

MEETING MINUTES

108 E Randolph ST., LaPaz, IN 46537
Thursday August 12, 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, Jerry Auer, Steve Stacy, Linda Sanders & Jon Borges from Wessler, Kevin Berger from Easterday Construction, Phil Ellinger, Arturio Valdez, Lori Osborne, Pamela Gaskill.

Approval of Minutes: President Ecker made a motion to approve July 8, 2021 minutes with one correction. Regarding the church roof, Ecker stated the insurance company would only cover the roof damaged by the storm. Young seconded the motion. Roll call: Ecker – aye, Young - aye, 0 nays. Motion carried 2-0.

Old Business:

Wessler: Linda Sanders and Jon Borges presented the board with the final cost estimates for the water project of 18.3 million for overall project. Consisting of 2, 150 gallon per minute wells, treatment would be the package treatment option - best for iron, 250,000 gallon storage tank and the distribution system. This is designed for 64,000 per day average plus future expansion of doubling. Ecker questioned the financing of hydrants. Linda Sanders stated it would be in the rate study and passed along to the consumers. Businesses would have a higher rate than homeowners. Ecker made a motion to accept the plan from Wessler. Young seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ecker – aye, Young – aye – 0 nays. Motion Carried 2-0. Ecker made a motion to authorize the payment for the 60% payment to Wessler for \$21,000.00. Young seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ecker – aye, Young – aye, 0 nays. Motion carried 2-0.

ADA- update: The new sidewalk project was submitted and approved in the same day. Unfortunately the letting for the project would not happen till 2023.

Ordinance Violations: Letter was sent to Rick Huff regarding his rental property at 217 W Randolph Street and the lawn not being mowed and kept up. Home owner has not mowed the property. The 10 days have passed. Ecker instructed the street department to mow the lawn at 217 W Randolph and the town will bill Mr. Huff for the work. Ecker said he would talk one more time to the renter and let Paul Tyler know if there was a change.

Homeowner Judy Farver -202 South Street stated the couch in her front yard she was having it removed. Was told her tree was her responsibility to remove off her property and alley. Young was going to let Bruce Albert know his tree blocking the road was his responsibility to remove. He needs to call the cable and telephone company to let them know his tree is on their wires.

Page 2 minutes Old Bussines continued:

229 S Michigan St: Brzenzinski- unkempt yard. Young stated she has done the front yard and working on the back yard. Ecker stated if she needed help he has people willing to help her.

101 S Michigan ST: Ecker stated he had 3 companies look at the building for demolition quotes. Two of the companies were interested. Asbestos was found in the building. Mr. Arturio Valdez was interested in putting in a bid to tear down and purchase the property. He wants to put in new apartment building. The board stated there would be a time line to the demolition. The attorney recommended they put this out for bids for demo or put out for sale with condition buyer demos the building within 60 days. Ecker asked the attorney to put something together for the next meeting.

MVH: Tyler presented the board with cost estimates for zero turn mowers. Ecker suggested the tractor from the sewer plant for the town and get new for the sewer. The clerk stated MVH has the money in the account for the new mower. It was decided for the company to bring the mower and do a demonstration. If the mower is able to do the banks as advertised and the facts check out, Ecker made a motion to approve the purchase of the Altoz TRX 561 mower for \$15750.00 for MVH. Young seconded the motion. Roll call: Ecker- aye, Young, aye, 0 nays. Motion carried 2-0. Tyler presented the board the quote for a new striper to paint the lines on Michigan Street. Ecker made a motion to go ahead and purchase the Truline Striper model 250BP for \$2098.00. Young seconded the motion. Roll call: Ecker aye, Young aye, 0 nays. Motion carried 2-0.

Sewer Dept: Generator problems during power outage. It has a manual switch. It needs an auto switch on the generator. Banner Electric quoted \$2575.00 to fix it. Ecker made a motion to have Banner Electric do the work. Young seconded the motion. Roll call: Ecker aye, Young aye, 0 nays. Motion carried 2-0. The generator also has a water pump going out. Banner Electric will service that too. Jerry Auer stated he is having a hard time getting Herrman & Goetz to come out and do service work for us. Clerk stated the town has a contract with Herrman & Goetz that we need to live up to. The attorney looked over the contract. It was decided that Jerry call for the one service visit and after that was done the town will send a letter stating the town would not renew the contract for 2022. Steve Stacy will have Banner Electric submit a contract for service for 2022 for the town to approve.

New Business: None

Patron Comments: Lori Osborne of 341 S Michigan Street came to complain about all the stray cats, not neutered full of fleas being dumped around town. She has witnessed and has photos of cats from 229 S Michigan St: Brzenzinski residence and from 101 Vandalia Street: Jurkovic residence being dumped to the street, left to die. Plymouth Humane Society is not taking cats at this time. After discussion, it was decided for the attorney to amend the old ordinance and update it to include stray cats. The attorney advised Ms. Osborne to video this and gives it to the prosecutor in Plymouth who is very pro animal and against animal abuse.

Kevin Berger of Easterday construction suggested the town to grandfather the building at 101 S Michigan Street as a multi-family unit so new apartments can be built there again versus trying to rezone the property.

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Attorney Update: Ordinance # 2021-06 amendment to #2019-03 - Establishing Committee for the allocation of Pandemic –related Funds. Suggestions for the committee will be the clerk, one council member, one sewer department and members of the community. Ecker declared an emergency motion to approve Ordinance #2021-06 on all 3 readings. Young seconded the motion. Roll call: Ecker –aye, Young- aye, 0 nays. Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk Update: Presented the council with estimated budget for \$733,000.00 to see if they wanted any changes. Ecker made a motion to accept the estimated budget for clerk to submit to DLGF. Young seconded the motion. Roll call: Ecker aye, Young aye, 0 nays. Motion carried 2-0. Clerk stated she sent 13 prelien letters out. 7 people paid their outstanding bill. Clerk will file liens on the other 6 customers. Clerk stated she would be attending a training webinar for ILMCT – AIM on Thursday August 26th.

Financials: President Ecker made a motion to approve APV'S from July 8th – August 12th. Young seconded the motion. Roll call: Ecker-aye, Young aye – 0 nays. Motion carried 2-0.

Adjournment: President Ecker made a motion to close the meeting. Young seconded the motion. Roll call: Ecker- aye, Young aye – 0 nays. Motion carried 2-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM



Roger Ecker, Council President

9-9-2021
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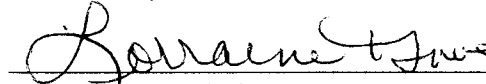
Ryan Young, Council Member

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ABSENT

Kelli Chavez, Council Member

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Lorraine Dove, Clerk – Treasurer

Sept 9 2021
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