

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

JULY 14, 2005

The Board of Public Works and Safety met at 10:00am on Thursday, July 14, 2005. Present were Mayor Costas, and Board Member Dave Pilz.

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 the Mayor and so approved.

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

ITEM 4-APPROVE BID GLENDALE REPAIR/GRINDING

Mr. Oeding stated the two bidders were Rieth-Riley @ \$342,950 and Walsh & Kelly @ \$694,000. He recommended the low bid of Rieth-Riley as the bid covers all the specs. Mr. Pilz moved for approval, seconded by the Mayor and so approved.

ITEM 3-BID OPENING PUBLIC WORKS 5 TON DUMP TRUCKS

Mr. Oeding read the bids with alternatives for two trucks:

Chicago International Trucks, Hammond-\$288,422.92
Great Lakes Peterbilt GMC Trucks, Portage-\$253,696.00
Pozzo Mack Sales & Service, Inc, Gary-\$274,228.76
Truck City of Gary, Gary-\$244,299.48
Truck City of Gary, Gary-\$208,301.48
Wiers International Trucks, Inc, Plymouth-\$259,432.00

The bids will be reviewed and taken under advisement.

ITEM 5-AWARD CONTRACT FOR DOWNTOWN FOCUS BLOCK

Mr. Pilz stated they are ready to award the contract to the low bidder-Gariup Construction @ \$315,000. There is a change in the time of the start date and completion. The project will start September 12 and will be substantially completed October 27th. He moved for approval of the contract, seconded by the Mayor and so approved.

ITEM -EASEMENTS FOR VALE PARK WAY

Mr. Pilz presented two documents to the Board-a license agreement with the Post Office to allow entry for temporary grading, and an easement document from a property owner involved. He moved for acceptance and approval, seconded by the Mayor and so approved.

ITEM 7-DESIGN EXCEPTION FOR VALE PARK WAY

Mr Pilz stated at a previous meeting some design exceptions were granted for portions of the project that deviated from the actual green book that provides for certain design parameters. As this project is unique, it is more important to vary from those standards. A new variation deals with taper lines of the pavement. The consultant requested for his protection that a design exception be granted for the length of the taper on two of the taper lengths by using a 20/1 instead of 8/1 taper rate. He recommended approval, and the authorization to acknowledge and approve on behalf of the Board. The Mayor seconded and so approved.

ITEM 8-CONTRACT W/DLZ FOR DESIGN OF CAMPBELL STREET STORM SEWER

Matt Kras presented a contract with DLZ in the amount of \$69,750 for the design work on the Campbell Street reconstruction and extension of the storm sewer. Lincolnway north on Campbell to Hass Street is reconstruction and the extension is from Hass to Park Ave. The Stormwater Board has approved the funding. Mr. Pilz moved for approval of the contract and signatures, seconded by the Mayor and so approved.

ITEM 9-WVLP 98.3 FM 5K RUN/WALK

G. Nietert and O. Felton Event Directors requested permission for this event on Saturday, October 22, 2005 at 8am to begin and end near the intersection of Indiana and Lafayette Streets. All City departments have been notified. Mr. Pilz moved for approval, seconded by the Mayor and so approved.

ITEM 10-BLOCK PARTY-GENE/CLOVER LANES

S. Ronco requested permission for a block party on July 16, 2005 from 3-10pm. They would like to close the corners of Gene/Clover and Gene/Lorraine. Mr. Pilz moved for approval, seconded by the Mayor and so approved.

ITEM 11-PURCHASE OF FRANKLIN ST. HOUSES

Mr. Hanna stated the two houses on Franklin St. are south of the FNB parking lot and the Pool building. He requested the Board purchase these buildings. The appraisals are in the neighborhood of the combined (inaudible) \$600,000 (inaudible). The property will be managed by the Redevelopment Commission as they will fund the purchase. The long-term plan is to expand the public parking lot. Mr. Pilz moved for approval, seconded by the Mayor and so approved.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mr. Pilz presented Essex Park Phase II surety and reduction of the amount to \$50,000 with an extension to June 30, 2007. He moved for approval, seconded by the Mayor and so approved.

LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

Mr. Hanna stated they are working on the budget/salaries process for presenting to the Council next week.

Mr. Oeding said they will start working next week on ADA ramps. They have accepted bids for the Glendale project. The salt storage building broke ground last Thursday. They are waiting for delivery of 4 new garbage trucks. Trash collection is going well.

Mr. Phillips announced they are putting together a geographic (inaudible) of the city. There will be a presentation for all departments, public, and the media on July 27.

Karen Marben announced a community night with the Rail Cats on August 4th. The event will be open to City businesses to join.

Linda Zyla thanked the Board and welcomed Lori Good.

Mr. Doniger stated they are working with Public Works to improve the greenery of the parking lot at Jefferson and Washington. He said they are reviewing a cooling site from the heat for senior citizens and families requiring help. At present Banta Center can be used during the day but they are calling on other agencies for overnight needs.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

