

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
DECEMBER 22, 2005**

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 9:30 AM on Thursday, December 22, 2005. Present were Board Members John Hardwick, Dave Pilz and Mayor Costas. Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Swihart was absent.

Mayor Costas called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

Mr. Pilz presented two recommendations from the Traffic & Safety Committee. First was for the installation of four (4) streetlights along the alley east of McIntyre Court between Union Street and LaPorte Avenue. The second was to post the parking space in front of the Chamber of Commerce building, 162 Lincolnway, immediately east of the alley, for handicapped parking. Mr. Pilz moved to accept the recommendations, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

The annual fuel bids for the street department were presented. There was only one bid from Baird and Marine. Mr. Oeding will look over the bid and present his recommendation. Mr. Pilz moved that Mr. Oeding look this over and come back with his recommendation, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

The fuel bids for the rest of the City were presented. There were two bids, one from Family Express and one from Speedway. Mr. Oeding said that these would be turned over to Mr. McGinley. Mr. Pilz moved that Mr. McGinley look the bids over and come back with his recommendation, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

Mr. Pilz presented the Secondary Plat/Replat of Eastport Center is a replat of three lots that are going to be divided so there will be additional building sites. The Planning Commission has approved this. Mr. Pilz moved for approval of the replat, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

Mr. Oeding presented his recommendations for vendors for the 2006 annual bids. Recommendations were:

Paving bid-Reith Riley
Concrete work associated with paving – Reith Riley
Utility cut repair work – Walsh & Kelly

Large curb projects – Walsh & Kelly
Equipment rental & drivers, if needed – Marshalls
Crushed stone – Ralston Paving
Ready mix concrete – Ozinga
Asphalt AH, MC250, SC 250 – Walsh & Kelly
Winter patch – Central Paving
Fill sand – Marshalls
Batteries, tires, tubes – Brown Tire
Crack sealing – Pavement Solutions

City Equipment Rental Rates & Labor Costs:

The equipment rental rates have increased for the first time in a couple of years. The goal was to keep pace with private rates and the increase costs of fuel, insurance, maintenance and equipment costs.

Labor rates are based on actual rates set by City council and includes benefits.

Material costs are based on actual costs plus a 25% markup for shipping, handling and other costs associated with purchases.

Walsh & Kelly was the low bidder on winter patch, however there were problems with the patch last year so Mr. Oeding recommends using Central Paving.

Mr. Hollenbeck advised that the recommendations are in order. Mr. Pilz moved to accept the recommendations including the decision to accept the bid of Central Paving for winter patch instead of the low bidder, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

Mr. Hollenbeck presented the 2006 fire service agreement between Valparaiso and Center Township. Chuck Conover, Center Twp. Trustee, was present. The Mayor, Clerk-Treasurer Swihart and Mr. Conover sat down and went over the agreement and the only change is the dollar amount. They are recommending that the dollar amount of \$790,000 be approved for the contract. The increased costs are to help offset the cost of the new fire station. Mr. Hollenbeck stated that it was his recommendation that we entertain a motion whereby the Board of Works would approve the 2006 Center Twp/City of Valparaiso Fire Protection Service Agreement in the amount of \$790,000. Mayor Costas so moved, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

Mr. Pilz presented Supplemental Agreement #5 for the Valparaiso Street Project. In order to get final design clearance on this we need to make some changes in the plans due to changes and specifications by INDOT. There are about a dozen of these little things that need to be cleaned up to get the final clearance. Mr. Pilz moved that we accept the Supplemental Agreement #5 in the amount of \$37,500, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

Mr. Pilz presented the Secondary Plat for North Hampstead that was approved by the Plan Commission. The surety was accepted at the last meeting. Mr. Pilz moved that we approved the secondary plat for North Hampstead, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so

approved. Mayor Costas recused himself, as he is a principal in the development. Plat was approved by a 2-0 vote.

Steve Doniger, Parks Director, advised that there is ice skating at Tower Park and sledding at Lakewood & Forest Park.

Mayor Costas adjourned the meeting.