

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
APRIL 13, 2006**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana, met on April 13, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. Present were members Mayor Costas, Dave Pilz and John Hardwick and Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Swihart. Mayor Costas called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dave Pilz moved that the minutes from the March 23, 2006 meeting be approved as submitted, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved. John Hardwick moved that claims be approved for payment subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Dave Pilz and so approved.

Dave Pilz asked that items #9 and 11 be moved up and heard first. He is asking that the Board give permission for he and Stu Sommers to apply for Federal Funding on 4 projects. Stu gave a presentation on a NIRPC Grant Application in the amount of \$4.8 million. These projects include LaPorte Ave between Roosevelt and Sturdy Road, Campbell Street from Chicago to Morthland, Vale Park from city limits out to Windsor Park and digital traffic signalization on 5 downtown signals. Dave Pilz moved to approve the request, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Stu Sommers made a presentation in regard to the roundabout. INDOT has agreed to fund the balance of the \$3M on this project. He is asking that the agreement with INDOT be amended. This will include that this will be a 2007 project, that American Consulting will do a clearance study and that we will put a temporary cover on the road until 2007. Dave Pilz moved to approve the amended agreement, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Gordon Etzler presented a request to dedicate Right of Way to the City for the Brandt project but is asking that the Board let them use part of this right of way for the required landscaping requirement. Mr. Etzler made his presentation. Dave Pilz moved that Mr. Etzler dedicate the right-of-way but that it may be used for landscaping subject to approval by the Board of Zoning Appeals, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

Dave Pilz advised that he would like to receive the bids for the Downtown Streetscape Project. Dave moved that we accept the bid that came in late, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved. Clerk-Treasurer Swihart opened the following bids: Gariup Construction \$1,295,000; Rieth Riley \$1,541,030.65; Larson Danielson \$1,356,663.90. Dave Pilz moved that he review the bids and present his recommendation at the next meeting, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved. Hardwick asked Pilz if he had an engineering estimate and Pilz advised that it was \$1,073,000.

Pilz presented a perpetual easement in regard to Calumet Landing. Some of the right-of-way will allow the work needed to be done on Calumet Avenue. Pilz moved

to accept the perpetual easement and right-of-way, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Pilz advised that we have the extension of the surety in place for Rockwell Corners, however he has asked the surety company to extend it for 6 months, which would require the developer to get the work done this year. Pilz moved that we accept the extension but amend it to be effective for only a 6-month period, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Pilz recommended that the Board approve the bid from HRP Construction on the Campbell Street Project. This is a Storm water Board project and they have approved the bid. Pilz moved to accept the bid, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved. The paving will be done by our street department in late summer.

Pilz asked for permission from the Board to Request Statements of Qualification for various roadway projects from consultants because some of these projects will be federally funded and there are strict standards in regard to qualifications. Pilz moved to approve requesting the qualifications, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Pilz requested permission to solicit proposals for replacement of city owned traffic signals in the downtown area. Pilz moved to approve to solicit, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Bill Oeding requested permission to solicit bids for winter salt. John Hardwick moved to approve, seconded by Dave Pilz and so approved.

Bill Oeding presented a request to increase the cemetery burial rates. Openings during weekday work hours go up from \$300 to \$450; Weekend openings up from \$400 to \$600; Weekday cremation remains up from \$35 to \$40; Weekend cremation remains up from \$50 to \$60. Pilz moved to approve, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Pilz recommended that we solicit proposals for design of Downtown Streetscape Phase 4. Pilz moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Vicki Thrasher, Building Commissioner, recommended that the Board approve the bid for demolition of 408 Morgan Street. Mayor Costas moved to accept the low bid of \$9,850 from Dillabaugh, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Pilz presented recommendations from Traffic and Safety. The recommend that the speed limit in Lakepointe Gardens Subdivision, on Chicago Street from Roosevelt to Marks and on Monticello Park Drive from Evans to McCord all be lowered from 30 to 25 mph and that Monticello from McCord to Glendale be lowers to 20 mph. The last is to take responsibility for paying the energy costs of an existing streetlight on the south side of St. Rd. 2 and Danvers Parkway. Pilz moved that these all be

approved, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved with recusal from Mayor Costas.

Pilz moved that the Board tentatively approve the preliminary assessment role for the Valparaiso street sidewalk and curb/gutter work for Union Street Project. We have five parcels involved. He would also like to have a Public Hearing set for the second meeting in May. Pilz moved to approve, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Mayor Costas presented the following requests: Approval of annual Orak Temple Vidalia Onion Fundraiser in mid-April thru mid-May, 2006; approval of Bark & Meow pet parade on April 15, 2006; approval of Lions Club White Cane drive on Friday and Saturday, June 2nd and 3rd. John Hardwick moved to grant all requests, seconded by Dave Pilz and so approved.

The meeting adjourned.