

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS &
SAFETY
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
JANUARY 24, 2008**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana, met on January 14, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in City Hall. Present were members Mayor Jon Costas, Chuck Williams and John Hardwick and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Debbie Rosenbaum.

Mayor Costas called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chuck Williams moved that the minutes of the January 9, 2008 meeting be approved as presented, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved. John Hardwick moved that the claims be approved for payment subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

INSURANCE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Mike Anton, Anton Insurance, presented a Stewardship Report. Mike advised that the renewal process for the City's insurance went well. The City's insurance renewal premiums were flat from last year. In reality the rates went down but the rating basis went up so it was evened out. The workers' comp issues are still a struggle even though the safety issues have been dealt with well. He applauds Tony and Bill Oeding for their work in regard to safety issues. The number of claims has dropped dramatically but the matter of costs has offset the whole thing. The City, overall, is doing well with losses. The Police Dept. has agreed to go through the driving simulator program through the insurance company. They are working on the golf simulator and transit issues. Anton advised that Valpo may be a little ahead of the curve compared to other entities in loss control.

NORTH HAMPSTEAD SURETY REDUCTION

Deputy Engineer Tim Burkman presented a request to approve the reduction of the North Hampstead surety to \$38,500. This has been reviewed by the Engineering Dept and they feel that it adequately reflects the value of improvements to be made. John Hardwick moved to approve the request, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved. Mayor Costas recused himself from the vote due to his involvement in the development.

RFP-TRANSPORTATION TO CHICAGO

Stu Summers advised that last year the board approve the request to receive bids for a commuter bus service to Chicago. There was only one bid and it was ruled non-responsive. He would again like to put out the RFP, only this time two ways—one where they operate and own the buses and one where the City would own the buses and they operate the system. It will be looked at in three service levels, one is the commute to Chicago and back again, one is a daily shuttle from Valpo to the NICD station, and one is for a public event service. The bids would be due 3/27/08. Mayor Costas moved that the request be approved, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

COLLECTION AGREEMENT-EMS

Fire Chief Nondorf presented a collection contract with Ann Arbor Credit for the EMS service that will be used by Accumed, the billing service we are using for our EMS. John Hardwick moved to approve the contract, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

CITIZEN REQUESTS

The following requests were made by citizens for the following:

1. Request for YMCA "Ring in Spring" Run to be held on Saturday, April 5, 2008 starting at 9:00 a.m.
2. Request for Knights of Columbus annual Tootsie Roll Drive to be held on Friday and Saturday, May 16& 17, 2008, 2008.
3. Request for Valentine 5K run to be held on Saturday, February 20, 2008, starting at 10:00 a.m.
4. Request for the American Legion to hold their annual Poppy Days on Friday and Saturday, May 2 & 3.

Mayor Costas moved to approve all of the requests, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

CHANGE ORDER #2-POLICE STATION

Project Manager Don McGinley presented Change Order #2 for the new police station contract with Snemis Construction. The change order is in the amount of \$23,000. Mayor Costas moved to approve the change order, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned.