

**Board of Public Works & Safety
and Park Authority Meeting
Wednesday, April 10, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.
Ligonier City Hall · 301 S. Cavin St. · Ligonier, IN 46767**

Call to order by Mayor Earle Franklin

Roll Call

Present: Board Members Tom Janes, Ron Terry, and Mayor Earle Franklin
City Attorney Jack Birch and Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

Minutes from previous meeting of March 27, 2024 and Executive Session of March 27, 2024

Motion to approve: Ron Terry

Second: Tom Janes

Vote: All Ayes

Citizens Comments

Name & Address: Christy Klopfenstein, 206 E. Third Street, Ligonier

Ms. Klopfenstein commented that she was sure the city was aware of the sink hole at the end of Third Street where the catch basin is. Her daughter's tire hit the edge and popped a hole in the tire. She asked for compensation for the cost of replacing the tire of \$149.72. She has photos of the hole and a receipt for the tire.

Motion to pay the \$149.72: Tom Janes

Second: Ron Terry

Vote: All Ayes

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn told Ms. Klopfenstein that she would need a copy of the receipt in order to make payment.

New Business

Water Department – Peerless Midwest Quotes

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle provided quotes from Peerless Midwest for items in the capital plan. The first quote is for the supply and delivery of two like for like 8" Flow Meters with 4-20 mA output with installation to be done by city personnel at a total cost of \$16,084.64. The second quote is for a four-day chemical cleaning of the #1A Well at a cost of \$20,400.00.

Motion to approve: Earle Franklin

Second: Ron Terry

Vote: All Ayes

Sewage Department – Agreement for Sludge Disposal

An agreement from Green for Life (GFL) was received for the disposal of sludge. The cost is \$32.00/ton. City Attorney Birch had not yet been able to review the document but said he could do so within the next two days.

Motion to approve subject to review by City Attorney Jack Birch: Earle Franklin

Second: Tom Janes

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Posts are set for the fence at the Recycle Center. We received fencing from WNSC that was taken down during their new construction project at the football field.
- We are taking down a couple of trees today.

WWTP Superintendent Kenny Sprague

- The electrical contractor has been in to run conduit. The general contractor will be there next week to start digging for the footers.
- We were able to run the camera on the line on Commerce Drive last week. The results were given to City Engineer Jonathan Moen. He hopes to be able to rebid the Commerce Drive project next month.
- Repairs were completed on catch basins in town.

Park Director John Parrish

- Seasonal staff started back last week and started mowing this week.
- The sidewalk and handicap ramp at the Woodlawn Park Building are completed.
- The nets will be going up at the pickleball courts this week.
- Was invited to Noble Trails meetings each month. They are working with the county municipalities in hopes of linking the individual county trails together.

IT Director Gary Cox

- Our building is 20 years old and there are things that are starting to fail. The air conditioner compressor on the north side of the building is out. Being told that if we have to buy new units, we should do it this year due to changes in the chemicals used in air conditioners. Will be getting the quotes for repairs and replacements.

Building Administrator Elroy Mast

- Sent a certified letter to the owners of the burnout house on Second Street. The house has been boarded up but the board on the door was removed. City Attorney Birch stated a formal notice will need to be sent with a time limit to get the house torn down. Will get the process started for the hearing on the unsafe building code which will include an order to demolish.

Mayor Earle Franklin

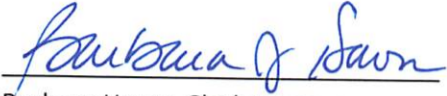
- There has been progress on the fountain installation, and it should be completed this week. Once installed, it will need to be sealed and will need to be cured before the water can be turned on.
- We have been working with Daniel Blevins and Jonathan Moen on the Veteran's Memorial. The RDC approved funding this morning.
- We had an initial meeting with Triad to rework sections of the trail. Jonathan Moen will come back with the final plans for approval, and we should be ready to bid in June.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Tom Janes

Second: Ron Terry

Vote: All Ayes



Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Earle Franklin, Mayor