

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

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana, met on July 24, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in City Hall. Present were members Chuck Williams and John Hardwick and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Debbie Rosenbaum. Mayor Jon Costas was absent.

Chuck Williams called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. John Hardwick moved that the minutes of the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting be approved 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.

**HEALTH INS. RENEWAL**

Gary Fisher advised that the health insurance went out for bids. It was sent to 10 companies and 7 declined to bid since what we have right now is too competitive. He will be coming back at the next meeting for approval of the renewal.

**PERSPECTIVES, LTD.**

Bill Hanna presented the EAP contract with Perspectives, Ltd to replace the Madison Center contract. Perspectives is more or less the gatekeeper and will help employees find the best professional to see. This will let the employees seek help in this area.

**155 LINCOLNWAY ACCESS**

Todd Martin was present to request for additional access from the city right-of-way at 155 Lincolnway. This would allow him to widen the drive way so he would be able to keep the planned parking spaces and size of the building. The right-of-way would still be under the control of the City. John Hardwick moved to approve the request, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

**SILHAVY ROAD PROJECTS**

Tim Burkman presented two proposals for study and design work on Silhavy Road from Lawson-Fisher Assoc. These are RDC projects and the proposals have been approved by the RDC. John Hardwick moved to approve the proposals, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

**CITIZEN REQUESTS:**

1. Block party in Maple Creek on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from noon to 9:00 p.m. with closure of Eisenhower from the entrance of the subdivision off of Silhavy to the far end of Maple Creek as it enters Worthington Gates.
2. Block party for Park Avenue neighborhood on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3-8 p.m. with closure of Park Avenue from Weston Street to entrance of Ben Franklin Middle School parking lot.

3. Big Boca 5K Run/Walk to be held on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 11:00 a.m. The run starts at McCord Rd and Boca Lago Dr and runs through 200 East Park.
4. Ice Cream Social for Valparaiso's Nights Out in Oak Grove on Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:45-9:00 p.m. with closure of Oak Grove Drive between the cul-de-sacs of Oak Grove Circle and Oak Grove Court.

John Hardwick moved to approve all four requests, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

#### **SAFE ROUTES FOR SCHOOL**

Dave Pilz asked for approval of the plans for the Safe Routes for Schools project. We will be replacing 4,011 linear feet of sidewalk in the Blalocks area. INDOT will have to approve the ADA ramps. This is a \$180,000 project with only \$80,000 being paid by the City, the other \$100,000 will be federal funds. John Hardwick moved to approve the plans to go out for bids, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

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