

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

August 25, 2011

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana met August 25, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in City Hall. Present were Mayor Costas, Chuck Williams, Bill Oeding and Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Swihart. Mayor Costas called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chuck Williams moved that the minutes of the August 11, 2011 meeting be approved, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved. Bill Oeding moved that the claims be approved for payment subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

A request was made for approval of fireworks displays during varsity home football games at the high school on September 9th, 30th and October 14th. Chief Nondorf reported that all other State requirements have been satisfied. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

V-LINE ROUTE CHANGES

Tyler Kent requested that the route changes to the V-line Yellow and Green routes be made permanent. Notice was given for the public hearing. Tyler Kent said he is working to find a solution for time delays with NIRPC and a route study will be conducted. He is also seeking additional funding. Mayor Costas opened the public hearing for comment. Debbie Ross of 203½ College commented that she now walks to work because the wait is too long. There were no other comments and the public hearing was closed. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

NORTH COAST DISTRIBUTING

Tim Burkman requested approval of construction plans for North Coast Distributing-Utility and Access Extension Project and requested permission to advertise and seek bids to open at the September 8th meeting. The Utility Board has already approved the sanitary sewer extension side of the project. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

SILHAVY & GLENDALE PATHWAY PROJECT

Tim Burkman requested the award of the contracts and the execution of them with Gariup Construction the lowest and most responsive bidder. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

VCFE STREET CLOSURE

VCFE would like to request the ability to close Lafayette Street as needed for special events at Central Park Plaza. Valparaiso Fire, Police and Public Works will be notified prior to each closing to verify there are no concerns. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

CITY HALL PARKING LOT

The Elks Lodge #500 requests use of the north half of the City hall parking lot on Friday September 9th and Saturday September 10th for the Popcorn Festival. Their tent would be erected on Friday afternoon. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

CITIZEN REQUESTS

1. Approval is requested for street closure for Eisenhower Avenue at Sweetgum for the Maple Creek block party on August 27th from 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
2. Approval is requested for the Life Chain on Sunday, October 2, from 2-3p mainly on Lincolnway from Silhavy to the Courthouse, north on Roosevelt, south on Silhavy, south on Sturdy and on the north side of Laporte opposite the hospital between Roosevelt and Garfield depending upon the turnout.

Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE CONTRACT

Bill Oeding presented the contract with Valparaiso Schools for the substance abuse program counselor that is contracted through Porter Starke Services. The amount is \$50,000.00. Payment for the school calendar year is \$25,000.00 and \$25,000.00 for the next school calendar year. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.