

**Board of Public Works & Safety Meeting  
Wednesday, August 12, 2015 - 1:30 p.m.  
Ligonier City Hall · 301 S. Cavin St. · Ligonier, IN 46767**

**Call to order by:** Mayor Fisel

**Roll Call**

Present: Board Members Tom Janes, Earle Franklin, and Mayor Patty Fisel  
City Attorney Steve Hagen and Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

**Minutes from previous meeting of July 22, 2015**

A typo was made in a comment made regarding Lincolnway – it should read west not east.

***Motion to approve with correction: Patty Fisel***

***Second: Earle Franklin***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**Citizen's Comments**

***Landon Cornell, 600 Johnson Street, Ligonier***

Mr. Cornell presented documents regarding an ongoing problem he has had since the construction problem on Jay Street two years ago. The sewer tap to his home was disconnected and never reconnected. He has been continuing to pay a sewer bill and has had to pay for repairs at his home. Documentation of the expenses was provided. To date he has paid \$3556.40.

The city engineer and city attorney will research the problem and have further details at the next meeting.

***Motion to table the issue until the next meeting to allow for further details: Patty Fisel***

***Second: Earle Franklin***

***Vote: All Ayes***

***Gabriella Ruvalcaba, 1010 N. Main Street***

Ms. Ruvalcaba inquired about an invoice for mowing on a property her parents recently purchased. It appears that the mowing was completed and invoiced prior to their possession of the property. She was asking for a reduction in the fees. A reduction cannot be made as the fees are by ordinance. However, City Attorney Hagen felt we should look into the dates.

***Motion to table the issue until the next meeting to allow for further details: Tom Janes***

***Second: Earle Franklin***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**New Business**

***Jim McDonald – CDL License***

Jim McDonald passed his CDL license and the salary ordinance allows for a \$1.00 per hour pay increase.

***Motion to approve a \$1.00/hour increase for Jim McDonald effective with the next payroll: Patty Fisel***

***Second: Earle Franklin***

***Vote: All Ayes***

***API Construction – Pay App #3***

Pay App #3 from API Construction was received. The amount of the pay app is \$202,270.70 which includes retainage. The amount to be released is \$180,244. Jonathan Moen of Triad has certified the amount.

***Motion to approve pay app#3 to API in the amount of \$180,244: Tom Janes***

***Second: Earle Franklin***

***Vote: All Ayes***

***LD Docsa – Pay App #5***

Pay App #5 from LD Docsa was received. The amount of the pay app is \$174,590.50 which includes retainage. The amount to be released is \$157,131.45. Jonathan Moen of Triad has certified the amount.

***Motion to approve pay app#3 to API in the amount of \$157,131.45: Patty Fisel***

***Second: Tom Janes***

***Vote: All Ayes***

***Niblock – Change Order #1 – Paving Program***

Change order #1 from Niblock for the 2015 paving program was received. It was for extra milling and unplanned extra asphalt. The amount is \$7870.00

***Motion to approve change order #1 to Niblock in the amount of \$7870: Patty Fisel***

***Second: Tom Janes***

***Vote: All Ayes***

***Niblock – Pay App #2 – Paving Program***

Pay App #2 from Niblock for the 2015 paving program was received in the amount of the change order, \$7870.

***Motion to approve pay app #2 to Niblock in the amount of \$7870: Earle Franklin***

**Second: Tom Janes**

**Vote: All Ayes**

**Norfolk and Southern – Lease Information**

Mayor Fisel reported that the railroad would be willing to lease but not sell the brick street and strip of property near the former garment factory site. The cost would be \$1200 per year.

Herman and Kettle, potential investors in the property want the strip for parking. However, the railroad will not sub-lease and they would need to negotiate their own lease.

The railroad will therefore get back to us with a cost for leasing the street.

**Meeting Time Change for August 26, 2015**

The meeting time for the next Board of Works meeting will be changed to 10:30 am as the only time available for a meeting with OCRA reps for a DR-2 Grant for the sea wall is at 1:30. Notice was sent to the newspapers.

**Department Heads and Members of Administration**

**Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer**

- The RDC took bids for the new fire truck. Three bids were received. All included truck and equipment.

Fire Services	\$655,952.50
KME	\$654,603.30
Sutphen	\$592,750.00

Bids will be reviewed by the fire chief and staff. The RDC will award the bid on August 20, 2015 at 9:00
- Due to an oversight, the first class firefighter’s hourly rate was actually lower than the primary relief. Council approved an adjustment to the pay to equal \$14.00 per hour or \$1680.00 bi-weekly.
- Concerning the police officer bitten by a dog this past weekend, there has been no news yet on the dog but test results are expected soon.

**WWTP Superintendent Don Skinner**

- The smoke testing is underway and will continue in designated areas this week.

**Street Superintendent Mike Burdette**

- Curbs and walkways are being painted in preparation for the start of school this week.

**City Engineer Rick Pharis**

- The separation project should be done on Lincolnway by the weekend and will then move across SR5. API has been informed that Lincolnway must be paved before the asphalt plants close this fall.
- Tower Laminating asked for permission to reshape a swale on Gerber Street. It is not a protected wetland therefore it is permissible to cut the cat tails.

**Building Inspector/Board Member Earle Franklin**

- Pizza Hut is projected to open on August 18.
- The bowling alley building is down.

**Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn: Tom Janes**

**Second: Earle Franklin**

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Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer

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Patricia Fisel, Mayor