

**Board of Public Works & Safety
and Park Authority Meeting
Wednesday, September 13, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.
Ligonier City Hall · 301 S. Cavin St. · Ligonier, IN 46767**

Call to order by

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 August 30, 2023

Motion to approve: Tom Janes

Second: Ron Terry

Vote: All Ayes

New Business

Park Dept. – Tree Replacement

The council approved the use of the \$5,000 CEDIT tree budget for tree replacement in the parks. John Parrish also has \$5,000 in his park budget. A quote was received from Countryscapes for tree replacement in Kenney Park and Woodlawn Park. John Parrish asked for permission to proceed.

Motion to approve: Ron Terry

Second: Tom Janes

Vote: All Ayes

INDOT Plans to Move Street Lights

INDOT want the city to be responsible for the cost to relocate a street light due to being in the sight way for the crossing. City Attorney Jack Birch will review the paperwork. It is the position of Street Superintendent Mike and Mayor Earle Franklin that INDOT should absorb the cost. The streetlight is in right of way, but INDOT granted permission at some point for the streetlight to be placed where it is and feel INDOT should absorb the cost. We will take it under advisement pending review by City Attorney Birch.

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Thanks to all of the departments who helped with festival clean up.
- Pulver is working on the ADA ramps for the Main Street project.
- Fall Clean Up is Saturday at the Wastewater Plant.
- Young Services is finishing up on the 50-50 Sidewalks for the year.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- The Marshmallow Festival went well with no law enforcement incidents.
- Friday, September 15th is the Mexican Independence Day Celebration. The parade start at the fire station opposite the normal parade route to Kenney Park. The hours are from 4pm to 10pm and include food, dance and fireworks.
- The Bikes for Kids giveaway will be held at West Noble Primary on Wednesday, September 20 at 6:00 pm. It is a joint project of the police and fire departments and The Dan and Leigh Dakich Foundation. Twenty West Noble students will receive a bike, bike lock, and helmet. The SROs and school administration nominate the kids. We raised 5000 as our contribution.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- A garage door at the water plant is not working and needs to be replaced. Overhead Door needed to order the door yesterday to install today. It was a necessary so proceeded at cost of \$1,600.
- There are six digs for lead lines on Sixth Street which is in next year's Community Crossing street project.
- We had Chain O'Lakes prisoners power wash the foundry building. Next they will paint the building. The only cost was lunch to feed them. Getting quotes for gutters and will bring to the next meeting.

WWTP Superintendent Kenny Sprague

- Pre-bid meeting for the plant project was held last week. There was a lot of interest and questions from those attending.
- A preconstruction meeting on manhole project at SR5 and Union Street was held. The plan is to close portion of Union and one lane of SR5 for the day on October 9. Then close one lane again on the morning of October 12 and reopen later in the day when the project is completed.
- An issue with a catch basin was found on Main Street. We are getting it repaired prior to the start of the paving project.

Park Director John Parrish

- We have construction going on in Kenney Park. A sidewalk was replaced at the concession stand. Electrical outlets and grounding rods were replaced in the pavilion. We weatherproofed doors around the outlets. Concrete repair was done at the entrance of the Rec Center.
- Working on a small leak on the splash pad. Hope to it have taken care of this year.

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- Niblock and Advanced Rehab Tech will be doing the project at SR5 and Union Street. INDOT turn signals off and have a temporary signal for one lane traffic. At the end of day turn regular stop lights back on. The work will be completed in two days. Union Street will be closed off at Cavin during the project.
- For the Commerce Drive Project, we now have all deeds signed and were taken to the County Recorder’s office. Commerce Drive will be a city street and we will get the mileage added to the city. It will then be eligible for Community Crossings funding.
- Pulver is working on the ADA ramps on Main Street. They hope to have paving completed by end of September and the street striping will be done in October.
- We should know if we receive the 2023-2 Community Crossing Grant in a couple of months.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- The audit is proceeding. The auditors expect it to be completed around October 2.

Mayor Earle Franklin

- Thanks to Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn for her excellent recording keeping. It cuts down on the audit time and expense.

Adjournment

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



Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Earle Franklin, Mayor