

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
VALPARAISO, INDIANA  
AUGUST 11, 2005

The Board of Public Works and Safety met at 10:00am on Thursday, August 11, 2005. Present were Board Members Dave Pilz and John Hardwick..

Mr. Pilz 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-BIDS LaPORTE AVE. PROJECT

Engineer Pilz read the bids submitted. The base bid is based on the unit prices and the extension for the quantities estimated.

Gariup Construction Co., Inc., Gary-\$1,490,000  
Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc., Gary-1,477,920.50  
Walsh & Kelly, Inc., Griffith-\$1,593,349.23

He moved to take the bids under advisement pending legal review, available finances and approval of the Redevelopment Commission at next weeks meeting and to authorize the City Engineer to award the contract to the lowest responsive bidder. Mr. Hardwick seconded and so approved.

ITEM 4-BIDS INTERSECTIONS PROJECTS

Engineer Pilz stated this is a combined bid in one package for the improvements to the intersections of Calumet and Glendale and Campbell and Bullseye. The bids will be presented in two numbers and the owner has the option to either award both projects to one contractor or split them up to the two lowest responsive bidders.

Gariup Construction Co., Inc., Gary:  
Campbell/Bullseye-\$383,500  
Calumet/Glendale-\$340,500  
Ornamental traffic signal package-\$14,500

Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc.-Gary:  
Campbell/Bullseye-\$279,723.45  
Calumet/Glendale-\$210,654.30

Ornamental traffic signal package-\$14,000

Walsh & Kelly, Inc., Griffith:  
Campbell/Bullseye-\$298,981.42  
Calumet/Glendale-\$261,636.53  
Ornamental traffic signal package-\$15,818

Mr. Pilz thanked the bidders. He moved to take the bids under advisement and authorize the City Engineer after legal review if the items are all in order and if the appropriate money is available to issue the award of the contract, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

#### ITEM 5-APPROVE SURETY EXTENSION-PINE CREEK ESTATES

Mr. Pilz presented the extension of surety for the original substantial dollar amount of the surety to extend the surety to July 15, 2006. He moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

#### ITEM 6-TRAFFIC AND SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Pilz presented the items that after all apparent aspects have been studied he recommended approval by the Board.

- 1-Post Lafayette Street between Jefferson and Evans for a 25mph speed limit
- 2-Pine Creek Estates and Monet Subdivisions-the following stop signs:
  - a-Emma Court for Evans
  - b-Emma Court for Pine Creed Road (existing) to ratify
  - c-Pine Creek Road for Evans (existing) to ratify
  - d-Nick Drive (north leg) for Pine Creek Road (both directions)
- 3-In the Pine Creek Estates subdivision, erect the following yield signs:
  - a-Nick Drive (south leg) for Pine Creek Road
  - b-Nell Drive (both legs) for Pine Creek Road
- 4-Post LaPorte Avenue between Roosevelt and Lincolnway for “no parking” on both sides of the street, this is a VUPD request
- 5-Amend the “no parking” zone on Walnut in the block east of Napoleon to allow for two parking spaces

Mr. Hardwick seconded the motion for approval and so approved.

#### ITEM 7-OPPORTUNITY ENTERPRISES SIGNAGE FOR RUNNERS

Tabled until the next meeting.

#### ITEM 8-REQUEST PERMISSION TO SELL EQUIPMENT NO LONGER NEEDED

Mr. Oeding stated the street department has some recycling equipment used for the process of baling, etc. They are no longer using that system therefore he would like

permission to advertise to sell, as there is a strong market for it. They also have over 300 parking meters stored there. One individual is interested in purchasing the lot. Mr. Hardwick moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Pilz and so approved.

#### ITEM 10-CHICAGO STREET PROJECT

Attorney Hollenbeck stated the City acquired two lots with houses on them in 1996 with the intent that the houses would be removed for a parking lot. That project has waned through the years, but is now back as a viable project. He asked approval of two things. One is that the agreement under which the City originally acquired the property provides that prior to the demolition of the houses the City should give anyone interested in acquiring the homes for \$1.00 and moving them off the premises should be allowed to do that. He asked help from the press and asked if anyone is aware of any organization in the business of moving houses for low income purposes to get him names. He thought 10 days was a reasonable time. Secondly if that doesn't happen then authorize the issuance of a bid notice for demolition. He motioned for a 10 day notice for purchase of the houses, and authorizing a bid notice for demolition. Mr. Hardwick moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Pilz and so approved.

#### ITEM 11-APPROVAL OF NORTH HAMPSTEAD SEWER AGREEMENT

Attorney Hollenbeck stated the North Hampstead Development-the property on north Calumet that was annexed into the City directly south of Flint Lake School on the east side of Calumet is in the process of being developed. He stated for the record this is the property owned and being developed by the Mayor who has recused himself from the entire process of this document. This document is the result of engineers looking at the development and determining it is in the best interest of the City that we not have another lift station to be maintained. In order to do that the sewage flow from this planned unit development that is actually in the City will flow through the Conservancy District sewer lines that currently serve the Ridgewood Creek Subdivision and then back into the City. The discussion started in 1993 and attached to this agreement is the letter that City Engineer Pilz prepared that set out how this arrangement would work financially in terms of breaking down the collection of the fees and the Conservancy District being compensated. He asked for approval by the Board, he will take the document to the Conservancy District who have already approved it. After discussion Mr. Hardwick suggested taking it before Attorney Langer and the Utility Board then moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Pilz and so approved.

#### ITEMS 12 & 13-CITIZEN REQUESTS

Request to block off road from 1504 to 1604 Pine Creek Road for a block party Saturday, August 13 from 3-10pm

Request to block off Harrison Blvd. from Campbell to Forest Park Dr. from 1:30-8pm on Sunday, September 18 for a Park fundraiser

Mr. Pilz moved for approval of both requests, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

#### ITEM 14-REQUEST FOR CORVETTE CRUISE

Mario Alvarez requested approval for a Corvette Cruise Saturday, August 20 returning to Valpo around 7:45pm through the City. There were concerns about blocking intersections but it was determined in case of emergency they would be unblocked. Mr. Pilz moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.