

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

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

December 23, 2009

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana met December 23, 2009 at 11:00 p.m. in City Hall. Present were members Mayor Jon Costas, Bill Oeding, Chuck Williams and Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Emerson Swihart. Mayor Costas called the meeting to order and Chuck Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chuck Williams moved that the minutes of the December 10, 2009 meeting be approved as presented, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved. Chuck Williams moved that the claims be approved for payment subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

AMENDMENT TO INSURANCE & UPDATED COBRA RATES

Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Emerson Swihart presented amendments to the Employee Benefit Plan and submitted new Cobra rates for approval. There were increases in Dental benefits for employees. Cobra rates for retirees will remain the same. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

APPROVAL OF BID RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PUBLIC WORKS

Ron DeTorrice made the recommendations for the Annual Materials, Fuel, Concrete Work, Supplies and Equipment. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

TRASH FEES

Ron DeTorrice presented the write-offs for 2008 at \$3,949. 87. The amount will still be owed and the attempts will be made to collect. This is just to clear the books. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

CHICAGO DASH UPDATES

Tyler Kent presented the updates for the Chicago Dash bus service. Dash Cash will be implemented instead of the current guaranteed ride home program. There will also be a stop change at a new location between Van Buren and Congress due to construction. A ninety day trial will be implemented for bus #1 to leave Chicago at 4:10 p.m. Surveys were taken and the Dash riders were in favor of the changes. New bus designs were presented for the four new buses currently being assembled. January 25, 2010 is the expected date for a new ninety day trial for a stop at the Indiana Toll Road and State Road 49. Tickets must be purchased ahead of time for this service. Next month the City of Hobart will survey their residents about a possible Chicago Dash stop in Hobart. This Saturday will also be the last day of Saturday service. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

SURETY REDUCTION FOR PHASE I MISTWOOD SUBDIVISION

Tim Burkman requested a surety reduction for Phase I of Mistwood Subdivision. Water and sewers have been accepted and the curbs have been put in. There will be enough in the surety to cover any existing improvements that need to be made. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

PHASE I OF AUDUBON ESTATES AS CITY STREETS

Tim Burkman requested the five streets in Phase I of Audubon Estates be accepted as city streets. These streets are Tanager Avenue, Kestrel Street, Rock Dove Avenue, Sanderling Avenue and Blue Grouse Street. These streets will be part of the certification to INDOT and will figure in on our gas tax revenue from the State. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.