

MEETING MINUTES

108 E Randolph ST., LaPaz, IN 46537
Thursday November 10, 2022 6:00 PM

Council Members

Roger Ecker, Pres.
Ryan Young
Cathy Welch

Council Members present: Roger Ecker, Ryan Young, Cathy Welch

Council Members absent – none

Town Clerk- Treasurer – present

Town Attorney – present

Call to order – meeting started at 6:00PM

Patrons: Paul Tyler, Jerry Auer, Steve Stacy, Angela Cornell, Kevin Berger, Sandy Fisher, Amber Godlewski, Gabrielle Vires, Greg Hilderbran, Allen Whittaker, Andrew Hostetler.

Approval of Minutes: Ecker made a motion to approve the minutes from October 13, 2022 as written. Young second the motion. Roll call: Ecker-aye, Young-aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Old Business: Ecker clarified the trash contract from October meeting. All three bids had annual updates. The council did go with APEX, the lowest bidder.

LaPaz Commons update: Kevin Berger stated infrastructure is in on the land, footings are in, cross walls in and backfilled back filled. Ecker stated he did contact MACOG to do the rating on the road to extend Troyer Street, Randolph and some others. He has to get the paperwork in by December 1st to get in on the first pull for the grant.

Sesquicentennial Celebration: LaPaz will be celebrating 150 years. Discussion was as to what date to hold our celebration as not to compete with Bremen fireman festival and graduations. It was decided to hold it the second weekend in June 2023.

Park Update: Cathy Welch and Lorraine Dove met with Troyer Group Monday November 7th to discuss the results of the park survey. Things asked for were pickle ball courts, better playground area ADA compliant, basketball court, better bathrooms, volleyball court, and walking paths in first phase. In phase two, possibly area for farmer's market, concert area, second bathrooms, and a community center. Ecker met with the land surveyor to establish the park property lines. It will be 3 different plots when done. The Troyer Group will take the ideas given to them by survey and park committee to redo the plans to incorporate the new ideas.

Police car bids: the town received 3 bids. Ecker opened the bids. Emergency Remarketing, Willoughby, Ohio bid \$988.18, Blount Auto Salvage bid \$1016.00 and Sheila Saunders bid \$2850.00. Ms. Saunders was awarded the 2010 Ford Crown Victoria for her highest bid. Ecker will notify her and let her know the town will be applying for the lost title to the car.

Ford Explorer repairs: Officer Gadziola informed the council of the misfiring in engine, next day car shut done completely. Ford Auto Park did the repairs. Gadziola stated he was still waiting on his winter coat he ordered. All the software has been updated for the department. First Net phone system works great with rolling over calls to his cell phone from office phone.

MVH: Tyler picked up the new Ford F350 truck from Andy Mohr Ford Dealer in Plainfield, Indiana. Wiring harness will be installed for the snow plow from the old truck to the new F350. Tyler still has more leaves to pick up. He will be using the old truck for the leaves.

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Sewer Dept.: Banner Electric put in a new relay switch on control panel lift station at Walnut Street. The pump was tripping the switch. Jerry had the pump rebuilt. At LaVille Schools rebuilt 2 pumps were put in.

New Business: Greg Hiderbran from MCEDC updated the council that Laura Walls has resigned her position as CEO. He spoke of the effort to increase the business retention and expansion to take effect the first of the year.

Fire Territory update: Ecker reported on the meeting held on Tuesday November 1st with North Township, fire department and EMS and Baker-Tilly. The group is still trying to get POLK Township to join in. Lakeville was interested in the process. Attorney Wagner spoke of the high cost for ambulance service. A local Public Safety option tax can be used to finance the service as well as police. Economic Development Tax can be spent on public service, roads as well as economic development. Every community is having trouble staffing for EMS and ambulance service. 25% of the people in Marshall County work outside the county and are paying taxes used for safety service. Those tax dollars are staying in those counties, not coming back into Marshall County. Where as if they live outside Marshall County but work in Marshall County, That tax is collected and sent to their home county. Marshall County needs to implement this type of tax to support our local emergency services.

Fire Equipment for new Truck: North Township will not put LaPaz name on the new truck since the township is paying the majority of the cost of the truck. The township paid \$4000.00 for the study for the fire territory. Ecker asked the clerk for money to help pay for the cost. Clerk informed him the money the town put back for the truck could not be used for the study. It has to be used for truck or equipment.

Signage for building: Clerk asked for permission to have new sign for the police department door and for the side of the building on Randolph Street. The police door is unmarked. She wants a sign designating the police entrance and the PD phone number on the sign. On Randolph Street she would like a new sign with address and stating deliveries are to the back of the building. Delivery people are having trouble finding the police department and the town hall. Council gave permission to go ahead. Funds will come out of building maintenance.

Water Meeting Roundtable: Town of Lakeville, LaVille Schools and Ecker representing the Town of LaPaz and Wessler came together to discuss 3 options for water. The best option came forth was LaPaz to get water from the Town of Lakeville. LaPaz would pay for the pipeline and infrastructure from Lakeville to LaPaz. A booster station would be needed south of Lakeville and a water tower half way between the two towns. Wessler asked that testing be done at the school and in LaPaz for Manganese to aid in getting grant funding. It is expected to be approximately 4 years in obtaining grant funding. Once funded it would take 3 years to develop.

Patron Comments: It was asked if the sewer bills were going to be raised. Clerk answered no rate hike for sewer but the trash will go up January 1st with the new contract.

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Attorney Update: 101 S Michigan Street – fencing has been put up around the property. Wagner did ask for a meeting with the owners.

Golf Cart Ordinance: Wagner presented a modified version to the original ordinance for the council to read. Changes he suggested was to make sure sufficient lights and signaling, be a licensed driver, took out restriction on where to cross Michigan Street and changed to seating based on manufactures recommendations. Exemptions for golf carts from outside the community for special events and no tag fee required. Gabrielle Vires commented on the inter-action she had with the original ordinance given out on Halloween. Questions were raised on mopeds. Wagner stated it is covered under state law. It is depending on motor size of moped whether or not the driver has to be licensed. The Council is to review the new version and comment at next meeting.

Capital Assets: An Ordinance was recommended by SBOA. Wagner is still working on putting it together for next meeting.

Financials: Ecker made a motion to pay APV vouchers from October 14 – November 10, 2022 APV #'s 3888 - 3929 for a total of \$116,575.54. Young seconded the motion. Roll call: Ecker-aye, Young-aye, Welch-aye. Motion Carried 3-0.

Clerk Update: Clerk presented Ordinance #2202-07 Additional Appropriations for CCD Fund. Ecker made a motion to approve the Ordinance#2202-07 to move \$40000.00. Young seconded the motion. Roll call: Ecker-aye, Young-aye, Welch-aye. Motion carried 3-0. Clerk informed the council that SBOA is doing an in office audit for the years 2018-2021.

Adjournment: President Ecker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Young seconded the motion. Roll call: Ecker-aye, Young-aye. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM. Next scheduled meeting will be December 8, 2022 at 6:00 PM.



Roger Ecker, Council President

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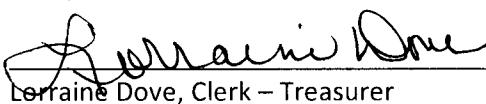
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