**MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA**

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**

**OCTOBER 3, 2023**

**5:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Street Suite 200 Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Gary Cameron, Brad Berkemeier, Phil King, and Maria Bridges answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Julie Newhouse.

**MINUTES:** Cameron made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2023 meeting as presented. King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR’S REPORT:** None.

**CLERK-TREASURER’S REPORT:** None.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Street –** Commissioner Land reported that curbs were being put in today at the intersection of 15th & Sexton. They plan to put in sidewalks tomorrow. They will try to complete the project during fall break. They have talked to the school and Bob about changing the cross walk to make it safer for the students.

The sign and post project is moving along.

Land thanked other departments for their help with heavy trash this week. He said it seems to be heavier this year. He would like to make some changes to the program for next year.

**Fire –** Chief Justice said they are wearing pink for breast cancer awareness month.

Next week is fire prevention week. They will be giving tours at the station for school children. They have passed out fire prevention materials for pre-K-3rd graders.

There will be a ribbon cutting for the baby box and new living facility on November 1st.

**Police –** Chief Tucker reported that the work on the communication towers has been completed. We still need to install a zoom camera on top of the tower.

The transportation director from the school and I will get together in the next few weeks and put together a stop arm violations program. They will hold training for bus drivers.

**Utility** – Superintendent Shook reported that things are going well at the Diamond facility. They found that an electrical line was cut while digging. Repairs will be made.

Hydrant flushing is complete. No complaints have been received since the flushing has been completed.

The water line relocation on 52 E has been completed.

We are getting another quote on the water line relocation for Hodges Branch.

Hiring – We are interviewing.

The renewal for the wastewater treatment plant has been set up and will retest next week.

**Park** – Director Shaw reported that the pool shower project may not be as bad as anticipated. So far it appears that we only need to fix one leak.

Received a call last week that the Laughlin cemetery was very overgrown. We cut back bushes and did some clean-up. This individual said she would like to organize a group to help take care of the cemetery.

The construction on the pergola has begun.

**Planning/Zoning/Unsafe –** Director Copley said there are a couple of houses that will need to go back on the unsafe list.

She has sent out correspondence to some individuals that need to repair their sidewalks.

She will be in Syracuse, Indiana this week for training.

She is going to attend training for drone operation.

**Animal** – Director Hanna said she is waiting on a quote for cat condos.

Hanna and Singleton will participate in career day at the high school October 11 from 10-2.

They are having electrical issues with their van.

They plan to get a shed to store their cat cages.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** None.

**CITY DRAINAGE BOARD:**

* Rushville School Corporation – Tennis Courts – Pavey said he sent out an email which showed an issue with the tennis courts and what they need to do to move forward.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **ADA & Title VI Implementation Plan** – They should have a copy of the rough draft Monday.
2. **North Washington Street** – We have received a price and have another one coming.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Public Works**

The Sign & Post Replacement contract has been modified by Indot.

**Public Safety**

1. **Fire/Rescue** - Justice said they are still waiting on Ron to install the radio. We may need to install another circuit.

* Exterior Renovation – We have a price. The architect is talking to the bidder.
* Resignation Letter Matt Silva - Chief Justice presented a letter of resignation from Matt Silva. Silva would like to stay on as a part-time employee. His last shift is Thursday. Berkemeier made a motion to accept the resignation of Silva. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
* Update Firefighting hiring process – We are still waiting to complete Terry Dance’s physical so we can send it to INPRS.

1. **Police Department**

* West Side Awning – Chief Tucker said they received a quote for the awning. They received some insurance money for the replacement. We will need to pay a deposit of $15,875.53. The canopy should last a minimum of 20 years. Cameron made a motion to approve the canopy purchase. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**General Topics**

1. **Design and Construction Oversight Contracts**

* Grain Elevator Demolition - Demolition should start between October 10-18.
* Administration – 5th Street Reconstruction 2023 Project $88,730.00. Cameron made a motion to approve the Contract with F & V. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Claims:**

* Tamp Update Inv #67205 $540.00
* Hunt Road Inv #1,617.41
* Morgan Street Bike & Ped Inv #67201 $1,980.00

Berkemeier moved to approve the claims as presented. King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:** None.

**ADJOURN:** There was nothing further to come before the Board; Berkemeier moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.