

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS &  
SAFETY  
VALPARAISO, INDIANA**

**JANUARY 22, 2009**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana, met on January 22, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in City Hall. Present were members Mayor Costas, John Hardwick, Chuck Williams and Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Swihart.

Mayor Costas called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chuck Williams moved that the minutes of the January 8, 2009 meeting be approved as presented, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved. John Hardwick moved that claims be approved for payment subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

**RALSTON PAVING BID CORRECTION**

Bill Oeding requested permission to adjust material bids for 2008/2009. Nan Ralston of Ralston Paving made a typing error when doing the annual bid in regard to sand mixture for ice control. Last year the bid was \$11.75 and this year the bid was \$11.55 which should actually have been \$12.55. Bill said he felt this was an honest error and this bid would still be the lowest when the figure is corrected. He again requested permission to have this figure changed and approved for that material bid. Mayor Costas moved that the figure be allowed to be corrected, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

**CITY ATTY. RENEWAL CONTRACT**

Dave Hollenbeck presented his renewal contract as City Attorney. This contract is exactly the same as last years. John Hardwick moved to approve the contract with the City Attorney, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

**1303 CALUMET SIGN REQUEST**

Jerry Armellino of Landmark Signs presented a request for permission of erecting a permanent commercial sign in the right of way at 1303 Calumet Avenue. There is a sign there now but due to storm damage in December the sign was demolished. They want to erect the sign exactly where it was using the existing base and pole. He is going to have to apply for a height variance also. Asst. City Planner Tyler Kent advised that we are trying to keep the signs out of the right-of-way now in looking to the future, After discussion, Attorney Hollenbeck requested that this be tabled to give him and the planning staff time to look this over and discuss things with Mr. Armellino. Mayor Costas moved to table the request, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

**ROW DEDICATION-2202 LAPORTE AVE.**

City Engineer Burkman presented a request to accept Dedication of Right-of-Way for the 2202 LaPorte Avenue project. This is going to be a multi-tenant commercial project at

LaPorte and Mayfield and requires a 50' half right of way. John Hardwick moved to approve the request, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

### **TRAFFIC & SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS**

City Engr. Burkman presented the Traffic & Safety recommendations as follows:

1. Post a "No Parking" sign at the southern ends of Kinsey Street and Stokes Street.
2. Post the intersection of LaPorte Avenue and University Drive as a four-way "Stop".
3. Post the speed limit as "25 mph" on Valparaiso Street between Evans Avenue and Herta Street.
4. Move the existing "No Parking" restriction closer to the intersection on the south side of Walnut Street to restrict parking for only the first 15 feet of Napoleon Street.

Chuck Williams moved to approve the recommendations, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

### **DASH/V-LINE RATE APPROVALS**

Transportation Director Tyler Kent presented a request for a 10 ride pass costing \$75.00 for the Chicago Dash. This would be for convenience sake only. The cost would be the same, \$7.50 per ride. He also presented a fee schedule for the V-Line per the State Board of Accounts for housekeeping purposes. Mayor Costas moved to approve both requests, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

### **VALAPARAISO ST CHANGE ORDERS**

Don McGinley presented change orders for the Valparaiso Street Project. At this point the project is 75% complete and should be done in June of 2009. These are change order per DLZ in regard to storm and sanitary sewer work. There were poor soils along the way and the State of Indiana has mandated that these be rectified. The orders total \$877,207.75 which will be 80/20 funded by the State so we would be paying \$159,000 out of our account. Mayor Costas moved to approve the change orders, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

### **PNC PARKING LOT LEASE**

Dave Hollenbeck presented a request for authorization for him to enter into a lease agreement with PNC for the parking lot next to their facility. The lease would be for 99 years at \$1.00 a year. After discussion the City Attorney was authorized to draw up a lease for 99 years at \$2 a year with a stipulation that the agreement will be transfer if the property is sold. Hollenbeck will bring the agreement back to the Board for approval. Mayor Costas moved to approve the authorization, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

### **CITIZEN REQUESTS:**

1. YMCA Annual Ringing in Spring 5K road race to be held on Saturday, April 4, 2009 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

2. 2009 Mini Marathon to be held on Saturday, April 11, 2009, starting at 6:00 a.m.
3. 2009 Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive to be held on Friday and Saturday, May 15 & 26, 2009.
4. Valentine 5K Run to be held on Sunday, February 8, 2009 starting at 10:00 am. Route not yet received.

After hearing these requests there was discussion in regard to ambulance service charges for these events and events of the like. There are requests that an ambulance be on site just in case it would be needed and this requires off duty people to staff that ambulance. It was stated that we need a policy for uniformity in using this service. The charge is a flat \$250 now. It was agreed that this would be looked at. Items #1, 2 and 4 will have to pay the \$250 ambulance charge as it stands now. Items #1, 3, and 4 are approved as requested per motion of Mayor Costas, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

#### **MINI-MARATHON**

Item #3, the Mini Marathon is being referred to the proper departments and to Tina St. Aubin. There are many questions as to the route, the course marking, if there will be sufficient volunteers at the intersections, blocking of intersections, etc. There may need to be county approval also since the tentative route goes outside of the city limits. Ray from Human Sports will get together with the above department representatives and when everything is ironed out it will come back for approval.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.