

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

108 E Randolph ST., LaPaz, IN 46537

April 13, 2023 6:00 PM

Council Members

Roger Ecker, Pres.

Ryan Young, Vice

Cathy Welch

Council Members present: Roger Ecker, Ryan Young, Cathy Welch

Council Members absent – none

Town Clerk- Treasurer – present

Town Attorney – present

Call to order – meeting started at 6:00PM

Patrons: Paul Tyler, Jerry Auer, Steve Stacy, Roger Christner, Kevin Berger – Easterday Construction, Tim Abbott, Justin Risnes of WKUI, Mike Reese & Ben Smedley of Troyer Group, Steve Barber, Steve Cox, one unknown signature.

Approval of Minutes: Ecker made a motion to approve the Council Minutes from March 9, 2023 as written. Young second the motion. Roll call: Ecker-aye, Young-aye, Welch-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Old Business: park update; Mike Reese came to the council with the proposal for the design, bid, construction and administration of the project. Public hearing will be May 11th. Then late May review meeting with approval of final design and submit application. June OCRA review and approval. July project goes to bid. Award the bid in August. Construction is to begin after Labor Day. As far as destruction of old facilities it needs to be done by end of May. Marshall County and Bourbon will donate their trucks and labor to haul away debris. The project is to close by April 2024. Troyer Group proposal is for \$23,000.00. Ecker made a motion to accept the proposal for \$23,000.00 from Troyer Group. Young second the motion. Roll call: Ecker-aye, young-aye, Welch-aye. Motion carried 3-0. Ecker question the location of the electric for the park and what needs to be done. Reese said a new electrical panel and distribution lines will be needed. Troyer Group can do the topographic survey.

Sewer Rate Study: Council looked over the contract from Baker-Tilly to do a new rate study. The cost of the study will be \$12,500.00. Ecker made a motion to approve the new rate study for \$12,500.00 from Baker-Tilly. Young seconded the motion. Roll call: Ecker-aye, Young-aye, Welch-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Blighted Properties: Tony is to reach out to the owner of 101 S Michigan to see when they will be taking care of the hole. Council asked to have it taken care of before June 10th. Regarding property at 227 S Michigan; there is a pop up camper, trash, bikes in yard, and dead animals in house. Tony will talk to Officer Gadziola, and the health department.

New Business: LaPaz 150 Sesquicentennial; Celebration will be held Saturday June 10th. Cornerstone Church will kick off with a pancake & sausage breakfast in the morning at the fire station from 7:00-10:30 am. Donations from the breakfast will go towards fireworks. The parade will start at noon. Lions Club will have a concession booth at the park for the tenderloin sandwich sales. Suggestions for events were a bucket brigade, car show, beard & mustache contest, tug-o-war, arm wrestling, time period costume contest, ax throwing, craft-farmers market fireworks after dark. A banner for the celebration will be put across Michigan Street to advertise. The clerk will send letters to area businesses to participate in the parade or donate money. There will be ads to be put on Facebook, website and Pilot News for the event. The Grand Marshalls for the parade to be asked are; Don Balka, Ronnie McCarthy, Paul Tyler.

Town Clean Up: Apex will be doing the town wide clean up on Saturday May 6th. Clerk will put out flyers in area places and on Facebook.

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MVH: Lights needed on the truck. New tires are need for the backhoe. The quote for the lights for the Ford 350 is for \$3200.00 Ecker made a motion to go forward with the installation of the new exterior lighting for the Ford 350. Young seconded the motion. Roll call: Ecker-aye, Young-aye, Welch-aye. Motion carried 3-0. Pot holes are needed to be filed. Need file the cracks and repaint lines on Michigan Street.

Sewer: UV is in and running. Everything is doing well. Jerry is waiting on the weather to bring in vac truck to do the trailer parks and 2 culverts in town.

Police Dept: Officer not present. Work needed on the car. The repairs will possibly be covered under warranty through All Motive.

Attorney Update: Ordinance for clerk to pay bills. Ecker made a motion to pass Ordinance 2023-03 on all three readings. Young seconded the motion. Roll call: Ecker-aye, Young-aye, Welch-aye. Motion carried 3-0. Ordinance for dumping fine in the park; Tony said this should be already covered in the current ordinances.

Voluntary Annexation: Wagner had a conversation with Dave Albert regarding his concerns. Tony hopes to have a signed document by May's meeting.

Patron Comments: none

Financials: Ecker made a motion to approve APV's for March 10th – April 13th APV's # 4133-#4178 for the amount of \$79,606.94. Young seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ecker-aye, Young-aye, Welch-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk Update: Clerk file 12 liens in the amount total of \$4,849.63. Clerk gave a list of outstanding balances on billing.

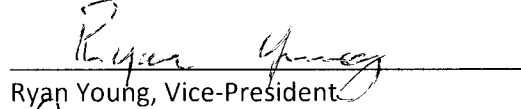
Adjournment: Ecker made a motion to adjourn. Young seconded the motion. Roll call: Ecker-aye, Young-aye, Welch-aye. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM



Roger Ecker, Council President

5-11-2023

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Ryan Young, Vice-President

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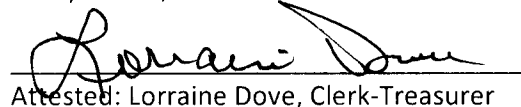
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Cathy Welch, Council Member

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Attested: Lorraine Dove, Clerk-Treasurer

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