

**Board of Public Works & Safety
and Park Authority Meeting
Wednesday, February 28, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.
Ligonier City Hall · 301 S. Cavin St. · Ligonier, IN 46767**

Call to order by Mayor Earle Franklin

Roll Call

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

Minutes from previous meeting of February 14, 2024

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

New Business

Community Crossings Bid Award

Three bids for the Community Crossings project were received.

Brooks	\$311,104.10
Alt Bid with Curbs and ADA Ramps	\$388,965.10
Niblock	\$274,147.41
Alt Bid with Curbs and ADA Ramps	\$334,947.41
API Construction	\$316,976.00
Alt Bid with Curbs and ADA Ramps	\$357,763.50

The Engineer's estimate for the project was \$515,000. City Engineer Rick Pharis recommended awarding the bid to Niblock at a contract price of \$274,147.41. The curbs and ADA ramps were not included in the grant application and would have to be paid 100% by the city. At this time he is asking the board to approve the original bid amount and will review our budget to see if we can come back and approve additional costs from the alternate bid.

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

Park Department - Quotes for Projects

Park Director John Parrish provided quotes for the following projects:

Countryscapes and Gardens

Surface Drainage Installation at Woodlawn Park	\$10,310.00
Restoration Grading and Seeding	\$2,480.00
Total	\$12,790.00

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

Landscaping Services at Scout Cabin \$4,050.00

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

Stone Fitness Equipment

Weightroom Equipment \$17,380.00

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

Greenmark Equipment

John Deere 17AT Utility Cart \$1,179.00

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

John also informed the board he had the Lee Company service the gymnasium. They inspected and repaired the backboards in the Rec Center. The cost for them to come was \$2,300 and the repairs will be around \$5,000. Will come back with the final invoice.

WWTP – Quote for Repairs

Wastewater Superintendent Kenny Sprague provided a quote from Indiana Pump Works for repairs to the effluent pumps. The main disconnects for the pumps have corroded. Parts are \$5,025, labor is not to exceed \$2,650.00 and miscellaneous hardware is not to exceed \$200.00.

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

Street Department – Full and Part Time Employees

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette asked permission to hire part-time employee David Pena as a full-time employee beginning May 05, 2024 to replace a full-time employee who terminated at the end of last year.

Motion to approve: Earle Franklin Second: Ron Terry Vote: All Ayes

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette also provided an application for a part-time employee, Michael Miller. He would like to start him on April 08, 2024 at a rate of \$17.00 per hour.

Motion to approve: Earle Franklin Second: Ron Terry

Vote: All Aye

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

- March 12 will be the county wide tornado siren testing.
- The Volunteer Department is doing their picture fundraiser via mailers this year instead of door to door.

Park Director John Parrish

- Have been in contact with Niblock regarding the fencing at the Pickle Ball Court.

Building Administrator Elroy Mast

- Burnout house at 605 Main Street is being demolished today.

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- The Commerce Drive project is being revised. The Wastewater Department videoed the lines to see what we can eliminate from the project and will rebid as soon as possible.

Mayor Earle Franklin

- Cameras are up at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and also cover part of Woodlawn Park.
- We have had the initial meeting with an architect on the childcare facility.
- We also met with the architect on the design for the development on the land purchased from the Community Foundation. We are pleased with the concept and feel it will go over really well. There are apartments, single family housing, cottage style housing, a club house, walking trails, and a pond. Really pleased with the way the streets were designed to go through the community with no straight through ways that would promote speeding.


Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ron Terry

Second: Tom Janes

Vote: All Aye


Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer


Earle Franklin, Mayor