

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

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

MAY 13, 2010

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana met MAY 13, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in City Hall. Present were members Mayor Jon Costas, Bill Oeding and Chuck Williams. Mayor Costas called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chuck Williams moved that the minutes of the April 22, 2010 meetings be approved as presented, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved. Bill Oeding moved that the claims be approved for payment subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved. Chuck Williams abstained.

STREET SWEEPER BIDS

There was one street sweeper bid from Jack Doheny at a cost of \$152,950.00. Ron DeTorrice will look it over and make a recommendation at the next meeting. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

FIRE STATION 1 RENOVATION

Chesters reported that all low bids were in compliance with the exception of Division 4 masonry and #12 plumbing. The masonry low bidder Gariup could not comply with the time frame and the plumbing low bidder Circle R did not conform to the specs. Both bidders were considered non responsive to the specs. All low bidders were accepted with the two exceptions noted. Construction will start June 14th. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

V-LINE SUMMER HOURS

Tyler Kent requested approval to start the summer hour's schedule. He received one email from a resident of Chicago that said it would impact him when he returns from Chicago to Valparaiso to visit family. Mayor Costas opened up the public meeting. Gary Hewitt of 45 Colonial Ave, wanted service to extend to his area because, the street leading to the trailer park is in the City limits, the trailer park itself is not in City limits. Tyler Kent stated the federal grant was for three years of service and it is coming to an end. Mr. Hewitt stated the federal money should be still in effect. Mr. Kent stated that we have started service at an earlier time in response to citizen requests and have also extended service to Ivy Tech. The Brown route which services VU students will be temporarily stopped along with the orange and red routes. Julie Storbeck 606 Monroe St spoke next. She stated people want to ride the bus and do not know how to find it. She wants the service to run throughout the City to be more cost effective and run into the neighbor hoods. She would like the routes to change with stops closer to homes. Rick Santacroce P.O. Box 259 wanted to thank the City for providing the bus service. He has not had a car since 1998. He says the V-line is an important aspect in the City. Mayor Costas explained the purpose of the public hearing. Mr. Hewitt also had concerns about the service being suspended to the South Shore saying there was no way to get to South Bend. Mayor Costas closed the public hearing. The motion was

made to accept the summer hours recommended by Tyler Kent by Bill Oeding, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

CITIZEN REQUESTS

1. Approval is requested by Jan Dick for 3 parking spaces to be blocked off in front of City Hall on Friday July 9, 2010 for the 2nd annual American Red Cross blood drive from 7:30am to 2pm.
2. Approval is requested by the VCFE for use of Lafayette Street from the alley south to Indiana Avenue on Saturday, June 5, 2010 for the Taste 5, a Food and Wine Festival, from 7am to 9pm. The event will highlight each of the 5 restaurants, feature kids activities and live entertainment.
3. Approval is requested by Greg Kenworthy for partial street closure of Shamrock Lane for a block party June 12, 2010 from 3pm till approximately 8pm.

Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

PROPOSAL FROM BONAR GROUP

Tim Burkman requested approval of a proposal from Bonar Group for the Topographic Survey of two projects both designed in house. One project is constructing a pathway from Valparaiso University to the downtown along Lincolnway between Morgan and Garfield. Specifically the northeast corner of the intersection of Roosevelt and Evans is the second project. The retaining wall needs to be peeled back for better sight and to make way for a more appropriate sized curb ramp. The VU link cost will be \$2,750.00 and the Roosevelt /Evans corner intersection improvements will cost \$2,000.00. Chuck Williams moved to approve, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

CONCURRENCE OF AWARD BY INDOT

Tim Burkman presented a request by INDOT for concurrence of the award by INDOT to Slusser's Green Thumb, Inc. for the North Calumet landscaping project between Vale Park and Bullseye Lake Road. The low bid was in the amount of \$89,977.75. This is under the engineer's estimate within the budget of the project. Chuck Williams moved to approve, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

LAPORTE AVENUE LIGHTING PROJECT

Tim Burkman requested approval of the proposal asked for by the Redevelopment Commission from First Group Engineering for the design of decorative lighting along Laporte Avenue, Sturdy Road and Silhavy Road. This is in response to call we received by INDOT that there were additional transportation enhancement funds available. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

DOWNTOWN EXTENDED LIGHTING PROJECT

Tim Burkman requested approval of the INDOT-LPA Agreement for the Downtown Extended Lighting Project. This decorative lighting component will be using transportation enhancement funds. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO.2 FROM AMERICAN STRUCTUREPOINT

Tim Burkman requested approval of the supplemental agreement No.2 from American Structurepoint for the Context Sensitive Design of SR 49/Vale Park Interchange. The amount is for \$29,600.00. They will be looking at landscaping, decorative lighting, structural walls and an analysis of a multi use pathway. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

SIGN EASEMENT

Attorney Todd Etzler requested approval of a sign easement for Bulk Transport Corporation at Eastport Centre Drive. This is approved subject to legal review. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.