

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
DECEMBER 21, 2006

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana met on December 21, 2006 in City Hall on December 21st, 2006. Present were Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Swihart and members Mayor Jon Costas, John Hardwick and David Pilz. Mayor Costas called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dave Pilz moved that the minutes of the December 7, 2006 meeting be approved as presented, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved. John Hardwick moved that the claims be paid subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Dave Pilz and so approved.

PUBLIC WORKS “ON CALL COMP AND BENEFITS”

Bill Oeding presented “On Call Compensation and Benefits” which sets the differential pay for snowplowing employees. This contains clean-up language and clarifications. John Hardwick moved to approve, seconded by Dave Pilz and so approved.

ANNUAL BIDS FOR METERIALS & SERVICES

Mayor Costas advised that the annual bids for materials and services will be opening. Clerk-Treasurer Swihart opened and announced the following:

Atty. Hollenbeck advised that it is the recommendation of he and Bill Oeding that the bids for all diesel fuel be rejected and we may be going with an alternative. John Hardwick moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Dave Pilz and so approved.

Al Warren Oil Co., Inc. (Fuel)
Brown Tire (Item H, I)
Central Paving (Item E)
Ozinga (Item B)
Ralston Trucking (Item A & G)
Rackham Sv. Corp. (Fuel)
Pavement Solutions (Crack Seal)
Rieth-Riley – (Various)
G. E. Marshall (Item G, II, JJ)

Mayor Costas moved that the bids be referred to Bill Oeding to go over and make recommendations, seconded by Dave Pilz and so approved.

GENESIS DEVELOPMENT

Gordon Etzler presented a request to keep the driveway entrance off of LaPorte Avenue. Dave Pilz advised that this entrance could not be used and only the exit to Mayfield could be used. Gordon presented his argument and appeal. Dave Pilz presented all of the facts that back up his decision. Mayor Costas moved that we deny the request for an

ingress/egress off of LaPorte Avenue, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved. Dave Pilz abstained.

ESSEX PARK PHASE II STREETS

City Engineer Pilz advised that the streets in Essex Park Phase II have been constructed according to City standards and are ready for acceptance. He, therefore, moved for acceptance of these streets, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved. Mayor Costas abstained.

HAWTHORN PHASE I IMPROVEMENTS

City Engineer Pilz advised that the improvements in Hawthorn Subdivision Phase I have been constructed according to City standards and are ready to be accepted into the City systems for maintenance. He, therefore, moved for acceptance of these improvements, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved. Mayor Costas recused himself from the vote.

AWARDING POLICE STATION BID

Atty. Hollenbeck advised that a decision was made by himself and the architect in regard to the bids on the police station. The architect advised that there were nine bids, however one was submitted late and had to be rejected. The lowest bid was submitted by R.A. Snemis Construction and it was determined that they were the lowest and most responsive of the bidders. Atty. Hollenbeck recommended that we accept the bid with all three alternates from R. A. Snemis. Mayor Costas moved that this bid be accepted, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Hollenbeck advised that we sold the bonds and the lowest bidder was City Securities with an interest rate of 4.36%. This was closed on December 20, 2006 and the Bond Anticipation note was paid off.

Atty. Hollenbeck advised that a recommendation for the demolition will be presented on January 11, 2007.

PROPERTY/CASUALTY/WORKER'S COMPENSATION INS.

Anton presented a comparison of property/casualty/workers compensation insurances for the 2007 renewal. He recommended that we accept membership into IPEP for Workers Compensation insurance and that we to with Highland/Argonaut for our Property/Casualty insurance and IPEP for our Workers Compensation Insurance. This will be saving the City about \$130,000 for the year. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Dave Pilz and so approved.

FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL CONTRACT EXTENSION

Atty. Hollenbeck advised that the contract between the City and the International Assn. Of Firefighters Local 1124 will expire on December 31, 2006. There is a need to extend the current agreement for 60 days in order to continue bargaining for the new contract. Dave Pilz moved to approve the extension, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

BLUM INDUSTRIAL PARK CONSTRUCTION STD. VARIANCE

Dave Pilz advised that the developer of Blum Industrial Park is asking for a variance from construction standards to eliminate the curb and gutter requirements. The airport is going to be making close that portion of the road in the near future to do runway work which would just negate any of this work. He recommends and moves that we approve the request, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

UNION STREET PROJECT RE-BID

Dave Pilz advised that he would like approval to re-bid the Union Street Project. On the first go around we only received one bid which was really high. We are now dividing this project into two separate pieces so that work can start if that bid is acceptable and the second half not. This would also open the bidding up to more bidders. Pilz moved to approve the re-bidding, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

VALPO CITY/CENTER TWP. FIRE PROTECTION RENEWAL

Atty. Hollenbeck advised that we have a 2007 Fire Agreement with Center Township and it will stand at the same amount of \$790,000 since Center Twp is contributing a substantial amount to the new Westside Fire Station. Hollenbeck recommended that this agreement renewal be accepted. Mayor Costas moved to accept the 2007 renewal agreement, seconded by Dave Pilz and so approved.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK APPROVAL

Karen Marben presented the revised City of Valparaiso Employee Handbook for approval. This revision has condensed the previous handbook and also includes the Ethics Ordinance. Dave Pilz moved to accept the revised handbook, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

ROUNDABOUT PLANS

Dave Pilz advised that the plans for the Roundabout are ready for approval. Bid-letting by INDOT will be in April of 2007. Dave Pilz moved to approve the plans, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

BEAUTY CREEK ESTATES PROJECT

Dave Pilz advised that the Stormwater Board has a project that they are planning to pursue. In the Oakwood Estates there are some severe erosion problems in some of the ravines. In order to make the project work we needed to acquire some land that was held by the original developers, their families or successors. It is a non-buildable parcel and this has been donated to the City for the storm drainage project. This is being donated by Dr. Green, Dr. Koenig and the estate of Chuck Clifford. They would like this completed by the end of the year so we need to accept the deeds. Pilz moved to accept the deeds, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

The meeting adjourned.

