

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS &
SAFETY
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
APRIL 26, 2007**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana, met on April 26, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. Present were members Mayor Jon Costas and Dave Pilz and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Debbie Rosenbaum. John Hardwick was absent.

Mayor Costas called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dave Pilz moved that the minutes of the April 12, 2007 meeting be approved as presented, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved. Dave Pilz moved that the claims be approved subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

VALPO STREET PROJECT PARCEL PURCHASE

Dave Pilz moved to eliminate the condemnation proceedings and approve the settlement on the last parcel for the Valparaiso Street project, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

CUMBERLAND AND CUMBERLAND CROSSING DR.

Dave Pilz presented plans from Urschel Development as a component of the development of what used to be County Seat and additional areas. The plans provide for the extension of Cumberland Drive from Vale Park north to Bullseye Lake Road and an east/west extension of that road called Cumberland Crossing Drive which will run from Cumberland east to Calumet. The construction of these two roadways will form the backbone for the development in that area. They expect to get started on construction very soon. The plans have been reviewed, they meet our requirements but there is one variance that is included in the motion and that is for pavement standards related to thickness. They are providing an additional thickness of bituminous pavement in lieu of the tensor that is proposed and they are going to do a different construction process that also adds into the acceptability of that variance. Dave moved for the acceptance of the plans and the variance, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

EASTGATE LAPORTE AVE. AGREEMENT-BIRD HOUK

Dave Pilz presented an agreement from Bird Houk in regard to the development between Lincolnway and LaPorte. We have an opportunity to take another look at that segment of LaPorte Avenue to look at our parking requirements there. The amount of the proposal is \$16,500 in several different components. Dave moved for acceptance of the proposal with the understanding that the financing of that is to come out of EDIT funds, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

LIGHT POLE BANNER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Courtney Walton, intern for RDC, made a presentation in regard to the light pole banner management.

VILLAS AT VALE PARK

Dave Pilz presented construction plans for Villas at Vale Park. This is on the south side of Vale Park Road. The plans have been reviewed and are ready for approval. They propose a residential development in 2 and 4-unit buildings. The plans provide for the extension of Sturdy Road north to Vale Park. Dave moved for approval of the construction plans subject to the approval of the sewer plans by the utility and with one variance for the pavement width on Sturdy Road. There will be no lots fronting on Sturdy Road and that section will have parking prohibited so there is no reason to have the full 36' width. Mayor Costas seconded the approval, and so approved.

IDEM GRANT-RECYCLING CANS-RESOLUTION #1, 2007

Bill Oeding advised that he is applying for a grant through IDEM to help fund our yellow-lidded recycling containers. There is a huge demand for these right now and feel that the demand will grow. As a part of the process we need to get permission from the Board of Works through a resolution so he is presenting Resolution #1, 2007 to be approved. This has been published in the newspaper and today is a public hearing to hear anyone that feels that they are being harmed by the grant. The Public Hearing was opened, there were no remonstrators and the public hearing was closed. Mayor Costas moved to approve Resolution #1, 2007, seconded by Dave Pilz and so approved.

COMMUNITY REQUESTS

July 4th Blast street closure from 9:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Closing Roosevelt Road from Evans to Glendale for southbound & northbound traffic. Also to restrict parking on the south side of McCord Road from Fairlane to Roosevelt.

Block Party to be held on Sunday, May 27, 2007 from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Throughwoods Drive.

Community Action Drug Coalition Walk Away from Drugs on May 19, 2007 starting at 10:30 a.m. and lasting about one hour.

Dave Pilz moved for approval of all requests, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

ADE AVE. R/W & STREET ACCEPT.

Dave Pilz moved to accept the Dedication of Right of Way of Ade Avenue extension and to accept the street, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

DAVID HIGHLANDS

Mayor Costas stated that he would like to express his condolences to the family of David Highlands. David was a long time Portage City Councilman and served his community with great distinction. He was highly respected on both sides of the political fence. He was a very serious candidate for Mayor and brought a lot of great ideas and energy to Portage. He passed away very unexpectedly and our City, leadership team and citizens express our heartfelt condolences to the family.

LEADERSHIP REPORT

Steve Doniger advised that the Tourism Bureau is doing an audit on the Parks. Kelly is in charge of Guest Relations Services. They are closing on Jesse Pfeiffer Park. They are working with Pines Village on an elder-style community.

The meeting adjourned.