

Board of Public Works & Safety Meeting
Wednesday, August 27, 2014 - 1:30 p.m.
Ligonier City Hall • 301 S. Cavin St. • Ligonier, IN 46767

Call to order by Mayor Fisel

Roll Call

Present: Board Members Tom Janes, Earle Franklin, and Mayor Patty Fisel
City Attorney Steve Hagen and Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

Minutes from previous meeting of August 13, 2014

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

New Business

▪ **WWTP – Radio Quotes**

Quotes for radios with ear muff style and microphone were received from ERS (\$1960.70) and J&K (2005.15) to be used by employees running the vactor truck. The radios would allow the employees to safely communicate as the vactor truck is very noisy. WWTP Superintendent Don Skinner recommended the purchase of two radios from ERS.

Motion to approve the purchase of two radios from ERS at a cost of \$1906.70: Patty Fisel

Second: Tom Janes Vote: All Ayes

▪ **WWTP – Camera Truck Quotes**

Don Skinner presented quotes for a camera truck to televise the sewer lines as required by the agreed order with IDEM. He estimates that the cost to televise the lines with an outside contractor would be \$175,000. Two quotes were received: Doheny Supplies @ \$208,700 and Brown Equipment @ 187,500. Options for leasing were also made available.

With the upcoming sewer project and SRF financing, CT Barb Hawn contacted the city's financial advisor, Umbaugh regarding a purchase of this amount to see what impact it might have on the department's finances. It would be in the city's best interest to wait on a purchase of this size, until after the upcoming sewer project bids are received, and new sewer rates are in effect for about six months in their opinion.

This will be revisited again next summer.

Department Heads and Members of Administration

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

- The two statues have been installed in the front of the fire station. Mayor Fisel thanked the anonymous donor and all those who helped on the project.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Everything is in place for the upcoming Marshmallow Festival

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- A Union Street resident who had a well is now ready to hook onto city water. A quote of \$600 from Constructions Services of Indiana to install the water line was received.

Motion to approve the line installation by Construction Services of Indiana at \$600: Earle Franklin

Second: Tom Janes Vote: All Ayes

- The cost to repair the generator at the booster station is \$14,968 from Herman & Goetz with a time estimate of 30 days to complete. A new generator runs from \$36,000-\$72,000 and the time frame would be at least six months. Jeff recommended hiring H&G to perform the repair and will be looking to eventually extend the building to include the generator inside with heat as the generator is currently exposed to the elements.

Motion to approve the generator repair by Herman & Goetz at \$14,968: Patty Fisel

Second: Tom Janes Vote: All Ayes

- The water department building is in need of repair due to the hard winter. Jeff was only able to find one company to quote on tuck pointing the building, Kemp Construction of Nappanee at \$3000. A quote to paint was also received from Burns at \$700.

Motion to approve the tuck pointing at \$3000 and painting of the building at \$700: Patty Fisel

Second: Tom Janes

Vote: All Ayes

Jeff will have quotes for a new building sign at the next meeting.

- Quotes were received for labor to dig for 12 curb stop repairs. Construction Services of Indiana at \$8670 and John's Excavating at \$6765. Jeff recommended hiring John's Excavating.

Motion to approve hiring John's Excavating at \$6765 for the curb stop repair digs: Tom Janes

Second: Earle Franklin

Vote: All Ayes

- The lead and copper testing has been completed and we are waiting on the results.
- The asphalt and cement repair have been completed.
- We are on the second round of flushing the city hydrants.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Busy preparing for a fun-filled weekend

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- INDOT was contacted regarding overhead lane signage at Casey's/McDonalds. They no longer use the overhead but use painted arrows on the pavement. They will send someone to look at it as there currently are no painted arrows.
- Will be looking at plans for a 10" drainage pipe under Gerber Street with Structural Composites project engineer
- Park Meadow Drive currently dead ends. The original intent was to continue the road to Union Street. The owner of the field put up gates and the city plows can no longer turn around. Will be looking at a plan and costs to take care of the issue.
- Rick passed on compliments from the Hudson town attorney regarding the great strides Ligonier has taken to revitalize the downtown.

Building Inspector/Board Member Earle Franklin

- Complaints regarding a "used car lot" at a residence in the agricultural district outside the city limits have been received. The plan commission attorney, Everett Newman, will be consulted.
- The home at 505 S. Cavin has had an ongoing estate sale on the porch. The property originally thought to be in the Central Business district is not but is R3 (residential). We have agreed to let the sale continue during repair of the home. The date for the next hearing on the repair progress is October 5 .
- The garment building is down – very little foundation remains to be demolished.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- The public hearing for the budget will be September 22 and adoption is set for October 13.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- We received word from FEMA that we will receive 75% of the approved expenditures for the winter snow storm in January. The total amount of reimbursement will be \$16,948 which we expect to receive in approximately 30 days. Noble County was also the recipient of grant funds totaling \$43,865.
- We will look into a tracking method via soft ware or work sheets to help make filing the paperwork easier in the future.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Tom Janes

Second: Earle Franklin