

MEETING MINUTES
Public Hearing on Water Study Plan
108 E Randolph ST., LaPaz, IN 46537
Thursday November 11, 2021 6:00 PM

Council Members
Roger Ecker, Pres.
Ryan Young
Kelli Chavez

Council Members present- Roger Ecker, Ryan Young

Council Members absent – Kelli Chavez

Town Clerk- Treasurer - present

Town Attorney - present

Call to order - meeting started at 6:00PM

Patrons: Paul Tyler, Steve Stacy, Jerry Auer, Kevin Berger - Easterday Construction, Phil Ellinger, Ralph & Fern Costello, David Gee, Rex Hummel, Shannon McLeod - PPR, Jon Borges- Wessler Engineering, Norma Goodsell, Kim Abel Ben Norman, Deb & Kevin Norton, Gene Crusie – Surf Broadband, Tabitha Young-Yakel, Andrew Hostetler, Andy Lamberis, Bill Hainghee, Allen Whittaker.

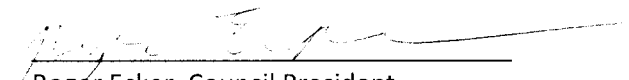
New Business: Jon Borges of Wessler Engineering presented the water study plans to the audience and the town council. He gave handouts explaining to the audience members the different plans which were: 1. just the town corporation limits, 2. the town, 2 LaVille schools and the sub division behind the school, 3. the town and out to the trailer Courts to the south of town. He stated it was a twenty year plan and what it detailed as far as wells, treatment system, distribution lines and storage. Total estimated cost 18.3 million dollars. Shannon McLeod explained the Federal Grant process to the audience. President Ecker stated he was working with the Union-North School Corporation to be added in to our system. It would give the schools a sprinkler system and better drinking water. He also stated by expanding out US 6 east would give expansion to the town for either industry or housing projects for growth. Having a water system would benefit the town with hydrants and lower insurance costs to homeowners and businesses.

Patron Comments: David Gee asked about rates for his trailer park. He stated he was 80% not in favor of the project. Jon Borges stated the next step in the project was to hire a rate consultant. Shannon McLeod went over ways to save money. Infrastructures Bill was just passed which means money out there. This is the time where the most money will be available to make this a reality. This project could possibly have 80% of the project financed by grants, leaving the town to get a loan for only 20%. Fern Costello stated they have 2 wells in their park. She questions meters and if they would be paid for use of their water lines. Ecker said the parks would not have to be included if they choose not to. Norma Goodsell was not in favor of using chemicals with treatment of the water. She asked why the water cannot be purified without chemicals. Jon Borges: Minimum number of people needed to connect to water. Do not have to connect. If their wells go bad then the home will have to connect at that time. Shannon: explained no decisions will be made tonight. There will be more public hearings in the future. Anthony Wagner stated having the town water system will add value to their property. Ben Norman was concerned with treated water and his goats.

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Aaron Hostetler: Asked how many more studies to be done? Answer: the next study will be the financial study. Who makes the final decision? Answer: The facts will be presented to the town at a public meeting where patrons can comment. The council will take in the all comments into consideration. The council will make the final decision. Rex Hummel: What will be the interest rate? Answer: that is why a financial study is needed. David Gee: Who pays for the abandonment of the old well? Answer: Depends on how it is funded.

Motion to Close: President Ecker made a motion to close. Ryan Young seconded the motion. Roll Call: 2 ayes-0 nays. Motion carried 2-0. Adjournment 7:23 PM



Roger Ecker, Council President

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Ryan Young, Council Member

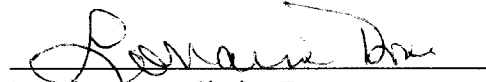
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ABSENT

Kelli Chavez, Council Member

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Lorraine Dove, Clerk – Treasurer

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