

**Board of Public Works & Safety
and Park Authority Meeting
Wednesday, August 9, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.
Ligonier City Hall • 301 S. Cavin St. • Ligonier, IN 46767**

Call to order by Mayor Franklin

Roll Call

Present: Board Members Tom Janes, Ron Terry, and Mayor Earle Franklin
City Attorney Jack Birch and Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

Minutes from previous meeting of July 26, 2023

Motion to approve: Ron Terry Second: Tom Janes Vote: All Ayes

New Business

Vactor Truck – Additional Repairs Quote

Wastewater Superintendent Kenny Sprague conferred with Mayor Earle Franklin regarding additional repairs needed to the Vactor truck. This was an additional repair needed to fix the Vactor truck while it was at the shop for approved repairs. The cost of the additional repair was \$10,884.44. Mayor Franklin made an emergency decision to proceed with the repair and is asking the board to ratify his decision.

Motion to ratify: Tom Janes Second: Ron Terry Vote: All Ayes

Rehabilitation and Lining of Five Manholes

Quotes were obtained for the rehabilitation and lining of five manholes which need repairs. These are old brick lined manholes. The repair is done by coating the existing manhole. The cost is \$14,250. There is funding in the Wastewater budget to cover the cost of the repairs. In conjunction with that, Niblock has provided a quote to do repairs on the casting of the manhole at Union Street and SR 5. The total for this portion is \$21,150 making the total project \$35,400. There is also funding in the Wastewater budget to cover the cost of this repair.

Motion to approve: Ron Terry Second: Tom Janes Vote: All Ayes

Christmas Decorations

The budget includes \$15,000 for additional Christmas decorations for the light poles on Cavin Street. The cost to add 24 additional LED snowflakes with brackets is \$10,854 and the cart to hold them is \$715 for a total of \$11,569. The remaining funds would be used for the electrical work by AEP on the poles.

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

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- The crosswalks and curbs are being painted for the start of school.
- We have been tearing out the shuffleboard courts in Kenney Park for installation of the pickle ball courts.
- Work on the 50-50 sidewalk program is being completed today.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Preparing for the festival at the end of the month.
- Mexican Independence celebration at Kenney Park will be September 15. We are working out the details with the organizers.
- We worked out an agreement with a company on Gerber Street in the industrial park to relocate the recycling bins from the current location at Ligtel's parking lot on US 6. The area will be prepared this week and the bins will be moved next week. Northeast Solid Waste will provide lighting, cameras, and fencing if needed. There has been discussion regarding restricting the hours to cut down on misuse and dumping.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- Peerless Midwest pulled the well that required and completed the project which the board approved funding for. They will be back next week to complete the project at the plant.
- There are some sidewalks that need repairs from some of the digs we have done. Will contact John Young for quotes to do the repairs.
- Attended a meeting with INDOT regarding a project on US 33. Our water main runs along this route to the West Noble School Campus. At this time, they will just be doing a resurface. Eventually they will widen US 33 and then widen the Kimmell Bridge. The long term plan is to have US 33 be 3-4 lanes to Fort Wayne by 2028.

Park Director John Parrish

- We are on Niblock's schedule for September construction of the Pickle Ball Courts at Kenney Park. A local foundation is providing half of the funding for the project.
- We took down part of the fencing on the ball diamond that was damaged from trees in the recent storms. A quote from was received from Yoder and Sons of \$1304.45 to repair. Funds are available in the budget.

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

- We received a quote from Young Services to do some concrete repairs causing safety issues at the concession stand in Kenney Park. Sidewalks on two sides are collapsed and cracked creating a trip hazard. The stoop at the Rec Center also needs to be repaired. Total quote for both repairs is \$6080. Funds are available in the budget for the repairs.

Motion to approve: Earle Franklin

Second: Ron Terry

Vote: All Ayes

City Engineer Rick Pharis/John Nelson

- The patch work on Main Street from the lead water line repairs was completed. The paving project will be completed after Labor Day.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Tom Janes

Second: Ron Terry

Barbara Hawn

Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer

Earle Franklin

Earle Franklin, Mayor