

MEETING MINUTES

108 E Randolph ST., LaPaz, IN 46537

Thursday March 11, 2021 6:00 PM

Council Members

Roger Ecker, Pres.

Ryan Young

Kelli Chavez

Council Members present: Roger Ecker, Ryan Young, Kelli Chavez

Council Members absent – none

Town Clerk- Treasurer – present

Town Attorney – present

Call to order – meeting started at 6:00PM – Due to COVID restrictions President Ecker stated that each department head could leave (if so inclined) the meeting as soon as their section of the meeting was through.

Patrons: Paul Tyler, Phil Ellinger, Kevin Berger, Matt Haskins and Chelsea Smith

Approval of Minutes: Ecker made a motion to approve February 11, 2021 minutes as written. Young 2nd the motion. – Roll call. 3 ayes / 0 nays – motion carried.

New Business: **Fire Truck:** Fire Chief Haskins updated the board on the insurance claim for the tanker truck damaged in the accident. The truck was not totaled. The insurance paid \$151,000. The department will be selling the damaged truck for \$30,000.00 - \$40,000.00. A new truck will run the department approximately \$330,000.00 to \$430,000.00 leaving a difference of \$160,000.0 to \$170,000.00 for the department to come up with. President Ecker made a motion for the town to spend \$20,000.00 from our Calmative Fire Equipment Fund for the new truck. Kelli Chavez seconded the motion. Roll call: 3 ayes 0 nays. Motion carried 3-0.

Police Vehicle: President Ecker informed the board that Bremen was selling a 2015 SUV vehicle with 130,000 miles from their police department. They are willing to sell to LaPaz for between \$3000 and \$4000 dollars to LaPaz. Ecker made a motion to let Bremen know we are interested in the purchase. Ryan Young seconded the motion. Roll: call 3 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried 3-0.

OLD Business: **LED SIGN:** Ecker gave council an update on the LED sign project after meeting with the North Township Board. There was discussion on adding a meter to monitor electric usage for the sign. No decision was made.

Housing Project: Kevin Berger of Easterday Construction appeared to the board for updates to the project. For the Stellar grant there were 51 entries and 19 of those were awarded including Easterday Construction. Next phase: architect plans are being finalized and tax credit sold. Start Date: end of July 2021. Another opportunity: Home Funds Grant would provide another 8-10 units possible. If Easterday Construction is awarded the money he would sub-divide the property to put on back side of the existing land. He will go through the BZA. He already has the multifamily variance in place. This project would not begin till after the first 8 units are completed. The lumber prices have double since the start of COVID -19.

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Sewer Dept: no report

MVH: Paul Tyler reported he is waiting on weather to break to do patching and clean sand of the bridge. He asked the board to make Michigan Street a snow route to make plowing easier in the winter. He could not plow correctly with cars parking on the street. The board asked the attorney to create an ordinance for a snow route. Tyler asked the board for an ordinance for replacing street signs due to damage by vehicles. The board suggested he check with the sheriff department for accident reports to get the name of the person involved in the damage of the signs.

Ordinance 2021-01: The second and third reading of the Ordinance 2021-01 was read. Ecker made a motion to pass. Young seconded the motion. Roll call: 3 ayes and 0 nays. Motion passed 3-0.

Ordinance 2021-03: Amendment to Ordinance 2020-01 first reading. Ecker made a motion. Young seconded the motion. Roll call: 3 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried 3-0.

Ordinance Violations: Due to the continue dispute between patrons at 106 N Michigan St and 104 N Michigan St with parking the board asked Paul Tyler to have the alley surveyed. It was asked by attorney Tony Wagner to have the same surveyor do the Abbott property in dispute as well. The attorney will be sending letters to homeowners: Hathaway regarding the open burning, trash totes and junk on property and to Roberts for taking care of the broken fence and trash on property. The board also asked the attorney to look into the house on Michigan Street that has 6 cars for sale on their front lawn as well.

Patron Comments: none

Clerk update: * Resolution 02-2021 for outstanding checks. The clerk had an outstanding check from 2018. Ecker made a motion to accept resolution 02-2021. Chavez seconded the motion. Roll call: 3 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment: Ecker made a motion to close the council meeting. Young 2nd – roll call – 3 ayes / 0 nays – motion carried. Adjourned at 6:59 PM

Announcements: Next Council meeting will be April 8, 2021 at 6:00 PM



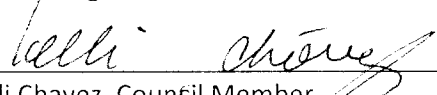
Roger Ecker, Council President

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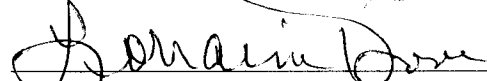
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Kelli Chavez, Council Member

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