

MEETING MINUTES

108 E Randolph ST., LaPaz, IN 46537

Thursday March 10, 2022 6:00 PM

Council Members

Roger Ecker, Pres.

Ryan Young

Donella Emmons

Council Members present: Roger Ecker, Ryan Young, Donella Emmons

Council Members absent – none

Town Clerk- Treasurer – present

Town Attorney – present

Call to order – meeting started at 6:00PM

Patrons: Jerry Auer, Phil Ellinger, Kevin Berger, Adam Sitka of Wessler Engineering

Approval of Minutes: Ecker made a motion to approve the minutes from February 10, 2022 as written. Young second the motion. Roll call: Ecker-aye, Young-aye, Emmons-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Old Business: Discussion of benefit package for new hire. Emmons volunteered to research insurance for new hire. Ecker made a motion to set up a separate meeting date to discuss the findings. Young second the motion. Roll call: Ecker-aye, Young-aye, Emmons-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Town Water: Adam Sitka came to present the council with an amendment #1 to the PER, the agreement for the municipal water utilities system preliminary engineering report. This amendment covers the submitting the SRF that is due May 1st. (PER is the acronym for preliminary engineering report, SRF is the acronym for state revolving funds). This agreement is for putting the information into the SRF format for the water treatment and define the options for submission. The next step is to get on the PPL (Project Priority List). By getting on the list opens the doorway for more grants. Wessler is to submit the PER Draft to the council by April 1st. Then have a workshop by April 8th to review. Then by April 15th Wessler will give the final PER to the council. The final PER will be submitted to SRF on April 29th.

Ecker made a motion to accept the amendment plan for \$18,000.00. Young second the motion. Roll call: Ecker-aye, Young-aye, Emmons-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

LaPaz Commons: Kevin Berger commented the Plymouth site is on hold due to frost and drainage issue. He wants to start the concrete work on the LaPaz site. He will work on setting a ground breaking date Marshall County Crossroads. He asked for gravel to be put at the site to be able to pull in and park. Ecker stated we need gravel on the west end of Walnut Street too. Ecker made the motion to have MVH department hire Betcher to haul in gravel for Walnut Street and for the LaPaz Commons project. Auer to grade the new gravel on Walnut Street and Vintage Trail for Goodsell. Young second the motion. Roll call: Ecker-aye, Young-aye, Emmons-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

MVH: Ecker to report the 2 lights out.

Sewer Dept. Auer reported the testing is going well. The vacuum pump needed to be ordered. Replaced 2 home pumps.

New Business: Ecker declared an emergency vote to approve the Ordinance # 2022-02 to create a fund for the COPS Hiring Program. Ecker made a motion to pass the Ordinance #2022-02 on all three readings. Young seconded the motion. Roll call: Ecker aye-, Young-aye, Emmons-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Sidewalk Project: The Town only received 2 bids for the project after sending out 5 emails to companies. Ecker to see if this will suffice for the OCRA Grant. The bids are tabled to April's meeting.

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Off Road Vehicles: The council discussed different aspects of what is needed to be put into a new ordinance regarding off road vehicles driving in town limits. Wagner stated per Indiana State statue no one under the age of 14 is allowed to operate on town streets. The concerns are the speeding, under age use, noise and possible registration. Wagner is to draft an ordinance using the state statue and the council's recommendations for April's meeting.

227 S Michigan Street: Complaints on garbage and filth on the residential property by neighbors and town's people. This has been a continual ongoing problem. Wagner will get an emergency court order for the town to clean up the property.

Patron Comments: Phil Ellinger addressed the ongoing issue of dumping of cat litter along the alley by the Welch property.

Attorney Update: Council asked Wagner to push to resolve the issue of the sewer right away with Mr. Abbott. They requested a sit down meeting with Mr. Abbott. It was also discussed repost the sale to lower the selling cost of the 101 S Michigan Street property in order to get it tore down. Add that it should be torn down within 90 days of sale.

Financials: Ecker made a motion to approve the APV's from February 11th – March 10th # 3519-3562. Young seconded the motion. Roll call: Ecker-aye, Young-aye, Emmons-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk Update: The clerk is to be gone for the ILMCT Conference from Sunday March 13 – Thursday March 17th. She will come in Thursday night on the 17th to file approximate 22 liens to get on the spring taxes. There is a commissioner's sale March 30th on the 123 S Michigan Street property. The town has liens on the property totaling \$2119.26.

Adjournment: President Ecker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Young seconded the motion. Roll call: Ecker-aye, Young-aye, Emmons-aye. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.



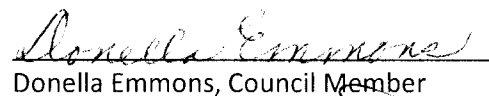
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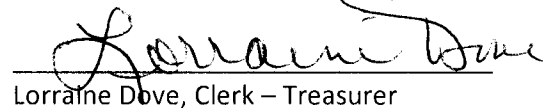
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