

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS &  
SAFETY  
VALPARAISO, INDIANA  
OCTOBER 23, 2008**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana met on October 23, 2008 in City Hall at 10:00 a.m. Present were Mayor Jon Costas, John Hardwick and Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Swihart. Member Chuck Williams came in late to the meeting.

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

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS**

Mayor Costas declared October as Domestic Violence Awareness month and presented the Proclamation to Judge Mary Harper and Mary Beth Schultz of the Caring Place. He thanked both of them for the work they have done in making people aware of domestic abuse and helping the victims of abuse.

**ROUNDAABOUT LANDSCAPING AGREEMENT**

Tim Burkman presented Supplemental Agreement #3 with American Structurepoint for Landscape Plans for the roundabout. This will be funded by the RDC and done in phases. The amount of the contract is \$16,700. Mayor Costas moved to approve the agreement, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

**PORTER BUSINESS CENTER**

Tim Burkman presented the Maintenance Bond for Porter Business Center which was previously accepted as a City street subject to receipt of a Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$10,000. The developer has provided same. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

**AIRPORT DRIVE ACCEPTANCE**

Tim Burkman advised that he has a request from the developer of Airport Industrial Park East to accept Airport Drive as a City street. He reviewed the improvements and all were made as required. He recommended acceptance subject to receipt of a Maintenance Bond for one year and it is to be clear that this acceptance does not cover the roadwork that is to be done on 325E. Mayor Costas moved to accept with provisions, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

**TRAFFIC AND SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS**

Tim Burkman provided the Traffic & Safety recommendations as follows:

1. Post NO On-Street Parking on the south side of Billings Street between Franklin Street and Calumet Avenue.

2. Post Speed Limit at 25 MPH throughout Mistwood Subdivision. Post STOP signs at:
  - a. On Claire Blvd. at Harrison Blvd.
  - b. On Clair Blvd. at Longford Avenue
  - c. On Longford Ave at Claire Blvd. (East & West bound)
  - d. On Kildare Courtyard at Wicklow Dr.
  - e. On Kildare Courtyard at Monaghan Avenue
3. Relocate the Handicapped Parking Space from southwest corner of Lafayette St. & Lincolnway to southeast corner of same intersection.
4. Install a street light at the intersection of Ransom Rd. & Lake Meadow Dr.
5. Post “No Parking” for 13 feet east of the eastern edge of the drive approach located at 560 Bond Ave.

Mayor Costas moved to approve all recommendations, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

#### **REBECCA ST. R/W DEDICATION**

Tim Burkman presented a Right-of-Way Dedication for 5’ along the eastern edge of lots 29 & 30 on Rebecca Street (at the NW corner of Glendale & Rebecca). Mayor Costas moved to accept the dedication, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

#### **ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT**

Chuck Williams advised that he did research in regard to the Animal Control Contract. The State mandates that the County houses rabid dogs and that is their only legal responsibility. We can have our own system if we want. If we do not sign the contract they would not need to service our citizens. Portage has their own service. Swihart stated that this issue will never be resolved and it is easier to just contract with the County. Williams advised that the hours of operation have changed from what are in the contract so the County attorney asked that we take no action. Hollenbeck said that the County only has a legal duty to house rabid dogs, not strays, etc. Swihart said she would feel better if this money was used on top of the annual budget.

#### **HAWTHORN SUBD. ESCROW**

Atty. Hollenbeck advised that the City has been working with the developer of Hawthorn Subdivision to try to resolve some issues and one of them was that the letter of credit on the Performance Bond was left at \$36,000 which is not adequate to complete the tasks out there. He now has a Memorandum of Understanding that will raise that amount to \$50,000 and there is now a schedule on which the remaining tasks will be performed. The cash will be put in an escrow account that we will have to sign off on when the tasks are complete. John Hardwick moved to approve the new escrow amount and the schedule of tasks, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

Steve Doniger advised that there will be two meeting on the downtown park at the Chamber offices on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Tim Burkman advised that 400N will be closed for about 8 days to repair the south side of the road and was damaged during the flooding.

There was not more business and Mayor Costas declared the meeting adjourned.