

Board of Public Works and Safety
Berne City Building, 158 W Franklin Street
Wednesday May 15, 2019
Minutes

Mayor McKean-Present
Ron Dull- Present

Curtis Wurster-Present

The Board of Public Works and Safety met on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 in council chambers according to the posted notice along with City Attorney Dave Baumgartner and Secretary of Record Becky Sprunger.

In attendance from the City; Chief Tim Taylor, Kurt Dailey and John Crider. Others in attendance, Dianne Schrock with Et Cetera Ecke and Clint Anderson, Berne Witness.

Mayor McKean called the meeting to order and verified a quorum.

Approval of Minutes On a motion by Ron Dull and a second by Curtis Wurster, the minutes from April 17, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

Township Fire Contracts- Mayor McKean presented the annual township fire contracts for French, Bluecreek, Hartford, Jefferson, Monroe and Wabash townships for 2020. The contracts reflect a 3% increase to the townships for fire protection from the Berne Volunteer Fire Department as follows:

<u>Township</u>	<u>2019 Contract</u>	<u>2020 Contract</u>
Bluecreek	\$ 8,515.04	\$ 8,770.49
French	\$ 8,952.41	\$ 9,220.98
Hartford	\$ 7,542.75	\$ 7,769.04
Jefferson	\$ 7,443.83	\$ 7,667.15
Monroe	\$ 16,891.68	\$ 17,398.43
Wabash	\$ 11,651.74	\$ 12,001.29
Total	\$ 60,997.45	\$ 62,827.38

On a motion by Ron Dull and a second by Curtis Wurster, the board unanimously approved and signed the annual township fire contracts. The contracts will now go to council for their consideration.

Request for Handicap Parking: Dianne Schrock, with the Et Cetera Ecke store explained that in asking and receiving approval for handicap parking in the first parking space on the west side of Fulton Street at the April Board of Works meeting, she realized that there is a utility pole impacting that space. Today she is asking if the yellow no parking line can be extended far enough south so the first space available on the west side of Fulton can be designated handicap parking. This would make the space be more accessible because it would be past the utility pole. Ron Dull made a motion to recommend to council that the yellow line be extended far enough south to make the first parking space a handicap parking space. Curtis Wurster made the second and the motion was unanimously approved. This will now go to council for their consideration.

Dianne informed the board that the “two hour parking” sign that was near their building on Fulton Street has disappeared. In looking up the ordinance, Dave Baumgartner advised that the two hour parking sign at the location was established by city ordinance. The street department will put up a new sign.

Request to Purchase a Pickup Truck Workforce Manger Kurt Dailey brought a request by the Water Department to purchase a ½ ton Ford pickup truck on the open market. Kurt explained that the current truck is a 2009 and is due to be replaced. He would like to move the 2009 to the park and trade in the park's 2006 Ford Ranger. With the government discount and trade allowance of \$ 4,300 for the 2006 truck, the cost of the 2019 Ford ½ ton pickup is \$ 23,317 from Moser Motors. Dave advised the board that they could recommend this to council, or ask for 3 quotes and this be brought back to the Board of Works. On a motion by Curtis Wurster and a second by Ron Dull, the board unanimously recommended to council that the Water Department purchase the 2019 Ford Pickup from Moser Motors at a cost of \$ 23,317 after the discount and trade in.

Board Comments Ron asked about the progress on the dumpster abuse at city garage. The second fine as been assessed.

Dave Baumgartner updated the board on the fallout from HB 1347 passed into law on April 25th concerning delinquent water bills on rental properties. Dave stated that the bill is poorly written and protects the landowner of financial responsibility if their tenant skips out of paying their water bill. Dave shared that AIM (Accelerated Indiana Municipalities) sent a listerve email today from their legal department advising of some things cities and towns might be able to do to minimize the negative impact for unpaid water bills. Dave stated that the ordinance passed at the last council meeting might need revisited as more is understood about HB1347. Dave also said that AIM is planning a Webinar this summer to further explain what cities and towns can do on this matter.

Ron thanked Clint Anderson and the Berne Witness for covering the “Run for the Fallen”, Friday, May 10th.

On a motion by Curtis and a second by Ron, the meeting was adjourned.