

Board of Public Works and Safety
Berne City Building, 158 W Franklin Street
Wednesday February 19, 2020 8:00 p.m.

Minutes
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Mayor Sprunger-Present
Ron Dull- Present

Curtis Wurster-Present

The Board of Public Works and Safety met on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 in council chambers along with City Attorney Dave Baumgartner and Recording Secretary Becky Sprunger according to the posted notice.

In attendance from the City; Chief Taylor, John Crider, Kurt Dailey and Gary Nussbaum. Others present, Clint Anderson from the Berne Witness and Jennifer Lehman from Swiss Village and the Clock Tower Committee.

Mayor Sprunger 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 January 15, 2020 were unanimously approved on a vote of 3-0.

Clock Tower Events Street Closing: As Events Coordinator for the Clock Tower and Plaza, Jennifer Lehman asked that Harrison Street be closed at Main and Harrison for the upcoming concert series, Swiss Days and Treats at the Tower according to the following dates: June 5th, June 19th, July 3rd, July 17th, July 25th and 26th and October 27th. The board unanimously approved by consensus to close Harrison Street according the dates given.

Swiss Village Annual 5K Run Road Closure Request: As part of the 5K committee, Jennifer also updated the board on the April 11th 5K run hosted by Swiss Village. When asked, Jennifer said the route is the same as it has been. The county approved the county road closures at their last meeting. The road closer would be from 8:45 am until 10:30 am or upon completion. The board unanimously approved the city street closures by consensus. Jen said they will coordinate safety measures with the Berne Police Department and Gary Nussbaum, Street Superintendent said he is aware of date.

Communications Update: Mayor Sprunger updated the board from the last meeting. He stated that we have had one IT company come in and assess cyber security, IT needs and our internet issues. It was found that the internet speed, when tested where an ethernet connection was used, is measuring 50 MBS, but we are losing internet speed at the Wi-Fi access point located in the front of the building. The company, ITI, recommended a new AP and adding an AP in the south part of the building to improve speeds. Mayor Sprunger said that there will be another company coming today to look at our cyber security, internet and IT assistance.

Board Comments: Ron Dull asked about the bond closing for the Water/Main Street project. Mayor Sprunger reported that the closing was yesterday, and we are now ready to proceed with a start date of March 2nd. Letters will be sent out next week to those residents along the project routes who will be adversely affected by the work being done.

Ron asked about the start date of the Village Way project. Mayor Sprunger stated that it will be after the end of the school year, but that drainage issues could be addressed before then.

With nothing further to discuss and on a motion by Ron and a second by Curtis, the meeting was adjourned on a vote of 3-0.