

Town of LaFontaine

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Council Meeting Minutes, May 8, 2023

The Town Council held its monthly meeting on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 6:00pm. Jay Gillespie opened the meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

Attending were Jay Gillespie, John Krhin, Jordan Tandy, Mart Babb, Lance Gray, Teresa Snyder, Tom Simpson, Pam Whitener, Jerry Whitener, Ethel Eib, Jerry Bowman, Jim Garrison, Deb Garrison, Janet Pattee, Cindy Erb, Kristi Bone, Jason Faust, Will Adams and Rob Bellucci.

The board members approved minutes from the April 10, 2023 meeting; John motioned to approve, Jay seconded. Vote 2-0.

Resolution No. 1 was presented to approve moving ARPA funds to pay for approved Marshall expenditures. Jay motioned; John seconded. Vote 2-0.

The ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance from the Wabash County Board of Commissioners was tabled.

Jordan updated the board on the status hearing to take place Friday regarding FountainVue. The hearing will likely take place in June. The contract the Town has with FountainVue states that either party can terminate service at any time.

Teresa Snyder was appointed Interim Clerk-Treasurer until a replacement is found. Jay motioned, John seconded. Vote 2-0.

Rob Bellucci from Common Wealth Engineers gave an update on the Wastewater Project. Rob presented invoices to be paid for Division "A" Culy at \$216,081.68, Division "B" Crosby at \$179,550.00 and Invoice #55781, #55782, #55783 from Common Wealth Engineers for a total of \$44,905.54, for a grand total of \$440,536.22. Jay made a motion to pay the invoices. John Seconded. Vote 2-0. Work Change Directive A-1 was presented for approval using remaining Grant Funds estimated at \$81,600. Jay Motioned to approve and John seconded. Vote 2-3. CEI Amendment No. 2 was presented with at zero dollars for re-allocation of existing funds, John Motioned to approve and Jay seconded. Vote 2-0. Rob says completion of the project is late May. Restoration will begin in late May/early June to repair yards. There will be a walk through with USDA RD later in May.

Rob presented Ordinance No1, 2023, regarding the Waterworks Grant. John motioned to pass the ordinance on the first reading, Jay seconded. Vote 2-0. Jay motioned to suspend the rules and John seconded. Vote 2-0. A motion was made to pass the ordinance on the second reading. Vote 2-0. Jay

made a motion to unsuspend the rules and John seconded. Vote 2-0. Rob requested the council to authorize Jay to approve signing the request for BAN. John motioned, Jay seconded. Vote 2-0.

Marshall Hurst provided a report stating 5 service calls, 2 traffic stops and 2 warnings, 1 assisted other agency, and 1 background check. Assisted DTF with female at Circle K. Taser set-up & training.

Fire Chief Tom Simpson gave the Fire Department report, 5 EMS runs and 2 Fire runs.

Utility Report was given by Lance. We received 2023 Community Crossing Grant of \$133,882.00. Grant monies will be used to finish paving Kendall Street and Wabash Avenue to City limits and the intersection of Kendall and Rennaker. The project estimate is \$185,176.00. Our match for the project is \$46,294.00 and we have budgeted \$75,000.00. John motioned to authorize Jay to sign for the Community Crossing Grant, Jay seconded. Vote 2-0.

Lance recommended replacing the 2001 service truck with a mid-sized truck for daily use and reserve the big truck for service and snow removal. He presented estimates and the board approved the lowest estimate from Crain Ford of \$44,729. John motioned, Jay seconded. Vote 2-0.

The other town truck will be replaced with monies received from the Water Grant Project.

In 2022, Lance had proposed that \$5000 in ARPA monies be used to pay for Commonwealth Engineering to develop a Park Plan. The plan would help in obtaining grant money. John motioned to approve, Jay seconded. Vote 2-0.

Lance had also recommended A PER on the stormwater system. These reports are necessary in obtaining funding and are valid for five years. The cost for the stormwater PER is \$35,000. The last flood cost \$2,000,000 in damages. John motioned, Jay seconded. Vote 2-0.

Teresa gave the Clerk-Treasurer report: The passwords used by the former Clerk-Treasurer have been changed. All bank accounts are reconciled. Fifty-four disconnect letter were mailed. Ten residences were shut off and all have been restored. Four adjustments were presented and approved; John motioned, Jay seconded. Vote 2-0. Nine invoices were presented to be paid and John motioned to approve, Jay seconded. Vote 2-0. The 2023 Quality On Tap brochures are ready for mailing.

The town was asked if Branson Street between Wabash and Main could be closed for a concert on June 22, 2023, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. John motioned, Jay seconded. Vote 2-0.

Jim and Deb Garrison provided a land survey regarding the tree on Martin Street that they believe is on town property that they are afraid will fall on their house. Jay and John will visit the property to make a determination.

Jason Faust voiced concern about the buildup under the Parker Street bridge.

Will Adams requested the board investigate the culvert on East Kendall Street. Lance will get quotes.

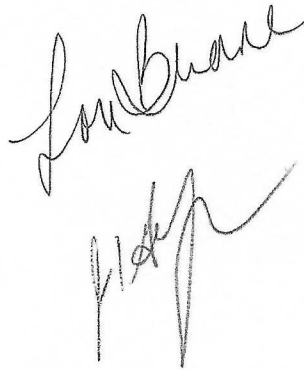
Backwash billing was discussed. It had only been billed twice in 2022 and it was not done correctly. The ordinance will be followed for 2023.

The board signed the sanitation contract with Republic Services, bank reconciliation documents, payroll documents and the Accounts Payable Register.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm. John motioned, Jay seconded. Vote 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Snyder
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
May 17, 2023

Two handwritten signatures in cursive. The top signature is "John" and the bottom signature is "Jay".