

MEETING MINUTES

108 E Randolph ST., LaPaz, IN 46537

Thursday August 11, 2022 6:00 PM

Council Members

Roger Ecker, Pres.

Ryan Young

Council Members present: Roger Ecker, Ryan Young

Council Members absent – none

Town Clerk- Treasurer – present

Town Attorney – present

Call to order – meeting started at 6:01PM

Patrons: Paul Tyler, Jerry Auer, Steve Stacy, Nick Shark, Angela Cornell – Pilot News, Kevin Berger – Easterday Construction.

Approval of Minutes: Ecker made a motion to approve the Council Minutes and the Public Hearing minutes from July 14, 2022 as written. Young second the motion. Roll call: Ecker-aye, Young-aye. Motion carried 2-0.

Old Business: Ecker made a motion to approve the attachments D-2 and D-3 to the SRF Loan program. Young seconded the motion. Roll call: Ecker-aye, Young-aye. Motion Carried 2-0.

Zoom Meeting: A meeting was held today regarding options for funding the water project for LaPaz. The town needs to do an income survey to determine the actual income range for the citizens of LaPaz before it can determine which types of grants the town will qualify for.

Town Ditch: Ecker spoke with Langfield about dredging the ditch. He is to get back with price for the town.

Park Survey: Ecker reported so far he has only one company respond to the request to survey the park property. Fleis& VandenBrink came in with a price of \$6900 to do the survey. Ecker made the motion to go ahead with the survey. Young seconded the motion. Roll call: Ecker –aye, Young-aye. Motion Carried 2-0.

Police New Hire: Ecker was in negotiations with Bruce Gadziola. Attorney Wagner drew up a contract between the town and Officer Gadziola. He is to start on Monday August 15th. Ecker made a motion to approve the contract to hire Officer Gadziola. Young seconded the motion. Roll call: Ecker-aye, Young-aye. Motion carried 2-0.

MVH: TCS did the striping from County Line Road to the town. They gave a bid for \$6544.00 to re-stripe the lines on Michigan Street. Ecker discussed how they did such a poor job for Marshall County with thin paint and wavy lines. He stated he was not in favor of giving TCS the bid. Young agreed. Paul and his helper will repaint the lines themselves. First they need to get the street swept. Ecker asked Paul to call Jason from the county to do the sweeping of the street and to let Jason know what a poor job TCS did.

Sewer Dept.: Received a bid to replace the two AC Units from Tyler Heating and Cooling for \$5995.00 Discussion was made. Ecker made a motion to accept the bid. Young seconded the motion. Roll call: Ecker-aye, Young-aye. Motion carried 2-0. County Line Church of the Brethren on Tyler Road spoke with Jerry regarding hooking up to the sewer line. Mark Haskins Jr called Jerry asking about how to tie in. Discussion was made about drilling under the road to get into the system. Tap fee is \$650.00 with Jerry to do the inspections. Sewer department needs to do design specs to have on file.

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New Business: Building security: SBO will not allow Simplisafe to do an auto withdrawal. Dove spoke with Simplisafe, they will not change how they do the billing. Other towns use Vermillion. The clerk received a bid for \$2942.55 for installation and first month for security and fire throughout the building. Ecker made a motion to accept the bid. Young seconded the motion. Roll call: Ecker-aye, Young-aye. Motion carried: 2-0.

Park Board: a meeting was held on August 10, 2022. In attendance were Lorraine Dove, Sandy Fisher, Cathy Welch, Ryan Young, and Mike Reese and Ben Smedley of Troyer Group-Landscape Division. Troyer Group is working with the Stellar Group to do parks. Dove shared the Park Authority Ordinance that the town created September 12, 2019 Ordinance 2019-04 with Mike Reese. This should take the place of establishing a park board. Mr. Reese will look into it.

INDOT LPA Agreement: Ecker was not able to open the agreement and sign it. Young should sign as well.

Attorney Update: Brzezinski Home at 227 S Michigan Street- yard ordinance violation. She has not paid the ticket or complied with the ticket served by Officer Jared Siple on July 27, 2022. The yard is still overgrown with weeds, tall grass and trash. Attorney Wagner is perusing taking her to court. Officer Siple, who served the ticket, will be the witness for the town. Ecker asked Wagner to send an email when it is filed. Dove asked about continuous yard sales the board had discussed several meetings ago. A certain citizen at 514 S Michigan Street has this going constantly. They have no parking, it is a nuisance and unsightly. Wagner will contact the county zoning board.

Patron Comments: none

Financials: Ecker made a motion to approve AP vouchers for July 15th – August 11th numbers 3753-3793 in the amount of \$4,944.02. Young seconded the motion. Roll call: Ecker-aye, Young-aye. Motion carried 2-0.

Clerk Update: Working on the final 2023 Budget. Dove will send final copies to the council. Dove reported she has 36 people on her current TRECS list. The governor just signed a releasing of funds to the tax payer of \$200.00 per taxpayer that she is anticipating to collecting some of the funds. If not receiving she will file liens by September 20th to collect funds owed.

Adjournment: President Ecker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Young seconded the motion. Roll call: Ecker-aye, Young-aye. Motion carried 2-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.



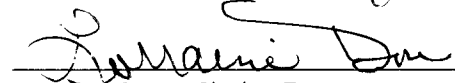
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