

**Board of Public Works and Safety**  
**Berne City Building, 158 W Franklin Street**  
**Wednesday, May 18, 2016**  
**Minutes**

Mayor McKean-Present  
Ron Dull- Present

Curtis Wurster-Present

The Board of Public Works and Safety met in council chambers along with Secretary of Record Becky Sprunger, according to the posted notice. City Attorney Dave Baumgartner was unable to attend.

Others in attendance: city employees Kurt Dailey, Gary Nussbaum, Shannon Smitley, John Crider, Police Chief Tim Taylor and Clerk Treasurer Gwen Maller. Others present; Brice Amstutz of Amstutz Construction and Jeff Sprunger, President of the Pool Board.

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

On a motion by Ron Dull and a second by Curtis Wurster, the minutes of March 16<sup>th</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup> were unanimously approved as written.

**Kiddie Pool Carpet Project:** Jeff Sprunger reviewed a quote from Lanex Development Group, a dealer for RUBAROC for a new RubaPave flooring and installation for the kiddie pool at the Berne Pool. Jeff informed the board that the current deck carpeting is getting moldy and in poor repair. The pool has been replacing this type of flooring every three to four years, and the new material, while more expensive, is guaranteed 10 years for the material and 5 years on the installation. The surface is porous and will not mold. Limberlost Construction has already prepped the surface. The quote is \$ 7,979.98 which includes shipping, installation tools, materials and installation.

On a motion by Ron and a second by Curtis, the board unanimously approved the purchase by the Pool Board for RubaPave from LANEX Development Group at a cost of \$7,979.98 installed. Quote attached.

**Jefferson Street One Way Project:** Brice Amstutz, speaking on behalf of Kaup Pharmacy reported that he has been working on the One Way only signs that are to be installed on Jefferson as previously approved by Council. Brice reviewed the requirements from the state, but added that permits from them still need to be obtained. Brice is asking that the City of Berne apply for the permits, which will keep the project from being bogged down.

On a motion by Ron and a second by Curtis, the board unanimously approved that the city and Building and Planning, Director Shannon Smitley, apply for the permits at no cost to the city so the one way street project can proceed.

**Maintenance Issues at City Hall Building:**

**Repairs** Mayor McKean reported that he had asked Amstutz Construction to evaluate the exterior of City Hall and quote on the repairs that are needed. The outside women's restroom door is rusted and does not operate property. The men's outside door is showing the same problems. The windows in Council Chambers are original and are rotted, various areas of trim are rotted as well. There is also a need to repair some of the masonry on the east side of the building. Mayor McKean also reported that he contacted F & S Painting to quote on painting the EIFS and trim. Ben Fox of F & S Painting informed Mayor McKean that he would work with Amstutz Construction to insure that the painting would be done by Swiss Days. Clerk

Treasurer Gwen Maller reported that \$50,000 was appropriated from the Cumulative Capital Improvement fund for the needed repairs and upgrades. Both Amstutz Construction and F & S Painting are e-verified.

After reviewing the quote from Amstutz Construction, Ron made a motion to approve the quote of \$12,861.69 for exterior repairs as presented. Curtis made the second and the motion was unanimously approved. Quote attached.

**Painting** On a motion by Curtis and a second by Ron, the board unanimously approved the quote from F&S Painting of \$9,720 to do the exterior painting at City Hall. Quote attached.

**Interior Lighting Upgrade** The overhead lighting and ballasts are very old, and several of the ballasts cannot be replaced because of being outdated. L & L Electric submitted several options to upgrade the lights. Curtis asked if the city should look in to the “Green Money” program that is being offered by AEP. Gwen said it is probably not available to municipalities. After further discussion, and on a motion Ron and a second by Curtis, option 1 for \$ 8,473.00 was unanimously approved. Quote attached.

**Paving and Street Crack/Seal List** Street Superintendent Gary Nussbaum presented the board with the annual lists for street maintenance. Because the legislators have allocated a LOIT 2016 special distribution to Indiana communities, the City of Berne received \$175,000.00 for road/street work. With the added money and the budgeted money, more street work can be done this year. Gary reported that he has met with Matt Liter, Liter Construction who is the city’s concrete contractor, and the cement streets in need of maintenance will be quoted as soon as possible. Brooks is contracted for the re-paving work, and Pavement Solutions for the crack and seal work.

On a motion by Ron, and a second by Curtis, the board unanimously recommended the proposal for street repaving and the list from Brooks Construction for \$328,595.00 to the Council for their consideration. Proposal attached.

On a motion by Curtis and a second by Ron, the board unanimously recommended the Crack and Seal list and streets at a cost of \$ 14,560.35 from Pavement Solutions to the Council for their consideration.

**Exception to the Shared Sidewalk Program** :Gary informed the board that the sidewalk shared program policy states that only entire sidewalks on a property will be repaired and no partial repairs are allowed. The property at 258 Sprunger Street was on the list for sidewalk repair this year and the homeowner received the contract for the entire sidewalk. Most of the sidewalk is in good repair, but the adjacent sidewalk and about 6 feet of sidewalk at 258 Sprunger needs replaced. Gary is asking that the board allow a partial replacement at the 258 Sprunger Street address, which will save the homeowner and the city substantial money. The property owner on the adjacent property is also on the sidewalk list and the project will be done together.

On a motion by Ron and a second by Curtis, the board unanimously approved making an exception to the sidewalk program allowing only the bad portion of the sidewalk at 258 Sprunger Street be replaced.

**Request for a New Pick-Up Truck:** Workforce manager Kurt Dailey submitted a request for the purchase of a new Ford F-150 pick-up truck, which will replace the truck Drew Dull is driving. That truck will not be traded in, but will be used as a back-up truck and also at Lehman Park this summer. Kurt explained that per Moser Motors, the government discount of approximately \$ 7,400.00 is about to be discontinued. With the discount, the F150 from Moser Motors is \$25,005. Gwen said that the money has been budgeted. On a motion by Curtis, and a second by Ron, the board unanimously approved the purchase of an F150 pick-up truck from Moser Motors at a cost of \$25,005.

Mayor McKean asked Water Superintendent John Crider to update the board of the status of the city water quality and recent headlines of lead pipes being used in communities across Indiana. John explained that according to water department records, there are approximately 107 or 7% of the city water utility customers that might have lead pipes serving their property. John said that those areas with known lead pipes are tested as mandated by the state and the readings have always been good.

John is proposing that a procedure be adopted that if the city gets calls from concerned citizens about their water supply:

- A. We verify if there are lead pipes at the service location by digging around the shut-off valve both on the city and homeowner side.
- B. If there is lead pipe on both sides of the service, the homeowner will be have to change their lead line before the city replaces their side of the line. John explained that if the city were to replace the city lead pipe it would stir up the lead on the property owner side and would release sediment, so both sides of the line have to be replaced. He added that there is no advantage to water quality for the homeowner if they do not change their line, even if the city replaced their line.

Discussion was held as to the need to put the policy pertaining to lead pipes in Water Utility ordinance that Dave is currently amending.

**Other** Chief Taylor reported that the Police Department is currently accepting applications for a new officer and that the advertisement went to the Berne Tri Weekly and the Decatur Democrat. Chief noted that the process is lengthy and that they will not hire the new officer until 2017 as approved by Council.

**Board Comments** Ron thanked everyone for all of the support during the Indiana Run for the Fallen last week.

Ron asked the status of the abandoned home on Parr Road that has been discussed in the past. Gwen reported that that the house has been sold as a tax sale from the county to the Berne Ready Mix. It is believed the house will soon be razed.

With nothing further to come before the board and on a motion by Ron and a second by Curtis, the meeting was adjourned.