

**Board of Public Works and Safety
Council Chambers
Berne City Building, 158 W Franklin Street
Wednesday, September 16, 2015
8:00 am
Minutes**

Present Board Members Mayor McKean; Ron Dull and Curtis Wurster along with Clerk Treasurer Gwen Maller, who is a member of the tax abatement scoring committee; City Attorney Dave Baumgartner and Secretary of Record Becky Sprunger.

Others present included Adams County Economic Development Director Mr. Larry Macklin, and City employees Shannon Smitley; John Crider; Kurt Dailey and Police Chief Tim Taylor.

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 August 19, 2015 were unanimously approved as written. 3-0

Scoring for Tax Abatements City Attorney Baumgartner and Mr. Larry Macklin presented the scoring committee with applications for tax abatements for Sherrell Investments and Indiana Coatings who are opening manufacturing plants in the former FICOSSA plant, 917 Liechty Road, Berne.

The committee scored the application for Sherrell Investments for real property with a total score of 80 points. On a motion by Mayor McKean and a second by Curtis Wurster, the scoring committee approved the score of 80 points which qualifies Sherrell Investments for a 10 year super tax abatement on real property. 4 yeas-0 nays

The committee scored the application for Sherrell Investments for personal property with a total of 82 points. On a motion by Ron Dull and a second by Curtis Wurster, the committee unanimously approved the score of 82 points which qualifies Sherrell Investments for a 10 year super tax abatement on the real estate. 4 yeas-0 nays

The committee scored the application for Indiana Coatings on the personal property with a total score of 95 points. On a motion by Ron Dull and a second by Curtis Wurster, the committee unanimously approved the score of 95 points which qualifies Indiana Coatings for a 10 year super tax abatement on real property. 4 yeas-0 nays

Other Fire Chief John Crider reported that the new fire truck is going into assembly. Chief Taylor reported that he is still waiting to hear from Lehman Auto about the status of the one old police car that Lehman Auto has torn down. Once Chief knows if Lehman's will take the old car for the cost of any repairs, he will be able to advertise the other vehicles as approved in the August 19th Board of Works meeting.

Curtis reported that a citizens committee that he serves on has the funding in place for a three year commitment to lease Christmas decorations for the community. With the lease agreement, the company is responsible for putting up, taking down and storing the decorations, but the committee has to have the poles ready. There will be more light poles than in the past and the committee is getting that information ready. Curtis asked for some direction on how to get in touch with Indiana and Michigan and also asked about the cost of electricity. Curtis was given a contact name and phone number for I & M. Both Gwen and Mayor McKean feel that the city should pay for the electricity as they have in the past.

Ron asked about the availability of a water faucet for watering the recently planted grass in the park and was advised accordingly.

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