

Board of Public Works & Safety
and Park Authority Meeting
Wednesday, October 11, 2023 – 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, Ron Terry, and Mayor Earle Franklin
City Attorney Jack Birch and Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

Minutes of the meeting held on September 27, 2023

Second: Ron Terry Vote: All Ayes

New Mileage: *Melanie*
Send Water
Triac Road Inventory Dept. to add Commerce Drive to the city streets. The document certifies the document was accepted into our system and is now maintained by the City of Ligonier

Motion to accept Commerce Drive mileage into the city street system: Earle Franklin

Second: Ron Terry Vote: All Ayes

Utility Adjustment Requests

Kathy Hagen of 620 Seville Court had a high bill due to a garden hose that was left running. The water leaked onto the ground and did not go down the drain. Her average sewage charge is \$27.10, and her charge was \$249.79. She is asking for an adjustment of \$222.69.

Motion to approve: Tom Janes Second: Ron Terry Vote: All Ayes

Ryan Barth had a plumbing leak at his 310 S. Cavin Street property. The water leaked into the crawl space of the building and did not go down the drain. The average sewage charge is \$27.10, and his charge was \$166.42. He is asking for an adjustment of \$142.32.

Motion to approve: Tom Janes Second: Ron Terry Vote: All Ayes

Kassim Nasser of 403 W. Union Street had a pipe break and his floor was covered in water. Ben Glowinski of the Water Department confirmed the water did not go down the drain. The average sewage charge is \$127.19, and his charge was \$591.96. He is asking for an adjustment of \$464.17.

Motion to approve: Tom Janes Second: Ron Terry Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

- Fire Prevention in the schools this week and next week.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Public Safety Day is at Fashion Farm Saturday, October 14.

WWTP Superintendent Kenny Sprague

- The manhole project at Union and SR 5 should be completed this morning. The other manhole repairs were completed this week as well. They put a coating in the manholes to seal them. The coating sets up very quickly.

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- Pulver will be here tomorrow or Friday to mill Main Street. They should be done with the paving next week.

Mayor Earle Franklin

- The Main Street Ligonier group had a walkthrough with OCRA. The meeting with the property owners was well attended. The public meeting last night did not have a big turnout. The Main Street certification has a set of guidelines, and the group will need to give a sense of direction. Opens some possibilities of grants going forward. There were some good ideas, and the group will collectively work together with the city on their potential projects. Hopefully, this will motivate building owners to do something with their downtown buildings. We will talk with Kendallville administration to find out what they are doing in their downtown in an effort to improve our downtown.
- Have already received good comments about the SR5 and Union manhole project.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Tom Janes Second: Ron Terry Vote: All Ayes

Barbara J. Hawn

Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer

Earle Franklin

Earle Franklin, Mayor