

CITY OF BEECH GROVE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
Monday, June 6, 2022

Mayor Buckley called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

ROLL CALL

Board of Public Works and Safety Members Dave Harrison, Sandy Seward and Mayor Buckley were in attendance. Also, in attendance were Clerk Treasurer James Coffman and City Attorney Craig Wiley.

MEETING MINUTES

Clerk Treasurer James Coffman presented the minutes from May 16, 2022, meeting to the Board for approval.

Sandy Seward made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Corporate Claims were presented for \$946,847.28. Sandy Seward made a motion to approve the Corporate Claims, Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Final Payment-Hornet Avenue Sewer Rehab - Mayor Buckley explained that the final payment due for this project was \$2,296.20. Sandy Seward made a motion to approve the final payment due, Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

BGLL Garage Remodeling – Mayor Buckley presented the proposals for the remodel of the garage at the Little league diamonds. He reached out to 6 construction companies and only received 2 proposals in return. Jay’s Home Remodeling put in a bid of \$21,300.00 and Beeson Construction bid was for \$9,885.77. Sandy Seward made a motion to accept Beeson Construction’s bid, Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Statchel Retirement Payout – Deputy Chief Mercuri read a letter submitted by Chief Maurice regarding the final payout for Major Statchel. According to the letter, the amount due is \$54,342.86. Sandy Seward made a motion to approve the Major Statchel’s final payout, Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Promotion BGPD – There were 2 requests for promotions within the BGPD. The first request was for Officer Joseph Garrison to be promoted to Sergeant. Deputy Chief Mercuri read the letter requesting the promotion. His pay would change to \$3,164.23 biweekly and if approved would be effective June 1st. Sandy Seward made a motion to approve

Joseph's promotion to Sergeant, Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Promotion BGPD - A request was made to promote Captain James Baughn to shift supervisor to replace Major Jason Statchel due to his retirement. If approved, Captain Baughn's pay would be adjusted to \$3,880.04 biweekly. This promotion would be effective May 28, 2022. Sandy Seward made a motion to accept the promotion of Captain Baughn to day shift supervisor, Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Pay adjustment – BGPD – Deputy Chief Mercuri read a letter stating that Officer Gembala received her Master's Degree in Public Affairs from Indiana University. Per the FOP contract and Employee personnel manual her pay should her attainment of this degree. Officer Gembala's new biweekly rate would be \$2,920.04. He stated that there are funds in the budget for this increase in pay. Sandy Seward made a motion to approve the payment for the addition of Officer Gembala's Master degree, Dave Harrison seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Request to Hire – BGPD – Deputy Chief read a letter into the record to hire Probationary Officer Austin Bryant. He passed all phases of the hiring process and just awaiting acceptance into the 1977 PERF Fund. He will replace the retired Jason Statchel. If approved, his tentative start date will be June 20, 2022. There is money in the budget to cover this position. Sandy Seward made a motion to approve the hiring of Probationary Officer Bryant, Dave Harrison seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

COMMENTS

Updates were given on Police building by Deputy Chief Mercuri and Chief Robert Cheshire gave an update on how the EMS division was doing.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Buckley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandy Seward made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Dave Harrison seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Dennis B. Buckley, Mayor

James W. Coffman, Clerk Treasurer