

**Board of Public Works & Safety  
and Park Authority Meeting  
Wednesday, November 12, 2025 – 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, Ronny Terry, and Mayor Earle Franklin  
City Attorney Laura Kaufman and Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

**Approval of Minutes from Executive Session of October 8, 2025**

***Motion to approve: Ronny Terry***

***Second: Tom Janes***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**Approval of Minutes from Meeting of October 22, 2025**

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

***Second: Ronny Terry***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**Citizens Comments**

***Name & Address: Nancy Davidson, 664 W Cromwell Road, Kimmell, IN***

Ms. Davidson commented that she had heard rumors about the Farmer's Market being moved from its current location to Gazebo Park.

Park Director John Parrish stated that he had been approached by a department head regarding the possibility of relocating the Farmer's Market; however, there has been no formal discussion or decision at this time. He noted that the matter will be discussed further at the upcoming Department Head meeting and will be brought before the Board of Works–Park Authority for consideration, as it is ultimately the Board's decision.

Ms. Davidson stated that the vendors need to know soon if a move is planned so they can prepare accordingly. She expressed concerns about the current level of direction provided by the Park Department and indicated her desire to help organize the vendors and establish a market manager from among them.

Mayor Franklin reiterated that the Board of Works–Park Authority serves as the governing body for the Farmer's Market and will make the final decision regarding its location and operational rules.

**New Business**

**2026-2028 Trash Bid Recommendation**

Three bids were received for the City's residential trash collection and the alternate bid for curbside recycling. After review, the Trash/Recycling Committee recommended forgoing the curbside recycling option due to the additional cost it would impose on residents.

The Committee further recommended awarding the trash collection contract to Noble County Disposal, identified as the most responsive and responsible bidder, with the following rates:

Year 1 (2026) 15.66 per resident per month

Year 2 (2027) 16.02 per resident per month

Year 3 (2028) 16.37 per resident per month

These proposed rates are below the current rate of 18.14 per resident per month.

***Motion to approve Noble County Disposal 2026-2028: Tom Janes***

***Second: Earle Franklin***

***Vote: Ayes Tom Janes and Earle Franklin***

***Nay: Ronny Terry***

**Phend and Brown – Pay Application #1 Community Crossings Project**

Pay Application #1 was received from Phend and Brown for the paving project in the amount of \$597,270.67. John Nelson of VS Engineering reviewed the costs and recommended approval.

***Motion to approve: Earle Franklin***

***Second: Tom Janes***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**Police Department – New Vehicle Quote**

Chief Shearer reported that one of the department's vehicles, a 2019 Dodge Charger, is experiencing steering issues that would require significant repair costs. He obtained a quote from John Jones for a replacement vehicle at a total cost of \$39,234.50, which includes a \$4,500 trade-in allowance for the current vehicle.

Chief Shearer recommended proceeding with the replacement due to the vehicle's age and mileage, noting that sufficient funds are available in the department's budget to cover the expense.

**Motion to approve: Tom Janes**

**Second: Ronny Terry**

**Vote: All Ayes**

**Wastewater Treatment Plant – Annual Software Agreement Quote**

Aquatic Informatics provided a quote for the software licensing from February 2026 to February 2027 in the amount of \$2,283.61.

**Motion to approve: Earle Franklin**

**Second: Ronny Terry**

**Vote: All Ayes**

**Wastewater Treatment Plant – Quote for Electrical Work**

Airgood Electric provided a quote to correct the building lighting inside and out and offered the city a discount for the services. The original cost is 2,625.16 and the 800.00 discount brings the total to 1,825.16.

**Motion to approve: Tom Janes**

**Second: Ronny Terry**

**Vote: All Ayes**

**Sewer Issue – Rodriguez (402 West Second Street)**

**Motion to table as Mr. Rodriguez was not in attendance: Ronny Terry**

**Second: Tom Janes**

**Vote: All Ayes**

**Comments by Members of Council and Administration**

**Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer**

- Asked the board to approved hiring Cruz Belmares as a part-time police officer, he is current on the reserve roster.

**Motion to approve: Earle Franklin**

**Second: Tom Janes**

**Vote: All Ayes**

- Chief Shearer reported that one of the City's police vehicles was involved in an accident on Saturday. The officer sustained only minor injuries. The insurance estimate has not yet been received; however, it is assumed that the vehicle will be considered a total loss.
- Chief Shearer also expressed appreciation to Keith Kizer of Foster's Garage for coming in on Sunday to perform an emergency hose repair on one of the department's pool vehicles.

**Street Superintendent Mike Burdette**

- Phend & Brown is continuing work on Commerce Drive and West Miller Street.
- Crews are working to continue leaf collection despite recent snowfall.
- Thanks to the other city departments for the assistance with the snow removal.

**Mayor Earle Franklin**

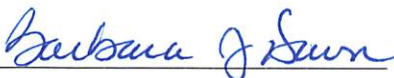
- Mayor Franklin thanked the department heads for their collaborative efforts in handling the recent snowfall.
- The Mayor also expressed appreciation for the kind words offered regarding the passing of his sister.

**Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn: Ronny Terry**

**Second: Tom Janes**

**Vote: All Ayes**



Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Earle Franklin, Mayor