

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

108 E Randolph ST., LaPaz, IN 46537

February 9, 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, Steve Stacey, Kevin Berger – Easterday Construction, Matt Haskins, Amber Godlewski, Tim Abbott, Vickie Vogt-Mack, Linda Sanders & Adam Sitka – Wessler Engineering.

Approval of Minutes: Ecker made a motion to approve the Council Minutes from January 12, 2023 as written. Young second the motion. Roll call: Ecker-aye, Young-aye, Welch-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Old Business: Water Project Update; Adam Sitka went over the grant application steps of what the next two years would look like for the town going forward on the water project. Ecker reported he spoke with County Commissioner Stan Klotz regarding extra funding from the county for the project. Marshall County is very interested in having expansion around LaPaz. Ecker made a motion to go to the next step and ask for funding from the county commissioners. Young seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ecker-aye, Young-aye, Welch-aye. Motion Carried 3-0. Clerk Dove and Linda Sanders will be attending the County Commissioner Meeting on March 20th to appeal for additional funding for the town.

Park Update: Land transfer, when the plots were done, the plots where current basketball court is located was not transferred into the fire department. Attorney Wagner stated it would be an easy fix to transfer it to the department. He will write a resolution for the March Meeting. The Council will be attending the North Township Advisory Board Meeting on March 20th to sign the final papers regarding transfer of property. There is the existing 4"well and sewer hookup at the old community building for the new park.

101 S Michigan Street: Wagner has not had contact with Mr. Valdez. Ecker wanted a time table as to when he would be taking care of the hole and rebuild. He will be sending a letter for Mr. Valdez to get into touch.

New Business: ADA Adoption; In order to go forth with the new sidewalk project LaPaz needs to adopt the ADA standards. Ecker made a motion to adopt Resolution 04-2023 Adopting the American with Disabilities Act. Young Second the motion. Roll Call: Ecker-aye, Young-aye, Welch-aye. Motion Carried 3-0. Ecker made a motion to adopt the Resolution 05-2023 ADA Guild lines for Standards. Young second the motion. Roll call: Ecker-aye, Young-aye, Welch-aye. Motion Carried 3-0.

Fence and Walls: Residents at 104 W 1st Road and at 108 Wood Street inquired about zoning for a fence and a wall. The Town of LaPaz zoning is handled by Marshall County. Attorney Wagner will send a letter to the residents with the Development Standards for fences and walls.

MVH: The question of snow plowing of 304 Vintage Trail came up. Vintage Trail only accesses one house. It is an unimproved street. The town's responsibility is to plow it.

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Sewer: Baker-Tilly has suggested the town do a new sewer rate study. The last one was done in 2018. Cost for everything has gone up since 2018. Ecker made a motion to have Baker-Tilly do a new rate study. Clerk to ask Baker-Tilly to see if a section regarding disconnects for nonpayment can be added to the sewer ordinance. Young seconded the motion. Roll call: Ecker-aye, Young-aye, Welch-aye. Motion passed 3-0. Clerk asked the attorney to look into shut off options for sewer due to the same consumers never paying their bills.

Police Department: no report.

Attorney Update: Golf Cart Ordinance 2023-01 was put on hold till March Meeting. The Attorney did not get it put in the paper in time for the 2nd & 3rd readings. Ordinance 2023-02 Internal Controls permission to pay monthly set fee bills was put on hold till March as well.

Annexation US 6 to US 31: The land owners, Ronnie McCarthy, Don Abbott, along US6 are requesting for annexation for commercial development. Ecker will talk with Dave Albert. The town will have to hold a Public Hearing. Attorney Wagner will do research for March meeting. Ecker wanted to move forward to voluntary annexation of the properties. Don Abbott is due back from Florida in April.

Patron Comments: Kevin Berger stated the county can do a TIF district with the permission of the county. Annexation usually takes 90 days. In the County Ordinance regarding fences, it has to be no higher than 3' tall in the front yard and 75% open in the front for visibility. LaPaz Commons- weather is the holdup at this time. Matt Haskins attended another meeting with Polk Township. Polk is now thinking but entering into a territory, not necessarily with North Township and LaPaz. Clerk suggested they do a survey to the people regarding the benefits of having a Fire Territory. Haskins was questioning the GIS regarding the current Park Drive. Discussion was made and to resume at the meeting on March 20th.

Financials: Ecker made a motion to approve APV's for Jan. 13th – Feb. 9th APV's # 4038-#4077 for the amount of \$54,697.37. Young seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ecker-aye, Young-aye, Welch-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk Update: Clerk presented the Council with Resolution 06-2023 Transfer of Funds - \$2500.00 from Gen-Professional fund to Gen- Police Operating Fund. Ecker made a motion to approve Resolution 06-2023 Transferring of Funds. Young seconded he motion. Roll call: Ecker-aye, Young-aye, Welch-aye. Motion carried 3-0. Clerk presented the bill for payment from SBOA for the audit done for the sewer on years 2018-2021 for the amount of \$3960.00. Dell wants to renew the contract for Microsoft 360 for 8 units for \$1349.00 for one year. HWI submitted an estimate for 8 units of Microsoft 360 for \$1347.00 per year. Clerk asked the council for permission to go with HWI. Ecker made a motion to have HWI to do Microsoft 360 for 8 units. Young seconded the motion. Roll call: Ecker-aye, Young-aye, Welch-aye. Motion Carried 3-0. Clerk stated the ILMCT conference will be held March 19th -23rd. Dove said she would not be attending this year to save the town money since she will not be seeking re-election this November.

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 7:13PM

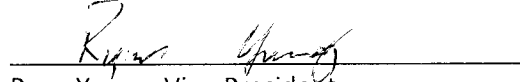
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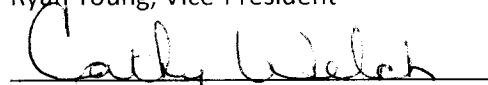
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Ryan Young, Vice-President

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Cathy Welch, Council Member

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Attested: Lorraine Dove, Clerk-Treasurer

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