote: All Ayes***

Position will start will Primary Relief pay and upon PERF approval, be hired at the first-class full-time probationary rate for one year which is \$1,000 less than first class officer.

Fire Dept. – IPEP Grant Application

IPEP has a grant for safety equipment. The Fire Dept. plans to apply for Rapid Response Vests at a cost of \$8,000. The grant is 80/20. The application requires approval of the 20% match to submit. The amount to authorize is \$1600.

***Motion to approve the grant application and matching funds: Patty Fisel
Second: Tom Janes Vote: All Ayes***

WWTP – Jacob Snyder, Class I Operator

Jacob Snyder passed his test for Class I Wastewater Operator. The salary ordinance allows for a 50 cents per hour pay increase.

***Motion to approve a 50 cents per hour pay increase for Jacob Snyder effective the beginning of the
next pay period: Tom Janes Second: Earle Franklin Vote: All Ayes***

Recap of Bid Opening for Stormwater Project

Bids for the Stormwater Project were opened today. Only two bids were received.

API Construction	\$419,530
Niblock Excavating	\$544,962

Bids were taken under consideration and we plan to award at the next Board of Works meeting.

Department Heads and Members of Administration

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

- Pork burger sales at Family Dollar on Saturday. Doing sales since we will not have Labor Day Festival for fund raising.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Getting curbs and crosswalks painted before school.
- Sidewalk company will be here tomorrow to do a 50-50 sidewalk program.
- Taking a tree down tomorrow.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Appreciate your time this morning – look forward to it.

Park Director Travis Brimhall

- Cleaning up from the storm Monday.
- Busy mowing – had 10 citations for grass mowing last week.
- Horse tie ups for Amish buggies were added in Kenney Park.
- Up to 17 vendors at the Farmer's Market now. Got permission from El Paraiso to use their parking lot for vendors and additional parking.
- Mayor Fisel commented that she received a nice compliment on Travis today - happy with what is happening in the Parks.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- Meter change outs are a priority. We need to complete by September for the software changeover.

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- Checked the Viaduct Monday with all of the rain from the storm. There was still some water in the northbound lane, but the water was gone after five minutes. Feels the repair is working. May be a minor problem INDOT can still work on.

Building Inspector/Board Member Earle Franklin

- Earlier this year sent six letters to residents to fix or tear down. This resulted in three fixes and three tear downs.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- Disconnections will be allowed again beginning August 14. Letters were sent and we plan to start with disconnections of the oldest amounts on Monday, August 17. Opportunity for payment plan has been communicated in June and again in the letters sent on August 6.
- The Gateway budget application is still having errors. DLGF is working on the issue and is hoping to have it corrected soon. Our budget is entered but the numbers are not flowing properly from one form to another.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- Thanks for your hard work and working together.


Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Tom Janes

Second: Earle Franklin



Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Patricia Fisel, Mayor