

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS &
SAFETY
VALPARAISO, INDIANAA
AUGUST 14, 2008**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana, met on August 14, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in City Hall. Present were members Mayor Jon Costas and John Hardwick and Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Swihart. Chuck Williams was absent.

Mayor Costas called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. John Hardwick moved to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2008 meeting, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved. John Hardwick moved that claims be approved for payment subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

Bill Oeding presented Dennis McDaniels with an engraved watch for his 40.5 years of service with the City of Valparaiso.

R/W & QUIT CLAIM -RDC

Stu Summers requested that the right of way and Quit Claim Deed be approved to the Valparaiso Redevelopment Commission. They would like this done in order to sell it with the adjacent parcels to the NE. This will be subject to the easements of record. He would also like a recommendation to the Plan Commission to vacate the easement. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Stu Summers presented

TRASH CONSOLIDATION REQUEST

Bill Oeding presented a request for consolidation of trash collection. He would like a change in operation where any large items or items that need to be picked up will be picked up with the usual trash on people's usual pick-up day. This will give the City a savings in fuel and man hours. Mayor Costas moved to approve the request, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

SALT BIDS

Bill Oeding advised that he would like to have the salt bids opened. Clerk-Treasurer Swihart advised that she received three bids:

1. North American Salt Company-Declined to bid.
2. Detroit Salt Company-Declined to bid.
3. Morton Salt-Bid information not complete

This was referred back to Bill Oeding for recommendation.

VHS QUARTERBACK FIREWORKS

The VHS Quarterback Club requested approval to sponsor fireworks displays at each VHS home football game this season. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by John Costas and so approved.

POPCORN PANIC RACE

The Festivals Committee requested approval for the Popcorn Panic Race with street closures starting at 7:30 a.m. to approximately 8:45 a.m. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

69 S. FRANKLIN-OUTDOOR DINING

Craig Phillips presented a request for approval of outdoor dining at 69 S. Franklin Street. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

PARKING ON LINCOLNWAY

Dave Pilz requested that the Board solicit INDOT for approval of parking on the south side of Lincolnway between Campbell and Madison. John Hardwick moved to approve, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

EASTPORT CENTRE DRIVE REALIGN. PROJ.

Dave Pilz requested permission to seek bids for the Eastport Centre Drive Realignment Project to be due 8/28/08. This is a Redevelopment project. John Hardwick moved to approve the request, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

TRAFFIC & SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

Tim Burkman presented the Traffic & Safety recommendations:

1. Post the intersection of Old Oak Drive and Sherwood Drive as a 4-way stop.
2. Post the speed limit on Old Oak Drive and Sherwood Drive at 25 mph except on the segment of Old Oak Drive between Harrison Blvd and Sherwood Dr and on the approaches to the intersection of Old Oak Drive and Sherwood Dr, post the speed limit as a 20 mph School Zone.
3. Post the intersection of Vale Park Road at Kickbush Drive as a 4-way stop.
4. Post the speed limit at 30 mph on Chicago Street between Campbell Street and Lincolnway.
5. Request permission from INDOT to allow parallel parking on the north side of Lincolnway between Garfield and Roosevelt Road.

John Hardwick moved to approve all recommendations, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

SAFE ROUTE AGREEMENT

Dave Pilz requested that the Board execute the agreement with INDOT in regard to the Safe Routes to Schools. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

FLINT LAKE WATERSHED JURIS. COMBINATION

City Attorney Dave Hollenbeck presented a resolution that would combine the three watershed jurisdictions of Flint Lake Watershed into one jurisdiction. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved. This will now go to the Stormwater Board for approval.

A resident of Old Oak Subdivision, 1551 Sherwood Drive in Oakwood, was present to let the Board know that he and many of his neighbors do not want the 4-way stop at Sherwood and Old Oak Drive due to the incline in getting to the stop sign. The Mayor advised that this will stand as is but can be changed if it proves to be hazardous.

Steve Doniger reported that it will take 6-8 weeks to get Tower Park back to par.

There was no further business and Mayor Costas adjourned the meeting.