

**Board of Public Works & Safety  
and Park Authority Meeting  
Wednesday, January 13, 2021 – 10:00 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 December 9, 2020 and December 17, 2020**

***Motion to approve: Tom Janes***

***Second: Earle Franklin***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**Unfinished Business**

**301 E. Fourth Street – Sewer Issue**

At the December 9, 2020 meeting, Jorge Lucero was present to ask for reimbursement for a sewer issue. The matter was tabled to gather additional information.

Wastewater Superintendent Kenny Sprague asked John Wechter of John's Excavating to speak about the issue as he was the contractor who worked on the project. Mr. Wechter gave a summary of the issue with the lines. In the end, he ran a new line for the property and hooked up to the new tap. He commented that if anything, he felt only a portion of the bill should be considered for reimbursement.

City Engineer Rick Pharis commented that because it is a private lateral on private property, he feels we should not offer reimbursement. Only if it was in the right of way is it our responsibility.

City Attorney Clouse noted that Mr. Lucero was not present today even though we told him we would reconsider the issue today.

Further discussion led to the following.

***Motion to deny request for reimbursement but to waive the sewer tap fee: Earle Franklin***

***Second: Tom Janes***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**New Business**

**Triad/Rick Pharis – 2021 Professional Service Agreement**

The Engineering Services agreement for the City Engineer was received. There were no changes from 2020.

***Motion to approve: Patty Fisel***

***Second: Tom Janes***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**Department Heads and Members of Administration**

**Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver**

- Concrete at the station is done. Hope to start steel next week.

**Street Superintendent Mike Burdette**

- No parking and snow route signs were put up on Cadillac Street.
- The dump truck repair for emissions will be around \$8000.
- Working on the paving program with Rick.

**Park Director Travis Brimhall**

- Continue working at the garage.
- Scheduled the first disc golf tournament for Memorial Weekend. It is bringing up more people than had anticipated. People are using even in the cold and snow.

**WWTP Superintendent Kenny Sprague**

- Separation project is moving along. Did find a problem with pipe in the ground. The closure on Union will be through next week.

**City Engineer Rick Pharis**

- Working on the new project for the first Community Crossing Grant Round of 2021.
- Will bid out the Martin Street project next month.
- Strawberry Valley Trail fencing is installed. Started on the chain link fence near Star of the West. Will begin getting the next phase ready to bid.

**Building Inspector/Board Member Earle Franklin**

- Twenty-one new home permits last year (four were out of city limits)
- First phase of Parkmeadow III is filled up and they will open the back section soon to start the next phase.

**Adjournment**

***Motion to adjourn: Earle Franklin***

***Second: Tom Janes***

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Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer

Handwritten signature of Patricia Fisel in blue ink.

Patricia Fisel, Mayor