

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
FEBRUARY 10, 2005

The Board of Public Works and Safety met at 10:00am on Thursday, February 10, 2005. Present were Mayor Costas, Clerk Treasurer Sharon Emerson Swihart and Board Members Dave Pilz and John Hardwick.

The Mayor called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES AND CLAIMS

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

Mr. Hardwick moved for approval of claims subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Mr. Pilz and so approved.

ITEM 1-ACCEPT SANITARY SEWERS AND STREETS-COTTAGES
DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Pilz stated the public improvements basically streets, drainage and sanitary sewer in the Cottages Development are ready for acceptance into our system for maintenance. He moved for approval with the contingencies: we receive the required maintenance bond and the record drawings in the next 30 days. The Mayor recused himself from the vote, Mr. Hardwick seconded and so approved.

ITEM 2-ACCEPT SANITARY SEWER MAIN EXTENSIONS SILHAVY RD

Mr. Pilz explained these are two small projects on the East side of Silhavy Road-502 and 504. We are officially accepting the sanitary sewer main extensions into the City system for maintenance. He moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

ITEM 3-APPROVE LEASE AGREEMENT-FORD MOTOR CREDIT-POLICE
VEHICLES

Attorney Hollenbeck stated the Police Department is in the process of acquiring new vehicles and trading in old ones. Ford Motor Credit Corporation has indicated a willingness to engage in a lease purchase agreement with the City. At this time we need to make application. He has reviewed the document and it is appropriate for general information for the purchase of 17 2005 Crown Victorias with trade in value of \$34,000 for a balance for financing of \$317,643.25 for 48 months at the rate of 3.7%. He moved for the authorization of the City to make application for lease purchase financing of the Police Vehicles. Mr. Seibert added these prices were based upon the state bid list. Mr. Pilz moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved. The Mayor stated this will be paid from the new Capital Fund through the Redevelopment commission.

ITEM 4-APPROVE CONSTRUCTION PLANS BEECH STREET ESTATES

Mr. Pilz stated the construction plans for the development on the South side of Beech Street just West of Sturdy Road meet all standards and are ready for approval. This is a CDC development-single family. He moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

Mr. Oeding stated the crews have been out salting. They are doing equipment repairs from the wear and tear of winter work. They are working on defining streets for summer work and patching potholes.

Craig Phillips stated they are having an annexation workshop before the Plan Commission makes their vote on the recommendation of the Council. This is for the benefit of Plan Commission members, Council Members, Leadership Team members and the public. It is scheduled between now and March 8.

Steve Doniger said the Park Department and the Planning Department are formally done with the Pathways Master Plan. There will be a presentation at the February 22 Park Board meeting, then be ready for the final input from the community.

Mr. Pilz reported he and Mr. Oeding will be attending Road School in March. Discussion followed regarding Purdue Univ developing a Road Scholars program.

Mr. Seibert reported one of the things continually looked at is City owned property to re-evaluate whether it is needed for use or should be sold. The property at 151-153 Chicago Street purchased as potential for a parking lot zoned C2T commercial residential is under consideration. An appraisal has been done. Mr. Hollenbeck stated he would like the Board's direction to proceed pursuant to the statute to sell this property. The ultimate sale will have to come back for approval. Now he would like approval and the authority to proceed with the decision to hire a broker or put it up for bid. Discussion followed. The Mayor motioned authorizing the City Administrator under the direction of the City Attorney to sell the properties in the appropriate legal way. Mr. Pilz seconded and so approved. Mr. Seibert added the properties were purchased with Parking Meter Funds so the proceeds from the sale will return to that fund.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

