

MEETING MINUTES
POSEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
Date of Meeting: June 11, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Council President Justin Rutledge at 5:30 PM.

PRESENT

Justin Rutledge, Jodie Rankin, Michael Baehl, and William Bender.

Virtual Attendee's:

None

In person Attendee's:

list attached to minutes.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes were presented from the Special Meeting on May 23, 2024 and Regular Council Meeting on May 14, 2024 meeting for approval.

A motion to approve the May 23, 2024 special meeting minutes was made by Mike Baehl, 2nd by Jodie Rankin.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Jodie Rankin (yes)

A motion to approve the May 14, 2024 regular meeting minutes was made by Mike Baehl, 2nd by Jodie Rankin.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Jodie Rankin (yes)

CLAIMS

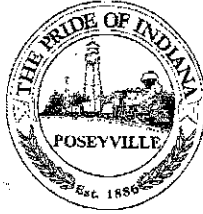
The Claims Docket was emailed to the Council on June 11, 2024, prior to the meeting and was available at the meeting.

A motion to approve the claim docket was made by Mike Baehl, 2nd by Jodie Rankin

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Jodie Rankin (yes)

BANK RECONCILIATION

Bank reconciliations for May 2024 were not available due to personnel changes, but they will be available in the July meeting. No action is required.



PUBLIC COMMENT

Heather Morlan and Lacy Wilson were present to provide information about the new program called the Poseyville Little Pantry Project. The pantry provides food and snacks for free to families that they often get at the school during the school year. Mrs. Morlan discussed how they are funded and how the food is provided through donations. They are always seeking donations. If a business wants to sponsor, they can have monthly sponsors and post the sponsor on the door. Mrs. Morlan and Mrs. Wilson requested that the town potentially place a Little Pantry on town property. The council discussed potential locations such as the Police Station or the Community Center. The council has had a discussion about locations and thought it would be a great idea. A handout was provided and will be incorporated into the official minutes.

A motion to approve adding one or two Little Pantries on town property, the location of which was determined upon inspection of the properties, was made by Jodie Rankin, 2nd by Mike Baehl.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Jodie Rankin (yes)

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Crawford presented the Council with a volunteer fire application for Kane Schmitt. Kane has numerous years of volunteer experience and will be able to assist with runs while working in town during the day.

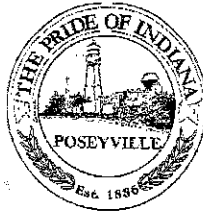
A motion was made to add Kane Schmitt to the Poseyville Volunteer Fire Department roster by Mike Baehl, 2nd by Jodie Rankin.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Jodie Rankin (yes)

Chief Crawford inquired about concrete repairs to the apron area outside the Fire Station. Jodie mentioned that concrete work is also needed at the Community Center. There was a discussion about advertising all the concrete repairs simultaneously but putting specifications to bid each project separately. The Fire Station needs to have specifications to complete one apron section at a time to allow for relocation of fire service vehicles. Mike Baehl requested the Community Center bid specify that the handrail is cut off and preserved due to the updates from Nix Metals. The bid for the Community Center may split the front and rear concrete repairs. Justin requested to add a disclaimer to the bid package that we are not required to accept any bid due to the potential costs of the projects.

A motion to draft an RFP on concrete repairs for review by departments and to advertise final bid package with very specific instructions for each building was made by Jodie Rankin, 2nd by Mike Baehl.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Jodie Rankin (yes)



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Town Marshal Charles Carter was not able to attend the meeting but submitted a part-time Deputy Marshal application for Shane Martin. Shane is currently a Posey County Sheriff's Deputy. Justin indicates he is in good standing with the Sheriff's Department.

A motion to hire Shane Martin as a part-time Deputy for the Town of Poseyville was made by Jodie Rankin, 2nd by Mike Baehl.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Jodie Rankin (yes)

UTILITY DEPARTMENTS

Pete Wissel, Mine Engineer, along with Aaron with Gibson County Coal, LLC, was present to discuss a permit for underground mining in Gibson County near our Water Filtration Plant where the wells are located. Handouts were provided and will be made part of the minutes by incorporation. Mr. Wissel provided a lot of information about the mining process. Justin indicates he has done a lot of research and has contacted various departments and individuals about the pros and cons of this type of mining. Justin will consult with Well Head Protection personnel and inform the council. The project will not take place until 2040. The council will take all the information under advisement along with additional research and revisit the permit request at a later date.

A motion to table the Gibson County Coal request for permit was made by Jodie Rankin, 2nd by Mike Baehl.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Jodie Rankin (yes)

Justin presented SRF payment requests emailed by Derick Wiggins from Midwestern Engineers for consideration. Mike indicates the project is close to being complete. There are just a few outstanding issues.

A motion was made by Mike Baehl to accept the payment request by Midwestern Engineers for \$5,996.00 for the Town of Poseyville to be paid to Brown Equipment Company by Mike Baehl, 2nd by Jodie Rankin

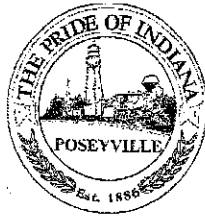
Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Jodie Rankin (yes)

A motion was made by Mike Baehl to accept the payment request by Midwestern Engineers for \$4,050.00 for Midwestern Engineers, Inc. by Mike Baehl, 2nd by Jodie Rankin

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Jodie Rankin (yes)

A motion was made by Mike Baehl to accept the payment request by Midwestern Engineers for \$8,710.00 for Huntington Machine Works by Mike Baehl, 2nd by Jodie Rankin

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Jodie Rankin (yes)



Justin presented Gas Tracker change request by Diana Powell for the months of June, July and August. The billing months will be July, August, and September. The council feels we need to lower the rate, even for three months, when possible.

A motion to accept the reduction of the Gas Tracker rates for the billing months of July, August, and September was made by Mike Baehl 2nd by Jodie Rankin.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Jodie Rankin (yes)

STREET DEPARTMENT

The Council received a quote from Lupfer Equipment LLC for patching holes in the streets. Justin asked that the project be tabled in May until he could talk to Jeremy about whether more quotes were solicited. Jeremy sent requests to additional companies that were not interested in providing quotes. The payment for services will be made using MVH appropriations.

A motion to accept Lupfer Equipment LLC's quote as presented for street patching was made by Jodie Rankin, 2nd by Mike Baehl.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Jodie Rankin (yes)

The new flags for Main Street are on the premises. I will keep them and store them for each season. A special thank you to Grow Poseyville for purchasing all the flags. Mike has agreed to put up the new flags as soon as possible. No action is required.

Mike indicates that the new flower pots provided by Grow Poseyville for the Main Street poles are ready. Mike will see about installing them. No action is required.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Justin discussed the need to contact the Posey County Health Department to help replace the current AED at the community center. The pads on the current AED have expired. Sinnott Facility Services might be able to replace the expired pads. Justin will follow up on this. The checking of the AED will be added to the Community Center Manager's list. No action required

Sinnott Facility Services provided a quote on community center supplies, including new towels and soap dispensers, at no cost, and a contract to order supplies is not required. We currently get supplies from Alstadt and JT's Hardware. We will continue shopping for cost-efficient supplies to keep costs at a minimum. No action required.



Jodie had previously requested a rate rental change to potentially increase rentals. The council discussed a half-day rental and various rate options. Some citizens would like to rent the Community Center for a morning event. Due to decorating for night rentals, it would be hard to do morning rentals only. A new proposed rental is \$200.00, with a \$75.00 deposit. The deposit is returned for a rental of \$125.00. A new rental sheet will be created and posted to the web page.

A motion to implement a new Community Center rental of \$200.00 with a \$75.00 refundable deposit effective July 1, 2024 was made by Mike Baehl 2nd by Jodie Rankin.

CEMETERY

Ken Gorbet, Cemetery Board Member, addressed the Council about addressing the mowing crew for running over flowers that are on the grounds due to weather/wind removing them from their vases or holders. A discussion was had about who is responsible for specific items in the cemetery. The town is responsible for large tree limbs or debris. The mowing crew contract was for mowing, weed eating, and blowing only. Justin will discuss with the mowing crew our expectations.

As a reminder, decorating for the cemetery is on the ground from December through the end of February. One week before Memorial Day and two weeks after Memorial Day. It is the town's responsibility to remove flowers at that time.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Worker's Compensation Renewal was presented to the Town Council for informational purposes. No action is required.

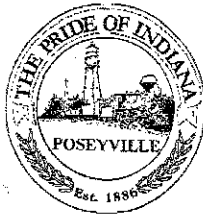
AFLAC was here to meet with all the employees for open enrollment since we have had some trouble the last couple of months. No action is required.

Farm Bureau Insurance provided a surety bond quote. We will seek additional quotes. To stay within the law, a surety bond covering three million in receipts is needed. Jodie will verify the time frame with the State Board of Accounts to obtain a bond. A special meeting may be required if we get additional quotes. No action is required at this time.

Jodie Rankin provided the Town Council with a letter of agreement for benefit reimbursement during the remainder of the Clerk-Treasurer term. Mrs. Rankin currently has medical and supplemental insurance coverage. Reimbursement for those plans will save the Town of Poseyville approximately \$1500.00 monthly.

A motion to accept the agreement as presented was made by Justin, 2nd by Mike.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Jodie Rankin (yes)



A request by Interim Clerk-Treasurer Jodie Rankin to provide Billye Robling, Utility Clerk, a \$1,000.00 stipend for all her work during the past several months due to the Clerk-Treasurer's leave of absence and resignation. The stipend will be paid in 1/3 from Water, Gas and Sewer.

A motion to pay Billye Robling a stipend through payroll subject to taxes was made by Justin, 2nd by Mike.

Roll Call Vote: Justin Rutledge (yes), Mike Baehl (yes), Jodie Rankin (yes)

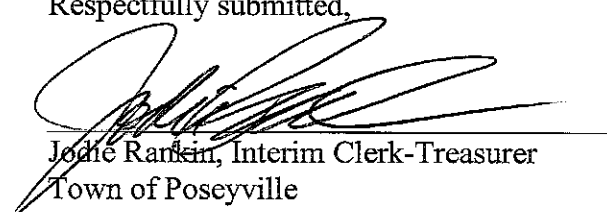
A budget calendar was provided to the Town Council. A discussion was had about a budget work session to be set for late July. No action is required at this time.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Poseyville Town Council for 2024 will be held **Tuesday, July 9, 2024** at 5:30 PM, in person and virtual meeting.


THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, the meeting was adjourned by a motion from **Mike Baehl, 2nd by Jodie Rankin.**

Respectfully submitted,



Jodie Rankin, Interim Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Poseyville

ATTEST:



Justin Rutledge, Council President