

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
MAY 12, 2005

The Board of Public Works and Safety met at 10:00am on Thursday, May 12, 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 two meetings be approved, as although stated in the April 28th minutes the April 14th had been approved, they had not been officially, 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 3-PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

The Mayor announced this is National Police Week and read the proclamation that the President of the United States has designated May 15th through the 21st, 2005 as National Police Week. Be it officially proclaimed.

ITEM 4-PROPOSAL FOR SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT

Mr. Oeding proposed a general policy for his department to handle the requests for sidewalk repair. His goal is to just repair sections that are absolutely bad. In many situations the homeowner wants the entire sidewalk replaced which uses a lot of time. He wants to get rid of damaged sections, repair them and move on to get through as much of the city as possible. There is also the curb and gutter issue that people want replaced. It is a matter of prioritizing what it is they are trying to accomplish. His recommendation is to not try to repair curb and gutters at this point, just get rid of the damaged sections of sidewalks that are unsafe. As there are so many contracts held over from last year, he has looked at the new rates for concrete. He went to the first 10 people on the list and said they will do the sidewalk that was agreed to last year. Anyone beyond that will be reevaluated as to what needs to be done. The homeowners pay for the repairs. The Board agreed this is a department policy and approved.

ITEM 5-ADDENDUM TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT-DOWNTOWN
IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Pilz stated a component of an agreement with Land Plan Group was approved to do the design for the downtown streetscape. The first portion of the work they did was a conceptual planning for the entire downtown area. They've now gone ahead with specific construction drawings for the focus block section. He would like to add an addendum to that professional services agreement

approved so that he can pay them for the design of the focus block. He moved for approval of the addendum to the agreement in the amount of approximately \$31,000. Mr. Hardwick seconded and so approved.

ITEM 6-APPROVAL OF PLANS AND PERMISSION TO BID FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FOCUS BLOCK

Mr. Pilz stated the focus block design is almost complete. He asked the Board's permission to solicit bids for the construction of that project. He called on Land Plan's representative to give basic information on the project. They have proceeded with the focus block contract document drawings and he had a set with him for review. They will have completed drawings and be ready to go out to bid by the end of May and using the month of June for bidding, receiving bids, and getting a successful contractor, construction should start around mid July. They anticipate construction taking five to six weeks. The contractors will work closely with the business owners to make this as convenient as possible for businesses. Mr. Pilz moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

ITEM 7-IMPROVEMENTS/1 YR MAINTENANCE SURETY-MORNINGSIDE SUBDIVISION

Mr. Pilz stated the road and drainage improvements in Morningside Subdivision are ready for acceptance into the municipal system. He moved for approval and also for approval of a one-year maintenance surety that they have provided. Mr. Hardwick seconded and so approved.

ITEM 8-APPROVE SECONDARY PLAT -BEECH STREET ESTATES

Mr. Pilz stated all the requirements have been met for the plat procedures for this subdivision located on Beech Street west of Sturdy Road. He requested approval of the secondary plat, Mr. Hardwick seconded and so approved.

ITEM 9-IMPROVEMENTS/1 YR MAINTENANCE SURETY-BRIDGEWATER ESTATES

Mr. Pilz stated the drainage and road improvements in Bridgewater Estates are ready for acceptance. He moved for approval and also for approval of a one-year maintenance surety. Mr. Hardwick seconded and so approved.

ITEM 10-LION'S CLUB REQUEST

Linda Zyla presented the request from Edward Butler, Lion's Club secretary for their annual White Cane Drive on June 17th and 18th. Mr. Hardwick moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Pilz and so approved.

ITEM 11-CAFÉ PARADISO REQUEST

The owners request outdoor seating at their new location at 21 Lincolnway. Mr. Pilz stated there has to be a 4' wide path. There is a question regarding serving

alcohol outside. The owner will be clarifying exactly where her seating is with Mr. Pilz prior to final approval subject to the Engineer's review. Mr. Pilz moved for that approval, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

ITEM 12-VFW REQUEST

The VFW Post 988 requested their annual Buddy Poppy Day on May 27th and 28th. Mr. Pilz moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Mayor announced a press conference is scheduled for Monday to announce the new Economic Development Director to replace Mr. Hanna.

Mr. Oeding stated the containers and the first new truck arrived yesterday. The second is expected today. Training has begun with the mechanics and the drivers are starting this afternoon. They are street sweeping and have accomplished 75% of the city. Rieth-Riley will be back to paving soon. Approximately \$630,000 has been spent to date. The Glendale project is not resolved yet.

Craig Phillips reported at yesterday's Redevelopment Commission meeting he was authorized to enter into a contract with Bird Houk Collaborative to start putting together corridor zoning standards for Eastgate. He is putting together a steering committee to help with that process.

Mr. McGinley stated the projects ongoing are Westside Sewer, Spencer Sewer on the north side, and the Milton Street Sewer repair that will begin June 6th after school lets out.

Mr. Hardwick reported the Windsor Park subdivision water system has been transferred to the Water department for testing, so the system is back on line. The Sewer division is trying to keep ahead of Public Works. Next week they will lock down the plant and will require access codes for fuel.

Mr. Hanna said he is getting acquainted with his new role as City Administrator. As for RDC he stated an existing employer will be at the next Council meeting with a 5.5 million expansion project.

Karen Marben announced June 10th is Relay for Life and June 8th and 9th is a bake sale in City Hall's lobby.

Ron Ziolkowski said the engineering department's web site has video clips showing an existing round about.

Steve Doniger thanked everyone involved in the Arbor Day celebration. The Memorial Day observation will be May 27th at Foundation Meadows. The park bench art project called Masterpiece Seats has sponsors to purchase 24 benches. They will be on display for the summer and for auction in September.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.