

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
JANUARY 12, 2006

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 10:00 AM on Thursday, January 12, 2006. Present were members Dave Pilz and John Hardwick and Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Swihart. Mayor Costas was absent.

Dave Pilz called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

John Hardwick moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as presented, seconded by Mr. Pilz and so approved.

Mr. Pilz moved that claims be approved subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

Bill Nagy presented a change to the Employee Benefit Plan rewording the Schedule of Benefits for Preventative Care, Wellness (Employee, Spouse & Dependent Children). Karen Marben attempted to explain the change and recommended that this be accepted. John Hardwick moved that the change be accepted, seconded by Mr. Pilz and so approved.

Mr. Oeding recommended that the Baird & Marine bid be accepted for the fuel that is delivered to the Public Works premises and to any fire truck at a fire. This bid will be effective February 1, 2006 and be effective for one year. Mr. Hardwick moved to accept the fuel bid from Baird & Marine, seconded by Mr. Pilz and so approved.

Dave Hollenbeck advised that the next bid recommendation is for fuel to be purchased from service points around the area. We received two bids, one from Speedway and one from Family Express. He, Bill Hanna and Don McGinley sat down and went through the bids. This committee is advising that the difference between the two bids is impossible to discern and they are recommending that both bids be accepted. Each department head is to review the locations and pick one of them to work with. At the end of one year we can look everything over to see if there is one vender that is preferable. The process is going to have to be consistent for every department. Mr. Pilz moved to accept the recommendation of the Board to accept both bids, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

Mr. Pilz presented two recommendations from the Traffic and Safety Committee. First is to request permission from INDOT to prohibit jack brakes (engine braking) and to restrict truck traffic to the right lane only on S.R. 49 through city limits. Second is to request permission from INDOT to restrict truck traffic to the right lane only on U.S. 30 through city limits and to reduce the speed limit to 45 mph from Hayes Leonard Road up to Sturdy Road. Mr. Pilz moved to accept these recommendations, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

Following were requests for approvals:

American Legion Poppy Days to be held on Friday, May 5th and Saturday, May 6th.

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive to be held on Friday, May 12th, Saturday, May 13th with alternate dates of May 19th and 20th.

Valparaiso Mini Marathon to be held on Sunday, April 9th at 7:30 a.m.

All requests were run by the required departments and have been approved.

Mr. Hardwick moved to approve all requests, seconded by Mr. Pilz and so approved.

Mr. Pilz advised that in order to keep track of the new sanitary connection fees the sewer permit has been revised and he is asking for approval of this form. Mr. Pilz moved for approval of the form, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

Chief Mike Brickner presented General Order #18 of their procedure manual to add an Employee Recognition section. Mr. Pilz moved to accept this addition, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

Dave Pilz adjourned the meeting.