

**Board of Public Works and Safety**  
**Berne City Building, 158 W Franklin Street**  
**Wednesday, July 18, 2018**  
**Minutes**

Mayor McKean-Present

Curtis Wurster-Present

Ron Dull- Present

The Board of Public Works and Safety met on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in council chambers along with City Attorney Dave Baumgartner and Secretary of Record Becky Sprunger according to the posted notice.

Others in attendance: city employees included Kurt Dailey, John Crider, Terry Kongar and Chief Tim Taylor. Guests included : Clint Anderson of the Berne Witness.

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

**Approval of Minutes** On a motion by Curtis Wurster and a second by Ron Dull, the minutes from June 20, 2018 were unanimously approved as written.

**Discussion of Fire Department Equipment** John Crider and Terry Kongar informed the Board of Works that the Fire Department has a 20 year old pumper that they no longer use, and when the department purchases a new tanker in 2019, it will be able to also serve as a pumper. John said he reached out to one company who offered the city \$ 60,000.00 for the pumper. At this point in the meeting, City Attorney Baumgartner advised the board that by state statute, the dollar amount being offered is high enough that the city cannot sell the equipment without having an auction or by advertising in the Berne Witness as well as sending letters to interested parties asking for sealed bids. Dave also stated that the board can recommend selling the pumper, but the final decision has to be made by the Common Council.

Mayor McKean stated that he initially thought the city should keep the pumper for now, but in thinking on things further, he agrees with selling it outright as soon as possible, since it would probably continue to lose value the longer we wait. After further discussion and on a motion by Ron Dull and a second by Curtis Wurster, the Board of Public Works and Safety unanimously approved recommending the disposal of the pumper by sealed bids per state statute to the council for their consideration.

**Other** None

**Board Comments**

Ron stated that he has been in communication with his contact at INDOT and the timing sensors at the stop light Hwy 218 and US 27 will be re-programmed as soon as the final phase of the road work is completed.

Curtis asked if the issue of the nuisance letter to Kegan Sprunger and the issues of cleaning up the area in question have been addressed. Curtis was advised that it has.

Ron asked Chief Taylor if there were any updates on the grant for the Police cars. Chief advised that the grants have not been awarded, so there is no available updates.

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