

Board of Public Works and Safety
Tuesday, May 29, 2012
Berne City Hall 6:30 pm
Minutes

Present board members Mayor McKean, Curtis Wurster and Ron Dull along with City Attorney Jim Beitler and Becky Sprunger.

Others present; Chief Tim Taylor, Gary Nussbaum and Gregg Sprunger.

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 of the April 23rd meeting, the May 14th joint meeting with the SWUMB and the May 14 Board of Works meeting were unanimously approved as written.

Request for Adams County Law Enforcement Combined Management System Chief Taylor presented the board with information asking that the Board support a combined crime records information management system that when operational, will allow all county law enforcement personnel to share a common database. Chief said that Decatur, Geneva and Monroe councils have approved the joint venture. Chief reported that Berne is currently using CRIMESTAR at a cost of \$ 2,200 a year but the database cannot be shared. Chief also reported that if the city joins now, it will be less expensive than joining after the system has been installed. The initial set up cost is \$ 5,685.65 and an annual fee of \$ 1,700 starting the second year. Chief reported that the new system will allow instant sharing among law enforcement in Adams County. R.Dull asked if any other counties would be linked to this system and Chief reported that to his knowledge it would only be used by Adams County.

Mayor McKean reported that he did speak with Sheriff Rekeweg and the Mayor feels it is a good database for sharing crime information among the communities in Adams County.

On a motion by Curtis Wurster and a second by Ron Dull, the board unanimously approved recommending the purchase of the system to the Common Council for their consideration.

Animal Control Cages Mayor McKean reported that through attrition and cages not being returned to the police department, the department does not have any cages to set humane animal traps or to loan to citizens if they are trying to catch an unwanted animal on their property.

On a motion by Ron Dull and a second by Curtis Wurster, the board unanimously approved the purchase of up to 4 traps for the Berne Police Department.

Mayor McKean recommended that the Police Department keep a record of who borrows the cages so they can be sure all that are loaned out are returned

Request for the Purchase of a Petro Vend Control System Gary Nussbaum, Street Superintendent approached the board with a request that he be allowed to purchase a new Petro Vend Fuel Control System for the city diesel and gas pumps. Nussbaum explained that the existing pumps are not accurate and in need of repair. They are at least 15 years old and parts

are not readily available if at all. Nussbaum said that the new system has software that will allow better record keeping and even calculate fuel mileage for each user. The employees will be supplied a key coded only for them. Each Department is billed for their fuel usage. The cost of the unit delivered and installed is \$ 6,863.00. There are currently 33 users and Nussbaum stated that he is planning to purchase a total of 40 keys at \$ 9.90 bringing the total to \$ 7,308.50.

Citing the small purchase ordinance, Ron Dull made a motion to recommend the purchase of the Petro Vend Control System and 40 keys at a cost of \$ 7,308.50 to the Common Council for their consideration. Curtis Wurster made the second. Motion unanimously approved.

Duane Moser, 206 Bryan Street asked if the city is aware of a neighbor of his that appears to be running a recycling business in the open in his backyard. Mr. Moser said that the property owner was dissembling a large motor home and there is a lot of “junk” in the yard. He has heard from other neighbors and they are not happy about it either. Now there is a boat on the ground in the backyard. What can the city do?

Mayor McKean said he became aware of the problem in question last Friday, May 25th. The Mayor said he drove past the property, and then spoke with the property owner and asked him to clean things up within the next 2 weeks. The homeowner said he is not in the recycle business but that he will have things cleaned up within the 2 week deadline.

Mayor McKean thanked Mr. Moser for attending tonight’s meeting and for his willingness in presenting his concerns. City Attorney Beitler said that he will look at the city ordinances and see what can be applied if the homeowner does not stop the practice. It is hopeful that there will be volunteer compliance.

Mayor’s Comments None

Board Comments R.Dull asked about any progress on the Brown street property. Attorney Beitler stated that he has done the title search and the mortgage is with the Bank of Geneva. Beitler stated that he will meet with Building and Planning Director, Shannon Smitley to begin the process of declaring the property unsafe and he will also call upon the Adams County Board of Health to assist.

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