

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
NOVEMBER 23, 2005

The Board of Public Works and Safety met at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, November 23, 2005. Present were board members Mayor Costas and John Hardwick and Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Swihart. Board member Dave Pilz was absent.

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

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

Mr. Hardwick moved that the claims be approved subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

Mr. Oeding presented a request for approval of the four change orders for the salt storage building. The project has come in \$9,000 over budget due to additional stone and paving and the overhead door. This should finalize the job. This is being financed through a Chase Lease/Purchase Program so financially this is not a burden because in the pot of money we are still ahead. The Mayor moved to approve the change orders, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

Bill Nagy of the Shaner Agency presented the updated COBRA rates for 2006. This will be done on an annual basis. All people will be notified by mail in regard to this raise. Mr. Hardwick moved to approve the updated rates, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

Tim Burkman, Deputy Engineer, presented a proposal to accept an easement. The Valparaiso School Corporation is looking to dedicate an easement and public road right-of-way to the City at the southwest corner of Vale Park Road and Campbell Street for installation of a traffic signal and ramp associated with the Vale Park Project. Hardwick moved to approve, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

Tim Burkman, Deputy Engineer, presented a supplement agreement in regard to the Roundabout Project. We have had some deletions and additions to the contract with American Consulting, which is an increase of \$9,070. Mr. Hardwick moved to approve the supplemental agreement, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

Tim Burkman, Deputy Engineer, presented a proposal for acceptance of an access and utility easement dedicated by the Redevelopment Commission in regard to the Chicago/Wood Street bike path that was recently constructed. This would be dedicated for the purpose of maintaining the utility and drainage easement near Lot 5 in the Meyers Addition. Hardwick moved to approve, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

Bill Hanna presented a proposal to accept McDonalds Drive as a city street. Everything is now in line to accept this street and by doing this we can make some minor surface repairs to this street. Mayor Costas moved to accept McDonalds Drive as a city street, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

Bill Hanna presented a proposal to waive the 90-day waiting period regarding historic structures for the demolition of the County Home. Dave Schilling from Porter County advised that the County is okay with the waiver and they will be taking bids on January 3, 2006 for demolition of the building. Hardwick moved to approve waiving the 90-day waiting period, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

Dave Nondorf, Fire Chief, presented two amendments to the Fire Department Contract. The first is just a maintenance amendment to bring the language in line with the way they have been doing things. The second is to accept the results of their outside consultant in regard to a 360 evaluation and promotions. The Mayor moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

Sharon Swihart advised Bill Oeding that we will have to put a cost to McDonalds Drive for the records.

Bill Oeding reported that the salt trucks went out today for the first time this winter, however there are still leaves to pick up.

Don McGinley reported that the Ransom Rd/Campbell St. repairs should be done next week. Glendale and Calumet has been very complicated. The asphalt was held up today due to the snow and should be put down Monday so the turn lanes and traffic should be opened up. Signalization is being held up due to parts being shipped to hurricane-damaged areas. Hopefully this will be done by the middle of December but the intersection should be marked and open for traffic for the winter.

Steve Doniger reported that the ice is not ready at Foundation.

Mayor Costas adjourned the meeting.