

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
JUNE 23, 2005

The Board of Public Works and Safety met at 10:00am on Thursday, June 23, 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 3-BID OPENING GLENDALE PROJECT

Mr. Oeding stated this project was bid with the idea that this will be done in phases. The first will be Glendale to sections not being improved by the Valparaiso street project to do full depth repair, seal cracks, and mill the surface down. There were two bids submitted.

Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc., Gary-\$342,952 for all alternates, broken down accordingly

Walsh & Kelly, Inc., Griffith-\$694,000 for all three bids

The Mayor asked for a motion to submit the bids to Mr. Oeding for public review and return with the recommendation, Mr. Pilz moved, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

ITEM 4-BID OPENING-DOWNTOWN FOCUS BLOCK

The Mayor showed proof of publication. The Clerk Treasurer opened bids.

Gariup Construction Co., Inc., Gary-\$315,000

Larsen-Danielson Construction Co., Inc., LaPorte-\$379,844.67

Rieth-Riley, Gary-\$419,135.47

Mr. Pilz thanked the bidders. He moved to take the bids under advisement for review by his department and the consultant, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

ITEM 5-PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS-2 INTERSECTIONS

Mr. Pilz stated they are ready to bid the Calumet/Glendale and Campbell /Bullseye or Ransom Road intersection projects. He plans to receive bids on August 11 and anticipates awarding a contract quickly so the projects can be done this year. He moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

ITEM 6-SANITARY SEWER AGREEMENT

Todd Leath on behalf of Hawthorn Communities asked for approval of a Sanitary Sewer Extension Agreement. Essentially under State Law this allows the City and his client to enter into an agreement whereby the client through their expense extends the City's sewer in this case from Maplecreek Subdivision north along Silhavy to the new Hawthorn Subdivision. The sewer is then turned over to the City. They then enter into an agreement to allow them through tap-ons to the extension to recapture a cost of that extension over time. Under State Law it's available for a period of 15 years and is what he is providing in the agreement. After discussion it was determined the Utility Board Attorney Mike Langer and the Water Board should review the contract. That motion was presented, seconded by Mr. Pilz and so approved. The Mayor recused himself.

ITEM 7-TRAFFIC AND SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Pilz presented two recommendations from the Traffic and Safety Committee.

1-Post both Jefferson Street and Chicago Street between Morgan and Roosevelt for 25MPH speed limits as these are residential areas

2-Request BOW or the Mayor's signature to correspond with the LaPorte District of INDOT, supporting their effort to find alternatives to the use of traffic signals along LaPorte Ave. at the vicinity of the proposed Porter's Vale development

He moved for acceptance, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

ITEM 8-PLACEMENT OF MASTERPIECE SEATS IN DOWNTOWN LOCATIONS

Mr. Doniger requested permission to place the "Masterpiece Seats" painted by local artists in various locations downtown with the permission of businesses from June 24th till September 1st. Mr. Hardwick moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Pilz and so approved.

ITEM 9-RENEWAL OF SURETY FOR AUDUBON SUBDIVISION

Mr. Pilz presented a renewal of Surety for Audubon in the amount of \$28,160 to carry over through December 1, 2006. He moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

ITEM 11-WORTHINGTON GATES GARAGE SALE

Linda Zyla stated they request traffic control on their narrow streets during their annual garage sale on June 25th from 8am to 4pm. No motion was required.

ITEM 12-REQUEST FOR POLICE ESCORT FOR CLYDESDALE CARAVAN

The Budweiser Clydesdale caravan request a police escort to meet them at 49/30 to the Harley Davidson dealership and safety barricades from the Public Works Department for restricted areas. In conjunction with that Sementos has applied for a temporary liquor license for the day to serve beer. Mr. Hardwick moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Pilz and so approved.

ITEM 13-STREET BLOCK-WALNUT BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND LAFAYETTE

Since this request was from an individual and not as a regular block party, the Board felt the request should not be granted as setting a precedent. Mr. Hardwick moved to deny the request, seconded by Mr. Pilz and so denied.

ITEM 14-PERMISSION TO BID THE LAPORTE AVENUE PROJECT

Mr. Pilz requested permission to advertise for bids for the LaPorte Ave. project part of the Eastgate series of projects. He plans to accept bids on August 11th. He moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

ITEM 15-TRASH COLLECTION FEE BILLING AGREEMENT

Mr. Hardwick stated the Utilities Board is submitting an agreement for billing services for the Public Works Department for trash collection fees. He requested review of the agreement by the City Attorney and Board members for addressing the matter at the next meeting. The Clerk Treasurer added the second reading is set for Monday's Council meeting on the appropriation for the money that has to be approved by the Department of Local Government Finance before payment can be made. The Mayor carried the issue over to the next meeting.

ITEM 10- VPD POLICIES 36, 34, 33, 27, 17, 1, 8, 6

Chief Brickner presented changes in the policies revised as General Orders in line for State accreditation.

- #36-Ride Along Program
- #34-Juvenile Operations
- #33-Vice, Drugs, and Organized Crime
- #27-Vehicles, Pursuits and Vehicle Operation
- #17-Rules/Regulations for the Department
- #8-Allocation/Distribution of Personnel
- #6-Staff Direction
- #1-Role/Authority

The Mayor stated the policies have been reviewed. Mr. Pilz moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

Chief Nondorf reported Tuesday the Department participated in the National Firefighters Stand Down. All non-emergency functions were suspended and the day was spent auditing safety procedures and practices. Next week they will train on those recommendations.

Mr. McGinley stated the Milton Street project went well and on schedule last week. It doesn't appear there were any point repairs that was a \$26,000 or \$28,000 item in the bid package that may be not incurred. He is waiting for the tapes to come back for review. Tomorrow Howe Street will be closed to finish the sewer extension and manhole as a lift station.

Chief Brickner reminded everyone the Child Safety Fair is Saturday the 25th at TJ Middle School. This year Police will be issuing citations with a \$50 fine for violations of the use of fire works. Those that explode or lift off the ground are considered in violation of a city ordinance.

Mr. Doniger stated the Fit City initiative continues through the summer. The 4th of July celebration will be at TJ Middle School again this year starting at 7:30 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

