

**Board of Public Works and Safety
Berne City Building, 158 W Franklin Street
Wednesday November 18, 2020
Minutes**

Mayor Sprunger-Present
Ron Dull- Present

Curtis Wurster-Present

All members of the Board of Public Works and Safety met at City Hall at 8:00 am November 18, 2020 along with City Attorney Dave Baumgartner. Mayor Sprunger called the meeting to order and verified a quorum. An agenda was posted at the door.

Others present at the meeting, a representative from Harvest Land Depot; Ben Adams, Commonwealth Engineering, Mark Burry, ACRSD Attorney; from the city, Clerk-Treasurer Gwen Maller; Kurt Dailey; John Crider; Terry Kongar, Brandon Alberson Police Chief Tim Taylor; and Clint Anderson, Berne Witness.

Approval of the Minutes: Ron Dull made a motion to approve the minutes of October 21, 2020 as written. Curtis Wurster made the second. Motion unanimously carried on a vote 3-0.

Open Annual Sealed Bids as Advertised Mayor Sprunger opened and read aloud all of the bids that were received as follows and all bids will be on file in the Clerk's Office:

2021 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS GASOLINE AND FUEL

National Oil and Gas
Harvest Land Depot

**2021 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR ASPHALT, CONCRETE AND STONE
FOR PUBLIC WORKS REPAIRING STREETS AND SIDEWALKS IN BERNE, IN-
DIANA**

Case Construction
KBL Transport
Brooks Construction
US Aggregates

City Attorney Baumgartner recommended that the board take the bids under advisement so the paperwork can be reviewed to make sure they are all in order and for further review by the city. After additional discussion, Ron Dull made a motion to take all of the bids under advisement so the proper departments can review all of the bids and bring back their recommendations at the next Board of Public Works and Safety meeting. On a second by Curtis Wurster, the motion was unanimously approved on a vote of 3-0

Clerk-Treasurer Gwen Maller advised the board that her office sent out more letters with the bids requesting quotes than the city received back.

Adams County Regional Sewer District City Attorney Dave Baumgartner advised the board that the Sanitary Sewerage Treatment Agreement Between the City of Berne and The Adams County Regional Sewer District that the board is considering today has been amended from the original agreement. ACRSD Attorney Mark Burry reviewed the timeline of events with the board as well as money the ACRSD has received through State Revolving Loan funds, which will now allow the pick-up of sewage from the residents of Linn Grove and homes along the route on County Road 700S and will come to the City of Berne WWTP collection system. Calculations for sewage exceed what would be the normal flow to avoid any potential surcharges, but there is a provision in the agreement for surcharge fees if needed. The City of Berne will accept sewage from Linn Grove and homes along County Road 700S. The only anticipated business on this route is Fear Power Sports. Commonwealth Engineering engineer Ben Adams further explained the calculation formula. There are also provisions for any future growth and additional entry points should additional development take place along the route.

Curtis Wurster asked if there were any provisions in the agreement that addresses sharing the cost of any possible upgrades to our treatment collection system that might be needed in the future much like Monroe cost shares with the city if our WWTP capacity has to be expanded. Dave stated that if our WWTP has to be expanded, it would also be a benefit to the ACRSD. Ben advised that at this time the city has plenty of capacity, but it would be wise to further consider it, since Phase 2 of the LTCP submitted to IDEM does address the need to expand the treatment if necessary. Ben added that this is something that needs to be addressed with ACRSD. Mark Burry stated that if the city were to increase rates, he would think that would also be passed along to the district.

Additional discussion included any potential annexation and how that would affect the agreement. Also discussed were some key changes in the agreement being considered. The connection fee to the City of Berne was changed to a capacity fee and the ACRSD will not charge the city for a tap fee since it is their sewer line. A question was asked about whether the user fee will be revisited every five years or annually like the City of Berne/Monroe agreement. Both Dave and Mark explained that the agreement is for forty-five years, but provisions have been made to review the user fees annually, just like the Monroe agreement.

Curtis Wurster made a motion to approve the Sanitary Sewerage Treatment Agreement Between the City of Berne and The Adams County Regional Sewer District. On a second by Ron Dull and by a show of hands, the motion was unanimously approved on a vote of 3-0.

Request for quotes for a F 250 4x4 Pickup Truck-Sewage Department Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Terry Kongar came before the board to request permission to purchase on the open market for a F250 pickup truck and trading in the 2005 F150. When asked, Terry stated that he has one quote of \$ 30,635.00, which does not include the trade in value, as Mr. Besser from Moser Motors Sales has not yet seen the old truck. The price will actually be less than \$ 30,635.

After additional discussion and clarification of the City of Berne Purchasing Agreement ((Ord. 627, passed 5-14-12), Ron Dull made a motion to approve the request by WWTP Superintendent Terry Kongar to go on the open market for the purchase of a new F250 Ford Pick-up truck. On a second by

Curtis Wurster, the motion was approved on a vote of 3-0.

Key Way Extension Project Mayor Sprunger reported that when Key Fasteners located their plant in Berne in 1989, Key Way Street was established for access to their plant, but the pavement was not extended as far as the street is platted. At that time, Key Fasteners was the only industry in that area. In talking with different entities, Mayor Sprunger said he feels that Key Way Street should be improved as platted, which would bring the street up to the property now owned by Poseidon and would complete the street. Mayor Sprunger said he instructed Ben Adams, Commonwealth Engineers to complete the specifications for the unimproved portion of Key Way Street and send out a request for three quotes. The board reviewed the prepared bid tabulations from Commonwealth that were handed out at this meeting, which includes three quotes from area contractors and the cost of the engineering fees. Mayor Sprunger said at this time, he would like to proceed with having a stone base and a stone surface done on the unimproved portion of the street with the possibility of having the street finished with asphalt in spring/summer. The lowest quote on the bid tabulation was for \$ 95,204.47 and is just for the stone base and stone surface. The board was also provided a quote from one firm for the resurfacing of the street which cannot be done this year and will not be considered today.

When asked by Ron Dull, Ben Adams confirmed that there are plans for drainage in the construction of the stone base and stone surface. There will not be curbing or sidewalks and when paved, will match the asphalt portion of the street.

After additional discussion, Ron Dull made a motion to approve the Liberty Development quote of \$95,204.47 as the lowest most responsible quote for a stone base and stone surface on the unimproved portion of Key Way Street. On a second by Curtis Wurster, the motion was unanimously approved 3-0.

Attorney Comments-None

Board Comments When asked by Ron about the status on the Brackney project, Ben Adams advised that most if not all of the paving is done but work still remains on the Main Street lift stations. Mayor Sprunger added that in talking with the onsite inspector, most of the project is now down to punch list items.

With nothing further to come before the board, Ron made a motion to adjourn, Curtis made the second, and adjournment followed.