

# TOWN OF LAFONTAINE, IN

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## Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2023

The Town Council held its monthly meeting on Monday, February 13th, 2023 at 6pm. Jay Gillespie opened the meeting and the Pledge was recited.

Attending were Lori Brane, Jay Gillespie, John Krhin, Jordan Tandy, Marti Babb, Teresa Snyder, Diana Heath, Ethel Eib, Alex Downard, Jerry Bowman, Deb Dale, Jesse and Felicia Lockeby, Idris Krhin, Rita Miller, Rob Bellucci, Tom Simpson and Lance Gray

The January meeting minutes were not presented as they needed to be revised. They will be presented at the March meeting.

Rob Bellucci from Common Wealth Engineers gave an update on the Wastewater Project. Rob presented invoices to be paid for Division "B" Crosby \$37,762.24 and Invoice #54981, #54982, #54983 from Common Wealth Engineers for a total of \$25,263.46. Total \$63,025.70. Jay made a motion to pay the invoices. John 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote 3-0 carried. Rob presented a change order #1 for Division "B" Culy Contracting. That change is \$20,448.00. Lori made a motion to pay the invoice for \$20,448.00. John 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote 3-0 carried. Rob also presented invoice for #5 which is contingent of the change order being accepted. Rob then presented pay ap #5 for Culy \$24,413.10 contingent on the change order. Lori made a motion to pay and John 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote 3-0 carried.

Rob explained the water grant should be offered by the end of the month for an estimated amount of \$6,650,000.00. Rob presented invoices #53941,52591,52250,52083,51792,51302,50782,50508 for a total of 27,900.00. The Town can/will be reimbursed \$30,000.00 when the grant is complete. Jay made a motion to pay the Commonwealth invoices listed above. John 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote 3-0 carried. This will be paid from the water operating fund.

There was no marshal report as Dustin has been out of town for a funeral.

Fire Dept report. Chief Tom Simpson reported for January they had 14 EMS runs and 3 fire runs 2 of which were vehicle accidents.

Lori made a request for N. Main St be blocked off from Kendall north for the Methodist Church annual fish/tenderloin fry drive thru on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Lori made a motion to close the street. John 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote 3-0 carried.

Jay reminded Diana that Lance needed paid for his HAS of \$2500.00 for last year and first installment of 2023.

On the agenda was: Shawn Warren ref. his water bill. He did not attend.

Mike Holderman had a water leak. It has been repaired and he requested an adjustment of his wastewater as the leak was in his front yard. John made a motion to adjust Holderman bill \$124.79. Lori 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote 3-0

Account #3127485 needed adjusted for stormwater charges and they are in Fountainvue. John made a motion to adjust for \$10.40. Jay 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote 3-0

Fountainvue resident Account #312746800 needed stormwater adjustment for 24.60. John made motion, Lori 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote 3-0

Fountainvue Account#312747900 needed stormwater adjustment for 12.60. John made motion, Lori 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote 3-0

Jay spoke about the possibility of a rate increase on utility bills. The last increase for wastewater was 2016. The last water increase was in 2012. Sanitation has also continued to raise each year as has utilities, gas, payroll, and parts. Jay had called other surrounding communities and all had had increases in the last few years.

Jay spoke about the poor service the Town is receiving from the Insurance Agency they are now with for Liberty Mutual. Jay believes from inquiries he has done the Town should wait to change agencies when the policy is up for renewal. But he will check on further.

The Lockeby's from 104 S. Main St ask about the sudden jump of their utility bill. It had tripled for the last month. After Jay had checked the reading on the meter for the last couple of days it seems it is on track at the normal rate. Jay told Lance to change the meter tomorrow and get some readings from the laptop and see how it is tracking.

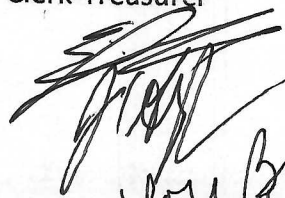
Lori, Idris Krhin, and Rita Miller request Lance to get quotes for a pavilion at the park. They are members of the former Park Committee.

Lori brought up that Indiana Supreme Court Judge Chris Goff was raised in LaFontaine and went to LaFontaine Elementary and Southwood High School and we would like to put his name in honor on the Town Limits signs. John Krhin said he would call him and make sure that was ok.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Diana Heath

Clerk-Treasurer

  
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