

City of Decatur  
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes  
June 3, 2025

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on June 3, 2025 at 6:13 P.M. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. Second Street, Decatur. Members present were Tyler Fullenkamp, Craig Coshow, and Mayor Dan Rickord. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Eran Hackman and City Attorney Anne Razo.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the May 20, 2025 meeting. Fullenkamp made a motion to adopt the minutes of May 20, 2025 as emailed. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

The first item on the agenda was a Code Enforcement issue at 216 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, and the resident, Laura Boots was present. Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent, noted his department has gone back and forth with this issue since June of 2023 regarding rubbish, weeds, vegetation and other items. Witte noted that at some checks there was some improvement but then things would regress. Ms. Boots noted she was trying to find storage for items, but her shed was full. Ms. Boots noted a lot of the items belonged to her children and grandchildren. Ms. Boots was thankful for Witte's assistance, and he noted he would make arrangements for a dumpster if Ms. Boots felt that would help her in cleaning up the area. Following a lengthy discussion, Fullenkamp made a motion to give Ms. Boots until June 24, 2025 to get things cleaned up or a fine of \$100 a day would be imposed. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Karey Fuelling, Stormwater Superintendent, noted she had Capacity Certifications for Adams County Regional Sewer District which she would sign.

Next on the agenda was Police Chief Kevin Gerber regarding a metal garage building to be used as storage for the Department. Chief Gerber noted the building had been approved last year and was to be built by Yoder's Quality Barns, Bluffton. The company that Yoder's had contracted with were unable to follow through with the original construction so another option had to be considered. A 14 x 24 shed with an overhead door and man door will be built at Yoder's location and brought to the police station following completion. The difference in cost of \$5,900 will be covered by a Walmart Grant and other available funds. This being an update, no action was needed.

Fire Chief Jeff Sheets appeared before the Board regarding the financial arrangement for the new aerial firetruck. Coshow made a motion to approve the contract with Republic First National Bank and authorized Mayor Rickord to sign. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Next on the agenda was Fire Chief Jeff Sheets regarding repair work needed at the station. Chief Sheets described a moisture problem that they have been trying to localize for some time as to where the water was coming in. Chief Sheets shared he had two quotes with one at \$8,900 from Arnold's Lumber and one from Meyer Building LLC at \$13,400. Chief Sheets shared he had two other requests out for bids but had no response. Chief Sheets explained the work that would be done including the replacement of 7 posts. Fullenkamp made a motion for Chief Sheets to proceed with the repair work using Arnold's Lumber at \$8,900. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted. It was also recommended to Chief Sheets to ask Arnold's to consider changing the terms of payment.

Coshow made a motion to authorize Chief Sheets to sign the contract. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Next on the agenda was a short discussion regarding the fire contracts for Root, Union, St. Marys, and Washington Townships. It was shared that more talks need to take place with County Auditor Tony Mellencamp regarding the upcoming revenue changes due to SB-1. Mayor Rickord noted he is meeting with the City's Municipal Advisor regarding what is needed as a result of the State Budget and its effects on the City and various municipalities.

Lastly on the agenda was a Matter of Record for two utility easement agreements for the Homestead area between the City of Decatur and Kevin E. Miller. Coshow made a motion for the Matter of Record. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Thus, with there being no other business on the agenda, Coshow made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Adjournment was at 6:48 P.M.