

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS &
SAFETY
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
APRIL 10, 2008**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana met on April 10, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in City Hall. Present were members Mayor Jon Costas, Chuck Williams and Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Swihart. John Hardwick was absent.

Mayor Costas called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chuck Williams moved that the minutes of the March 27, 2008 meeting be approved as presented, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved. Chuck Williams moved that the claims be approved subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

STREETSCAPE PHASE 3 BIDS

Bids were received and opened for Streetscape Phase 3. Bids were as follows:

1. Rieth-Riley - \$1,603,260.51
2. Gariup Construction- \$1,474,800.00
3. Grimmer Construction - \$1,583,237.30
4. Michiana Contracting - \$1,424,748.70
5. Kovilic Construction - \$1,385,623.00

Mayor Costas moved that the bids be referred to the Engineering Department and City Attorney for review and recommendations seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

ACCEPTANCE OF CUMBERLAND CROSSING DRIVE

Tim Burkman presented a request that we accept dedication of Cumberland Crossing Drive and accept the street into the city system. The street is not complete but this needs to be done for the part is complete so that the new buildings can obtain occupancy. Chuck Williams moved to accept the dedication and addition of the street into the city system, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

TRAFFIC & SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Post the speed limit on Randle Street between Franklin Street and Calumet Avenue at 25 MPH.
2. Request that INDOT consider signage and pavement marking improvements recommended by the Lawson Fisher study for LaPorte Avenue from the interchange of S.T. 49 to Silhavy Road.
3. Request that INDOT consider extending the 35 MPH speed limit to the east along LaPorte Avenue (S.R. 2) between Porter's Vale Blvd. and Silhavy Road (currently posted at 45 MPH).

Chuck Williams moved to accept the recommendations, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

Mayor Costas asked Burkman if the Traffic & Safety Committee could look at “5 Points” to see if the no right turn without a green light could be lifted. He feels that people have to wait too long at the lights the way it is. Tim stated that he would bring it to the T&S Committee but knows that this was done for safety.

DELTA III STORM SEWER EXTENSION

Tim Burkman presented a proposal from Delta III to extend the storm sewer to serve the future North Calumet Project. They are out there doing the work for Cumberland Crossing now. This is a Redevelopment Project and will be going to them for approval tonight. Mayor Costas moved to approve the proposal, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

DLZ-MEMORIAL HIGHWAY STUDY

Tim Burkman presented the agreement from DLZ for the preliminary study of Memorial Highway. The agreement would be to engineer traffic and wetlands for the Memorial Hospital. The contract is in the amount of \$28,000. This is a Redevelopment Project and will be going to them for approval tonight. Mayor Costas moved to approve the agreement with DLZ, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

FIREFIGHTER’S AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS

City Attorney Hollenbeck presented several contractual amendments of the firefighter’s local agreement with the City. They were approved by the local after bargaining. #2008-02 details compensation for transport/ambulance employees of \$30.00/day. #2008-04 tweaks the promotion system, changing points and priority of the seniority and oral exam. Both Hollenbeck and Fire Chief Nondorf recommend acceptance of the amendments. Mayor Costas moved to approve the amendments, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

There was no further business for the Board and Mayor Costas adjourned the meeting.