

Board of Public Works & Safety Meeting
Tuesday, November 10, 2015 - 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 October 28, 2015

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

New Business

API Construction – Pay Application #6

Pay application #6 was presented in the amount of \$472,490.65. Jonathan Moen of Triad recommended approval.

*Motion to approve API Construction pay application #6 in the amount of \$472,490.65: Tom Janes
Second: Earle Franklin Vote: All Ayes*

LD Docsa - Pay Application #8

Pay application #8 was presented in the amount of \$213,269.31. Jonathan Moen of Triad recommended approval.

*Motion to approve LD Docsa pay application #8 in the amount of \$213,269.31: Patty Fisel
Second: Tom Janes Vote: All Ayes*

Utility Write Off Requests

Three accounts have balances due after lien payments were received. They are for the portion of the bill that cannot be liened. All three homes were vacated due to death and repossession. The following are the amounts: Dhonau \$11.66, Senter #22.79, and Armstrong \$193.59 for a total of \$228.04

*Motion to approve the three write offs totaling \$228.04: Earle Franklin
Second: Tom Janes Vote: All Ayes*

Department Heads and Members of Administration

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

- A sausage and pancake breakfast will be held on Saturday, December 5 from 7-11. Santa will be attending from 9-11.
- A pre-construction meeting for the new fire truck was held and may be ready ahead of schedule, early spring.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- The curbs on Lincolnway are done. The street was straightened out and a two block area was narrowed slightly to 25' wide.
- The department is busy with leaf pick up.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- The divers were in to clean the retention tank yesterday.

WWTP Superintendent Don Skinner

- The pump is in for repairs. This will give us two pumps. The third will be repaired next year.
- The gates for the clarifier will be going in soon.
- The pads for the blowers were set.

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- The DR2 Grants will be awarded on December 18.
- The city will reapply for the water grant next year.

Building Inspector/Board Member Earle Franklin

- Thanks to Jeff Boyle for covering while on vacation.
- Interra began the demolition and will begin construction.
- Carlex will be adding a 2000 foot training center
- House number ordinance 859-2014 was passed and advertised in January 2015. We will begin enforcing the ordinance for public safety reasons. Residents will be contacted.
- The rates for a variance do not even cover the city's costs. Would like to see changes made to increase the fees.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- The county provided the certified net assessed values for the 2016 tax year. It came in at \$169,675,962 compared to \$146,704,557 for 2015. The 2016 budget was based on 80% of 2015 or \$117,363,646. The actual tax rates will come in much lower than advertised.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- At the council meeting last night, council agreed to pay PERF back to the Mayor's start date, which took the Mayor by surprise as it is not what we originally discussed and proposed. The Mayor is not comfortable with the decision and asked to set a special council meeting to revisit the vote. She will ask council to initiate PERF for the position going forward beginning January 1, 2016 as previously discussed. She wants to make it right and clarify her intentions of requesting PERF for the Mayor's position – which has always been to have it going forward to attract qualified candidates for the future.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Tom Janes

Second: Earle Franklin