

Board of Public Works & Safety and Park Authority Meeting
Wednesday, February 25, 2026 – 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
Also Present: Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn
Absent: City Attorney Laura Kaufman

Approval of Minutes of February 11, 2026

Motion to approve: Ron Terry

Second: Tom Janes

Vote: All Ayes

New Business

Park Department – Quotes for Multiple Projects

Park Director John Parrish provided the following quotes for projects in the parks:

Flagpole at the Rec Center and Kenney Park

Countryscapes	\$4,690.00
Knot Just Decks	\$2,710.00

He recommended Knot Just Decks, the lowest quote.

Motion to approve: Earle Franklin

Second: Tom Janes

Vote: All Ayes

28" Tennant Floor Scrubber

Janitor's Supply Co., Inc.	\$7,894.75 (New/Demo)
Grainger	\$11,148.68 (New)
Tennant Company	\$12,679.74 (New)

He stated that the current scrubber has been used at the Rec Center since it opened over 30 years ago. They allowed him to trial use the scrubber for a week and he feels the demo will be a good fit. He recommended purchasing it from Janitor's Supply Co.

Motion to approve: Ron Terry

Second: Tom Janes

Vote: All Ayes

Stamped Concrete at Gazebo Park

Grand Designs Landscaping	\$26,500.65
Riegsecker Concrete Inc.	\$31,762.50

The cost includes the removal of the existing bricks, preparing the area for stamped concrete, pouring, finishing, and stamping the concrete.

He recommend Grand Designs and Landscaping, the lowest quote.

Motion to approve: Tom Janes

Second: Ron Terry

Vote: All Ayes

Electrical at Gazebo Park

Airgood Electric	\$4,415.00
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They have been providing electrical services to the city at a reasonable cost over the years. The quote includes a \$500 discount for the parks.

Motion to approve: Tom Janes

Second: Ron Terry

Vote: All Ayes

Wastewater Treatment Plant – Flagpole Quotes

Superintendent Benjamin Glowinski provided the following quotes for a new flagpole at the Treatment Plant.

Countryscapes	\$4,820.00
Knot Just Decks	\$2,710.00

He recommended Knot Just Decks, the lowest quote.

Motion to approve: Tom Janes

Second: Ron Terry

Vote: All Ayes

Wastewater Treatment Plant – Sludge Hauling

Superintendent Benjamin Glowinski provided a detailed breakdown of sludge hauling, comparing the cost paid to prior years.

He provided three quotes for different services.

Wealing Brothers	\$50/ton Dry Haul Land App
Stuckman	\$430 per dumpster plus \$32/ton landfill at GFL
Merrell Brothers	\$61/ton Dry Haul Land App
Merrell Brothers	\$74/ton Dry Haul Landfill

Ben recommended moving forward with Wealing Brothers.

Motion to approve: Earle Franklin

Second: Ron Terry

Vote: All Ayes

Wastewater Treatment Plant – VFD Installation Quotes

Superintendent Benjamin Glowinski provided four quotes from Eberle Electric for electrical work to install four VFD (Variable Frequency Drive) at the plant.

Primary Effluent VFD Replacement	\$11,555.00
Raw Pump VFD Replacement	\$13,100.00
RAS Pump VFD Replacement	\$11,555.00
Aeration Blower VFD Replacement	\$18,125.00

The quotes have not increased since last year when we had similar work completed. He recommended approval. After discussion, the following was offered.

Motion to table for additional quotes: Tom Janes

Second: Ron Terry

Vote: All Ayes

Wastewater Treatment Plant – Vactor Truck Repair

Superintendent Benjamin Glowinski provided a breakdown of the cost to repair our large Vactor Truck. The total cost is \$11,995.62. This truck is used by multiple departments, especially by Water and Wastewater. The repairs would be split between the Water and Wastewater funds.

Motion to approve: Earle Franklin

Second: Ron Terry

Vote: All Ayes

Street Department – Dump Truck and Bed Quotes

Quotes for a new dump truck and bed conversion were received.

2027 International Truck

Selking – State Bid Price	\$86,493.64 (includes \$20,000 trade in)
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Dump Bed Conversion

W. A. Jones	\$147,997.65
Kalida Truck Equipment	\$131,300.00
Lindco Equipment Sales	\$133,462.00

We have worked with Baker Tilly to adjust the budget to fit the cost of the truck by eliminating the crack sealing of the streets for 2026.

Mike recommended the purchase of the truck from Selking and the dump bed conversion from Kalida for a total of \$21,793.64.

Motion to approve: Earle Franklin

Second: Tom Janes

Vote: All Ayes

Clerk-Treasurer's Office – Employee Pay Increase Request

Taylor Magdich has successfully completed her 90-day probationary period. Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn commended her job performance, noting that she is accurate, customer-friendly, and has mastered the software with ease. She recommended a pay increase of \$1.00 per hour effective February 15, 2026.

Motion to approve: Tom Janes

Second: Ron Terry

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- **Vehicle Update:** A replacement vehicle has been received for the unit that was totaled. A second replacement vehicle is expected within the next few months. The 2016 vehicle with over 150,000 miles will be traded in.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Mike once again thanked the city departments for the assistance with the most recent snowstorm.

City Engineer John Nelson

- Phend Brown is in communication regarding the completion of the Community Crossing project. The plan calls for close out in April. This will allow us to apply for the next Community Crossing grant round.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- Will be attending classes in Plainfield and Robin Galloway will fill in at the next meeting.

Mayor Earle Franklin

- Thanks to everyone for working together with snowstorms.


Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Tom Janes

Second: Ron Terry

Vote: All Ayes


Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer


Earle Franklin, Mayor