

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC
WORKS & SAFETY
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
NOVEMBER 22, 2006**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Valparaiso met on November 22, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. Present were Mayor John Costas, John Hardwick and Dave Pilz. Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Swihart was absent. Mayor Costas called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

John Hardwick moved that the minutes of the November 9, 2006 meeting be approved as presented, seconded by Dave Pilz and so approved. John Hardwick moved that the claims be approved for payment subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Dave Pilz and so approved.

PINE CREEK ESTATES STREETS

Dave Pilz asked that this be eliminated from the agenda to be reintroduced at a later date.

2007 ANNUAL BIDS PERMISSION

Bill Oeding asked for permission to advertise and receive bids for the 2007 Annual Bid Program. John Hardwick moved to approve permission, seconded by Dave Pilz and so approved.

TRASH FEE WRITE-OFFS

John Hardwick advised that now is the time to present the list of delinquent accounts to be written off as bad debts. This is for the trash fee and the total amount is \$290.16. These have gone through collections and are not collectible. The list includes water, sewer, etc. but the Board is only acting on the trash fees. The amounts are a little higher due to using a non-productive collection agency and this should even back out from now on since we have gone back to using the water department attorney for collections. Dave Pilz moved to approve the write-off list as presented, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

TRAFFIC & SAFETY REPORT

Dave Pilz presented the following Traffic & Safety Recommendations:

1. Installation of stop sign for westbound traffic on Harrison Blvd. at the intersection with Froberg Road.
2. Post speed limit throughout Windsor Park Subdivision at 25 MPH.
3. Install a street light on Sturdy Road north of LaPorte Avenue.
4. Post a parking space in front of 208 E. Indiana Avenue as a 2-hr. restricted parking.

Dave Pilz moved for approval of all four recommendations, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

GRANT AGREEMENT – IND. DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Dave Hollenbeck advised that Steve Doniger presented a late addition to the agenda which is a grant agreement with the City and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Forestry Division. The amount of the grant is \$10,500. These are funds granted to us by the Urban and Community Forestry Program administered by the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service. The form is appropriate for our execution. Doniger said this will allow for a tree inventory for downtown blocks and will allow us for significant tree planting along Vale Park Road, especially the extension. The matching funds are coming from the Redevelopment Commission. Dave Pilz moved to approve the grant, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

The meeting adjourned.