

MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING 2022 BUDGET
108 E Randolph ST., LaPaz, IN 46537
Thursday September 9, 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

Patrons: Paul Tyler, Kevin Berger of Easterday Construction, Phil Ellinger, Jon Borges of Wessler Engineering.

New Business: President Ecker presented the 2022 Budget for public comment and the first reading. Ecker made a motion to the budget to increase the Clerk salary by 5% for 2022. Young second the motion. Roll call: 3 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried 3-0. The president opened the floor at 6:02 for public comment. There being no public comment the president made a motion to close the floor at 6:03 PM.

Motion to Close: President Ecker made a motion to close. Ryan Young seconded the motion. Roll Call: 3 ayes-0 nays. Motion carried 3-0. Adjournment 6:04 PM

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Patrons: Paul Tyler, Jon Borges from Wessler, Kevin Berger from Easterday Construction, Phil Ellinger.

Approval of Minutes: President Ecker made a motion to approve August 12, 2021 minutes as written. Young seconded the motion. – Roll call. 3 ayes / 0 nays – motion carried.

Old Business: Jon Borges submitted their final bill to PPR for payment from OCRA. Next step will be to hold a public hearing for the plan. Ecker said he spoke with a school board member regarding LaVille Schools to be added to the plan. Due to the leaving of the school superintendent it will be put on hold till a new superintendent is in charge. Borges stated the town should go for the next phase of the SWIF Grant application next summer for more funding.

Ecker made a motion to pay PPR \$1000.00 for submitting the police grant. Young second the motion. Roll call: 3 ayes – 0 nays.

Page 2 minutes old business continued:

Ordinance Violations: Letter sent to Keith & Sandra Schultz at 104 W First Road regarding appliances, mattresses and junk to be removed. Board asked letters to be sent to Brian McCartney, Cesar Jimenez and VanDuyne Properties for tall grass violations. Attorney Wagner is to send letter to Megan & Shawn Brzenzinski for continual violation of tall grass, weeds and trash ordinance.

101 S Michigan St.: Ecker had 2 bids come in. Discussion was made due to the high cost of the bids. Marshall County has standards for demolition. It was discussed selling to a buyer and let buyer tear down the building with provisions. The attorney presented the council with an Ordinance 2021-07 establishing a threshold for disposal of real property based on assessed value. After Discussion it was decided to sell the building with condition to tear down and fill in, level ground. Ecker made a motion for emergency passing of pass Ordinance 2021-7 on all three readings. Young seconded the motion. Roll call: 3 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried 3-0.

Kevin Berger: He has to close on the project this year. They will do some excavating on the ground yet this year. Building will start next year.

MVH: Regarding the alley between Charles Welch and Phil Ellinger properties: The tree that sits in the alley needs to be removed by the town. There are several piles of cat litter are on Mr. Welch property that has a big stench needs to be removed. The attorney presented an ordinance that will address regulating animals as a public nuisance. The board will review and comment at the October meeting. The attorney suggested calling the health department about the cat litter.

President said he has not heard back from the two companies regarding sealing the cracks on Michigan Street. He asked Paul Tyler to call Ranger in Warsaw to see if they could do it. MACOG was in today to grade the streets for PACE report. Tyler has been working on the town right away by Brenda Roberts's property clearing the brush and fallen fence. Young will get a bid on taking the tree down that is obstructing the alley.

SEWER DEPT: Jerry Auer on vacation. Steve Stacy was absent. Ecker said he was told that Banner Electric bill for the new switch for the generator will be about \$3500.00 to complete.

New Business: Church property: Ecker had not heard back from the preacher as of today. He asked the attorney if the church would sell the property to the town if the town could lease back a room to the church members for services. Wagner said it could be done. Clerk stated it would be a better use of the splash pad money to purchase the church as a community center. Having a center would generate income for room rentals whereas the splash pad would not. Ecker would pursue the matter with the pastor of the church and report at the October meeting.

ATTORNEY UPDATE: Jackie Walorski's office contacted him back regarding release of information on Brenda Robert's property and the IRS. He will report back when he hears more.

Patron Comments: Phil Ellinger stated he would be willing to have the town go across his property for use of the town well if needed.

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Clerk Update: Territorial Engineering invoice: the invoice was for the town alley and not for the railroad right away. Clerk was told to pay the invoice. Clerk will get in touch with Territorial to go ahead survey the parcel. Have them contact Jerry Auer to show them the parcel that is needed

Clerk reported resident Jackie Haenes stated on Memorial Day Weekend a suspicious man in red pickup truck was speaking to her granddaughters. He had a bag of zip ties in his hand. She chased him off. She did not report to the police.

Clerk sent out 22 pre lien letters on September 2nd. Four residents have paid. She will file liens on September 16th for those who have not paid.

Clerk stated should be hearing about the COPS Grant on September 21st.

Clerk sent out emails to employees asking for job descriptions. She will work on updating the town employee handbook.

Financials: President Ecker made a motion to approve APV'S from August 13th - Sept. 9th / APV #3228 - 3268. Young seconded the motion. Roll call: 3 ayes - 0 nays. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment: President Ecker made a motion to close the meeting. Young seconded the motion. Roll call: 3 ayes - 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM



Roger Ecker, Council President

10-21-2021
date



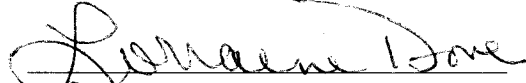
Ryan Young, Council Member

10-21-2021
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ABSENT

Kelli Chavez, Council Member

date



Lorraine Dove, Clerk - Treasurer

Oct 14 2021
date