

**Board of Public Works & Safety Meeting
Wednesday, September 13, 2017 - 1:30 p.m.
Ligonier City Hall · 301 S. Cavin St. · Ligonier, IN 46767**

Call to order: Mayor Fisel

Roll Call

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

Minutes from previous meeting of August 23, 2017

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

Unfinished Business

Wastewater Employee

Two prospects were interviewed by Mayor Fisel and Wastewater Superintendent Kenny Sprague. Daniel DeLong has about four years' experience in another municipal wastewater plant. Joshua Chupp has no experience. The two had differing opinions on who they would prefer to hire.

After discussion, it was decided that the entire board would interview the prospects. When a date and time is determined, 48-hour notice will be sent.

***Motion to call an executive session for interviews: Earle Franklin
Second: Tom Janes Vote: All Ayes***

New Business

BBC Pump – Pay Application #1

Pay application #1 from BBC Pump for SCADA equipment at the Wastewater Plant was recommended for payment by Jonathan Moen of Triad in the amount of \$16,581.30.

***Motion to approve pay application #1 for BBC Pump in the amount of \$16,581.30: Tom Janes
Second: Earle Franklin Vote: All Ayes***

City-County Agreement – Bridge Water Main Relocation

The county will be replacing the bridge on Pigeon Street. The water main needs to be relocated and it is recommended to upgrade from a 4" main to a 6" main. The county is asking the city to pay the \$3,400 difference for the upgrade.

***Motion to approve the City-County agreement for the water main upgrade: Patty Fisel
Second: Earle Franklin Vote: All Ayes***

Department Heads and Members of Administration

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Would like permission to add Jerod Bechtold and Daniel DeLong to the police reserves.

***Motion to approve adding Jerod Bechtold and Daniel DeLong to the police reserves: Patty Fisel
Second: Earle Franklin Vote: All Ayes***

- Will be reinstating Chris Shearer as a PT Police Officer. He was formerly on staff and is a current SRO with Kendallville who recently relocated to Ligonier.
- The light poles are up in the downtown. We are waiting on the lights.

WWTP Superintendent Kenny Sprague

- Estimate of \$7,475.20 for repair on the front-end loader was received. Could come in a little less if they can repair without certain parts but will not know until it is taken apart.

Motion to approve \$7,475.20 repair of the front-end loader: Patty Fisel

Second: Tom Janes

Vote: All Ayes

- Quotes for a pump replacement will be coming soon.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- The electric company is digging up around electric poles in the city looking for damage if any residents inquire.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- We close on the SRF loan on September 18 and will have a pre-construction meeting for the Water Project in October.
- John Wechter is working on six digs for curb stop replacement.

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- Several projects have now been completed. Getting ready to start the water project and bid the paving of the track at Kenney Park.

Building Inspector/Board Member Earle Franklin

- Meeting with the railroad representatives was somewhat productive. There is no chance of reopening the Pigeon Street crossing.
- Granite Ridge has several permits for new homes.
- The TSC is anticipated for a February 2018 opening in the former Alco building.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Tom Janes

Second: Earle Franklin