# Board of Public Works & Safety Meeting Wednesday, September 27, 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 September 13, 2017

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

#### **Unfinished Business**

# Wastewater Employee

One of the candidates for the wastewater position withdrew his name from consideration. The board met in executive session to interview Joshua Chupp on September 21, 2017. Wastewater Superintendent originally recommended Chupp as his choice for the position as he felt he would be a good fit and stood by his decision.

Motion to hire Joshua Chupp for the wastewater operator position pending drug testing at \$12.00 per hour: Earle Franklin Second: Tom Janes Vote: All Ayes

#### **New Business**

#### **Quote for Dump Truck**

The capital plan approved by council for 2018 includes the purchase of a dump truck to replace the Volvo. Because of the time it takes to get the truck in, quotes were requested. The truck is the state bid pricing through Norris Truck Service at \$83,745.00.

Three quotes for the conversion were received:

W.A. Jones \$88,962 Godwin Group \$92,876 Monroe Snow & Ice \$91,364

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette recommended W.A. Jones for the conversion.

Motion to approve the 2018 purchase of the dump truck from Norris Truck and conversion from W.A.

Jones: Patty Fisel Second: Tom Janes Vote: All Ayes

# Department Heads and Members of Administration

# Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

• Information and pricing on online training for fireman was presented. There is an annual maintenance fee of \$395 and a per userfee for 25 people of \$89. Weaverfeels this would be a worthwhile investment in training of all fire personnel and can be done at their own pace online. The total investment is \$2,620.

Motion to approve purchase of online training for fire department personnel: Patty Fisel Second: Earle Franklin Vote: All Ayes

### Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

• Leaf pick up has begun. The leaf vac is working well.

# WWTP Superintendent Kenny Sprague

• A quote to rebuild and to replace the small lift station pump was received from BBC Pump.

New: ABS Pump \$5,364.81 Tsurumi Pump \$4,085.00

Rebuild: Estimate \$3,289.38

After discussion, it was determined with the cost difference of new and rebuild, new would be the better route.

Motion to approve the purchase of the Tsurumi Pump at \$4,085.00: Earle Franklin Second: Tom Janes Vote: All Ayes

• The return activated sludge pump is also in need of repair or replacement. It has been rebuilt once but is not working properly.

Rebuild: Estimate \$6,326.72 (includes 180-day warranty)
New: Hidrostal E5K-M \$14,636.00 plus \$1,800.00 installation

Board member Earle Franklin commented he felt with a 180-day warrant, it would be worth the gamble to rebuild the pump for the cost savings of over \$10,000.

# Motion to approve the rebuild of the pump at a cost of \$6,32.72: Earle Franklin Second: Tom Janes Vote: All Ayes

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

 A reserve application was received from Jonathan S. Newman. He currently works for Wagner-Meinert, the company who services the heating and air conditioning at City Hall. Background checks have be en completed.

Motion to approve Jonathan S. Newman as a reserve: Patty Fisel Second: Tom Janes Vote: All Ayes

• After meeting with Heidi Amspaugh of Umbaugh, who prepared a capital plan for the RDC like the one the city had prepared, it appears that a new fire station is feasible with bonding beginning in 2020. City Council gave their blessing to begin some of the preliminary planning as it will take time to visit other stations and do the initial engineering plans.

#### **City Engineer Rick Pharis**

• The City received the Community Crossing Grant from INDOT. Rick presented an engineering services agreement for the project of \$51,550 asking for board approval.

Motion to approve the engineering services agreement from Triad: Patty Fisel Second: Earle Franklin Vote: All Ayes

#### **Building Inspector/Board Member Earle Franklin**

• Commented that when sidewalks are taken out we need to be sure property markers are not removed. Had some issues with this on Lincolnway West.

#### Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

■ IT Director Gary Cox mentioned he may have some older laptops that could possibly be sold if the city receives the grant for new police computers. City Attorney Clouse will look into a program to sell the outdated computers.

# **Mayor Fisel's Comments**

- In speaking with Erika from Riverside Villas, they have agreed to clean up the riverbank on their side of the river. The other side is owned by the state.
- To clear up any rumors, the city is not selling the Rec Center. The park board is considering allowing a private company to come in and assist with the fitness area.

## **Adjournment**

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Motion to adjourn: Tom Jan	Second: Earle Franklin	d: Earle Franklin
Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer	Patricia Fisel, Mayor	