

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

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

August 27, 2009

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana met August 27, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in City Hall Present were members Bill Oeding, Chuck Williams and Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Swihart. Mayor Costas was absent. Chuck Williams called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bill Oeding moved that the minutes of the August 13, 2009 meeting be approved as presented, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved. Bill Oeding moved that the claims be approved for payment subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

CHESTER CONTRACT FOR FIRE STATION I

Chief David Nondorf asked for approval of a contract with Chester's for architectural drawings for the remodeling of Station #1. A federal grant is being sought to help pay the costs. Bill Oeding moved to approve the contract, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

PUBLIC HEARING V-LINE & CHICAGO DASH

The Public Hearing was opened by Chuck Williams. Tyler Kent requested route changes for both the V-Line and Chicago Dash for Pop Corn Fest. Chuck Williams asked if there were any comments or questions by the public. Hearing none, the public hearing was closed. Bill Oeding moved to approve the changes, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

REVIEW SWEEPER BIDS

Ron De Torrice and Attorney Hollenbeck reviewed the bids and it was determined all bids be rejected and reissued after more detailed specifications are written. Bill Oeding moved to reject the bids and reissue, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

INSURANCE RENEWAL

Gary Fischer presented the renewal contract for American National Insurance. The renewal includes an increase of benefit for orthodontia. Bill Oeding moved to approve the renewal, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

HERITAGE HALL

Tyler Kent presented a request by the Historic Preservation Commission to demolish and rebuild Heritage Hall without the sixty day waiting period. Bill Oeding moved to approve the request, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

FIREWORKS DISPLAYS

Chief David Nondorf presented for approval fireworks displays at Valparaiso High School football games on August 28, September 11, October 10, and October 16. Also a display for the VU Homecoming on

October 9, 2009 was requested. All approvals will be based upon all other State requirements being satisfied. Bill Oeding moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

TRAFFIC & SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

Tim Burkman presented the following recommendations from the Traffic and Safety Committee:

1. Post "No Parking" along the south side of Martin Drive, between Sturdy Road and Dove Drive; and on Canary Court.
2. Post the two intersections on Cumberland Crossing Drive, between Calumet Avenue and Cumberland Drive, as a 4-way Stop.
3. Post "No Parking" along the north side of Harrison Road, from Campbell to just west of Forrest Park Avenue.
4. Remove the "No Turn On Red" signs at the newly installed signal located at Valparaiso Street and Glendale Boulevard.
5. Install a street light at the intersection of Valparaiso Street and Glendale Boulevard.
6. Post "No Parking" along the north side of Ivy Tech Drive.
7. Post one "Handicapped Parking Only" space on the west side of Franklin Street, between Brown Street and the railroad tracks.

Bill Oeding moved to approve, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

CITIZEN REQUESTS

1. Request for approval for VU Law School Environmental Law School 10.2 Mile Bicycle Race to be held on Friday, September 26, 2009. The request was tabled until a new route is submitted. The current route is what the ambulances use. Motion to table by Chuck Williams, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.
2. Request for placement of a dumpster in the alley behind the PACT building located at 254 Morgan for three days for demolition of a small garage. Bill Oeding moved to approve, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.
3. Request for a banner to be hung at City Hall by WVLP. Tabled until a policy can be created with guidelines. Motion to table by Bill Oeding, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.
4. Request street closure of Blair Lane in Hawthorne Subdivision on September 19, 2009 from 3p.m. until 10p.m. Bill Oeding moved to approve, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.