

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

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

MAY 15, 2009

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana, met on May 15, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in City Hall. Present were members Chuck Williams, John Hardwick and Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Swihart. Mayor Jon Costas was absent. Chuck Williams called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

John Hardwick moved to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2009 meeting as presented, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved. John Hardwick moved that claims be approved for payment subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

PUBLIC WORKS BIDS ON TRUCKS, ETC.

Bill Oeding and Clerk-Treasurer Swihart opened the bids for the Public Works equipment. All bids were opened and taken back to the Conference Room to be reviewed by bidders. John Hardwick moved that the bids be referred to Ron DeTorrice and Ethan Lowe for review and recommendations at the June 11, 2009 meeting.

UNREFIND CAFÉ OUTDOOR DINING

Craig Phillips presented the application for Unrefined Café, 24 Washington Street, for outdoor dining. Chuck Williams moved to approve, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

OUTDOOR DINING DISCUSSION

Craig Phillips advised that work needs to be done to amend the outdoor dining ordinance in regard to placement of the areas in relation to other businesses and cigarette receptacles. After discussion, Phillips will work with the City Attorney and come back next meeting with recommendations.

EASEMENTS-CENTRAL CALUMET AVE. STREETScape PROJECT

Tim Burkman presented three easements for the Central Calumet Avenue Streetscape Project. John Hardwick moved to accept the easements, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

TRAFFICE & SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

Tim Burkman presented the following Traffic & Safety Recommendations:

1. Post Berkley Drive as "One Way Only" northbound between Sheffield Drive and Somerset Drive. Post a "Stop" sign on Berkley Drive at Somerset Drive.
2. Removed the "Handicapped Parking" designation to the two parking spaces located on the east side of Franklin Street, just south of Erie Street.

3. Post “No Parking” along the newly curbed sections of Evans Avenue and Harrison Blvd. at the approaches to Valparaiso Street.
4. Remove the on-street parking along the east and west sides of Lafayette Street between Indiana Avenue and the alley immediately north of the proposed Downtown Park Plaza; and also the parking along the north side of Indiana Avenue, between Lafayette Street and the alley immediately east of the proposed Downtown Park Plaza.

John Hardwick moved to approve the recommendations, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

CONSTRUCTION PLAN APPROVALS-RAB LANDSCAPING, LINCOLNWAY/MORGAN, DOWNTOWN U

Tim Burkman asked for approval of the construction plans for the Round-a-bout Landscaping Project which will be an INDOT project, the Lincolnway & Morgan Intersection Improvements and also the Downtown U Project. Chuck Williams moved to approve the construction plans, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

CENTRAL CALUMET STREETScape PROJECT

Tim Burkman requested permission to advertise and seek bids for the Central Calumet Streetscape Project. John Hardwick moved to approve the request, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

SILHAVY & VALE PARK RAB

Tim Burkman requested approval of the contract with the Troyer Group for design of the Silhavy & Vale Park Round-a-bout. The contract is in the amount of \$204,900. Redevelopment will fund the project and they have approved the contract. John Hardwick moved to approve the contract with Troyer, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

ROW DEDICATION-2101 CALUMET AVE.

Tim Burkman requested to accept the Right-of-Way dedication at 2101 Calumet Avenue (Arby's). John Hardwick moved to approve and accept the right-of-way, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

DRAINAGE EASEMENT-900 LOCUST ST.

Tim Burkman requested acceptance of the Drainage Easement for 900 Locust Street. John Hardwick moved to accept the drainage easement, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

PIKK'S TAVERN-OUT DOOR DINING IN ALLEY

Craig Phillips presented a request from Pikk's Tavern (Paul LeDuc) to put outdoor dining in the alley between Air One and himself. Air One has okayed his proposal. He was advised that he would need to keep the door access on the alley open. Sharon Swihart advised that this is not a legally vacated alley and Atty. Ethan Lowe advised that he would look at this and, at the least, there should be a written agreement. John Hardwick requested that they be sure to check with NIPSCO and all utilities to make sure that there are no utility easements in the alley. This will be carried over to the next meeting.

CITIZEN REQUESTS:

1. Short street closure in Greenfield Park for permitted fireworks display on Saturday, July 11, 2009.
2. Street closure on June 6, 2009 for 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. for Taste of Food and Wine Festival.
3. Approval of Tax Day Tea Party for gathering at Courthouse Square on Saturday, July 4, 2009, from 2:00-6:00 P.M. with sound system.
4. Approval of Valpo Vettes Annual Car Show on Saturday, June 20, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

John Hardwick moved to approve the requests subject to the Car Show working with the Police Department in regard to parade routes, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

Ethan Lowe presented a request from a citizen to solicit petition signatures on the streets of downtown on behalf of Amnesty Int'l. Ethan advised that he has talked with the petitioner in regard to rules and restrictions. John Hardwick moved to approve the request, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

Richard Wheeler spoke in regard to the problems in Arbordale and asked that the City help. This is going to be looked into.

There was no further business and Chuck Williams adjourned the meeting.