

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

November 25, 2009

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana met November 25, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in City Hall. Present were members Mayor Jon Costas, Bill Oeding, Chuck Williams and Clerk-Treasurer Deputy Dale Brewer. Mayor Costas called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chuck Williams moved that the minutes of the November 12, 2009 meeting be approved as presented, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved. Bill Oeding moved that the claims be approved for payment subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved. Chuck Williams abstained.

OPEN ANNUAL MATERIAL BIDS

Attorney Dave Hollenbeck recommended that the asphalt and milling portion of the bids be rejected and rebid with different specifications and also open all other bids. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved. All other bids are to be opened and taken under advisement. They will be in the conference room and available for inspection. Ron De Torrice will review the bids and come back with recommendations at the next meeting. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by bill Oeding and so approved.

ENERGY SERVICE AGREEMENT

Bill Oeding presented an energy service agreement for natural gas with Centerpoint. Fifty percent of what is used will be at a locked in rate, with the other fifty percent at the normal rate. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

CITIZEN REQUESTS

1. The Valparaiso Community Festivals & Events, Inc. will be hosting the annual "Holly Days & Live Nativity" on Friday, December 4, 2009 from 5-7pm. Washington and Franklin Streets from Indiana to Lincolnway and Indiana from Franklin east to the alley will be closed for the event.
2. The Human Race Sports will be hosting the fifth annual Valpo Mini-Marathon Saturday, April 10, 2010 at 7:30am.

Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY RECOMENDATIONS

Tim Burkman presented the recommendations from the Traffic and Safety Committee.

1. Post a "Stop" sign on Dixon Drive, at Somerset Drive.
2. Post up to three parking spaces in front of 405 Elm Street as "15-Minute Parking Only".
3. Install a street light at the following locations:
 - a. NW corner of Garfield Street & the alley north of Elm Street.
 - b. NW corner of Chicago Street & Sturdy Road.
 - c. Valparaiso Street & McKinley Street

- d. Valparaiso Street & Fair Street
- e. Valparaiso Street & Evans Avenue

Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

INDOT-LPA CONTRACTS FOR ARRA PROJECTS

Tim Burkman presented the INDOT-LPA contracts for approval. These are standard contracts that have to be signed whenever federal funds are involved. The contingency project submitted for the traffic lights has also been approved. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION

Tim Burkman presented for acceptance the right-of-way dedication on Roosevelt Road for the Uptown East Development. Chuck Williams moved to approve, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved. Mayor Costas abstained.

APPROVAL OF SECONDARY PLAT

Tim Burkman requested approval of the secondary plat for the 356 addition. The Plan Commission approved the plat in April. Construction will only be on lot one until all conditions for approval are met. A letter of conditions for approval is attached to the minutes. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.