

## Board of Public Works and Safety

Monday, August 27, 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 Secretary of Record, Becky Sprunger. Others present, , Adams County Township Trustees; Monroe, Gerald Walker; Jefferson, Dennis Caffee; French, Steve Affolder; Wabash, Jeanenne Neuenschwander and husband Mark along with Gwen Maller, city clerk treasurer, Chuck Padgett and Chief Tim Taylor and Earl Hough from the Berne Police Department.

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

**Approval of Minutes** On a motion by C. Wurster and a second by R. Dull, the minutes of July 23<sup>rd</sup> were unanimously approved as written.

**New Police Vehicle Quote** Chief Taylor requested that he be allowed to place the order for the Ford Explorer Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle as previously discussed from Moser Motors with delivery after January 1, 2013. Chief said that Moser Motors gave the best quote and the price is the same as quoted earlier of \$ 25,980.00. Mayor McKean stated that he had called Moser Motors and should the vehicle be delivered prior to January 1, 2013, Moser's said they will hold the vehicle.

On a motion by R. Dull and a second by C. Wurster, the board unanimously recommended that the request go to council for their approval.

Earl Hough approached the board with a request to have Sprunger Street Extended to Heritage Trail closed to traffic for emergency vehicle training exercises on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm through Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm. On a motion by C Wurster and a second by R. Dull, the board unanimously approved closing the street with the times requested.

**Request to Move a Garage Using City Streets** Lyle Evans requested that he be allowed to use city streets to move a garage he purchased on Main and Indiana Street. Mr. Evans reported that he has received permission from AEP, but added that there will be sufficient clearance that the power lines will not come in to play. He is planning to move the garage on September 8<sup>th</sup> at approximately 8 am. Mr. Evans has notified the Berne Police Department and will be going from Main Street to County Road 000. He will get the needed permit from Shannon Smitley if this request is approved. On a motion by R. Dull and a second by C. Wurster, the board unanimously approved Lyle Evans request to use city streets on September 8<sup>th</sup> as presented.

**2013 Township Fire Contracts Discussion** Speaking on behalf of the County Trustees, with the exception of Bluecreek Township, Mark Neuenschwander updated the board on the township fire contracts. The Berne City Council had initially approved a 3.5% increase for township fire protection, but at the last meeting, unanimously approved reducing the increase to 2.8%.

Mark handed out a stat sheet that compared square mile and how much was charged per square mile in the Berne, Geneva, and Monroe Fire Departments coverage area.

While the trustees would have preferred that there would have been more discussion, Mark said that they will be taking the 2.8% increase to their respective boards for their consideration.

Mark said that the trustees with the exception of Bluecreek, who choose not to participate in the discussion, were unanimous in wanting to schedule meetings going forward with the cities where they are contracted for fire protection.

There was further discussion as to who would cover if the lack of a signed contract would leave a gap in fire protection. City Attorney Beitler encouraged the city to consider adding language that would protect the taxpayers of Berne and allow city the right to charge more if they respond outside the coverage area and it is not a mutual aid situation.

The Board of Works and the Trustees agreed that there should be open dialog next year and going forward before rates are adopted.

**Mayor's Comments** None

**Board Comments**-None

On a motion by C. Wurster and a second by Mayor McKean, the meeting was adjourned.

**Special Meeting Monday, September 10, 2012 6:30 PM**