

**Board of Public Works & Safety
and Park Authority Meeting
Wednesday, March 27, 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, and Mayor Earle Franklin
City Attorney Jack Birch and Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

Minutes from previous meeting of March 13, 2024

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

New Business

Police Department – Recommendation for First Class Officer Hire

After conducting interviews in executive session, Police Chief Bryan Shearer recommended that Daniel Delong be hired as a first-class officer to replace Jerod Bechtold who recently resigned from the police department and transferred to Elkhart Police Department. Dan is academy trained and has been on the part-time staff since April 2021.

The hire date would be April 10 and he would be hired as a probation first class for the first year.

Motion to approve the hire of Daniel Delong as a Probationary First Class Officer pending the PERF 1977 pre-hire testing: Tom Janes Second: Ron Terry Vote: All Ayes

Park Department – Recommendation for Seasonal Employee Hire

Park Director John Parrish asked for permission to hire Nolan Parks as a seasonal employee in the Park Department. He has passed the background check and is currently an intern in the Police Department. He will graduate this year from WNHS. Would like the starting wage to be \$16.10, the same wage as the other seasonal employees.

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

Niblock Pay Application for Pickleball Courts

Pay Application #2 from Niblock for the Pickleball Courts was received. It included the deduction of a \$10,000 change order for landscaping which the park department will do on their own. The amount due currently is \$33,000.

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

WWTP – Quote for Acoustic Assessment of Sewer Lines and SL-RAT Equipment

WWTP Superintendent Kenny Sprague provided information on Acoustic Assessment of Sewer Line Pipes along with a quote of \$28,538 for the company to provide the service. With this high cost, he also asked them to provide information on the purchase of the SL-RAT Equipment, which was \$29,765, which will allow us to do the work in-house. An item currently in the capital plan will be removed to allow for the equipment purchase.

***Motion to approve the equipment purchase at \$29,765: Earle Franklin
Second: Tom Janes Vote: All Ayes***

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- The winter equipment has been cleaned up and we have had the Street Sweeper out.
- Have been in contact with AEP for the additional Christmas lights we are adding this year.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- The river crossing piping was installed. There was additional footage, which brought additional cost.
- The concrete breaker needs repaired. The quote for RPM Machinery to repair it is \$6160.10.

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

WWTP Superintendent Kenny Sprague

- We have started the UV system for disinfection.
- The project at the plant is scheduled to start next week.

Park Director John Parrish

- Soccer will be starting soon.
- The Easter Egg Hunt Saturday.
- Next week we will break the concrete in a 3-sided shelter and the new concrete will then be poured.
- Woodlawn soccer field drainage issue was fixed and hooked up to a storm drain.

City Engineer Rick Pharis/John Nelson

- Working with Jeff and Kenny on the Commerce Drive project.

Mayor Earle Franklin

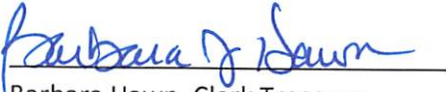
- Thank the Water Department for their hard work in getting all the repairs completed and to the other departments for helping them out. Good Cooperation.

Adjournment


Motion to adjourn: Tom Janes

Second: Ron Terry

Vote: All Ayes



Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Earle Franklin, Mayor