

## MEETING MINUTES

### LaPaz Town Council

108 E Randolph ST., LaPaz, IN 46537

Thursday January 13, 2022 6:00 PM

#### Council Members

Roger Ecker, Pres.

Ryan Young

Kelli Chavez

**Council Members present**- Ryan Young, Roger Ecker via Zoom due to working out of town.

**Council Members absent** – none

**Town Clerk- Treasurer** – present

**Town Attorney** - present

**Call to order** - meeting started at 6:00PM

**Patrons**: Jerry Auer, Steve Stacy, Kevin Berger of Easterday Construction, Phil Ellinger, Angela Cornell – Pilot News.

**Election of Office**: Young made a motion to elect Roger Ecker as President. Ecker seconded the motion. Roll call: Young Aye, Ecker Aye / 0 nays. Motion carried: 2-0.

**Approval of Minutes**: Councilman Young made a motion to approve December 9, 2021 minutes as written. Ecker seconded the motion. – Roll call. Young aye, Ecker aye / 0 nays – Motion carried 2-0.

**Old Business**: **Park Property** – Ecker reported to the council that the North Township Advisory Board was not in favor of entering into an inter-local agreement with the town for LaPaz Park. The Advisory Board will consider selling the property or leasing to the town.

**Christmas Light Contest Winners**: First Place: 102 Walnut Street, Cathi Mills, Second Place: 202 Walnut Street – Joelaine Birkey Third Place: 213 Hudson St. Dustin Groves. Prizes donated by Mac's Market and LaPaz Diner. Judges were Roger Ecker, Steve and Karen Cox.

**Ordinance 2021-09 Regulation of Animals**: Ordinance was put on hold till February's meeting.

**MVH**: no report

**SEWER DEPT**: Steve Stacy reported that his department has started the testing for the Town of Lakeville. Ordering of UV bulbs is needed. President Ecker asked all department purchases be made in Marshall County if at all possible.

**New Business**: The Council signed the 2022 Fire contract with North Township. The Council signed the 2022 contract with Wagner& Wagner LLC. Both contracts were approved in prior meeting.

**Police Explorer**: the transmission on the vehicle is going out. Young is to contact Jared to have Pat Siple get cost replacement for transmission.

**2024 Sidewalk and Troyer ST Extention**: The LaPaz Commons project to be 100% done by end of 2023. Ecker wants to pursue Community Crossing Grant for funds to extend Troyer Street. The sewer department requested placing manholes in the new street.

**Water Study**: Per Shannon McLeod, the town needs to finalize the scope of the project. A meeting date was set for Thursday January 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at the town hall.

**Microsoft Renewal**: Clerk informed the council the Microsoft Office for the town laptops was due. The cost was \$1141.00. Ecker made a motion to renew the software. Young seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ecker –aye, Young - Aye. Motion carried 2-0.

**Resignation**: Council Member Kelli Chavez sent a letter to the council resigning her position effective January 1, 2022. Ecker made a motion to accept her resignation. Young seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ecker – aye, Young – aye. Motion carried 2-0.

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**Patron Comments:** Kevin Berger informed the council that A&M Services have a law suit against the church property at 601 S Michigan Street. Wagner stated he is having trouble finding a commercial appraiser to do the appraisal on the property. Berger to get names for Wagner.

**ATTORNEY UPDATE:** Wagner informed the council he will be on vacation during the next council meeting February 10<sup>th</sup>. The owner of the Bottle Stop was not interested in the property located at 101 S Michigan Street.

**Clerk Update:** no report

**Financials:** Young made a motion to approve APV'S from December 10' 2021 – January 13, 2022 / APV # 3405 - 3476. Ecker seconded the motion. Roll call: Ecker – aye, Young - aye – 0 nays. Motion carried 2-0.

**Adjournment:** Young made a motion to close the meeting. Ecker seconded the motion. Roll call: Ecker-aye, Young -aye – 0 nays. Motion carried 2-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM

  
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Roger Ecker, Council President

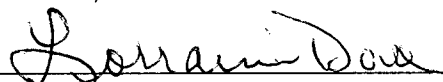
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Kelli Chavez, Council Member

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Lorraine Dove, Clerk – Treasurer

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