

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF WORKS & SAFETY
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
MARCH 22, 2007**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana met on March 22, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. Present were members Mayor Jon Costas, Dave Pilz and John Hardwick and Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Swihart.

Mayor Costas called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dave Pilz moved that the minutes of the March 8, 2007 meeting be approved as presented, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved. John Hardwick moved that claims be paid subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Dave Pilz and so approved.

No action was taken on the acquisition of easement at former McDonalds.

PUBLIC WORKS FRONT END LOADER BID

Bill Oeding asked for permission to advertise for bids on a new front end wheeled loader. Mayor Costas moved to approve Oeding advertising for bids on the front end wheeled loader, seconded by Dave Pilz and so approved.

TRAFFIC & SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

Dave Pilz presented two recommendations from Traffic and Safety. First is to remove the street lights at the northwest corner of Vale Park and Valparaiso Street and at the southeast corner of Vale Park and Campbell Street. The second is to post the speed limit of 25 mph between Roosevelt Road and Dainesway. Dave Pilz moved to approve the recommendations, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

PARKING VARIANCE-510 RANDLE

Don Bengel presented a request for a parking variance for the cabinet shop at 510 Randle Street. He would like a small parking lot in front of this building. Dave Pilz advised that this is appropriate in this situation due to the space limitations on the lot. This is not a heavily trafficked street and he moved that the variance be approved, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

GILLIANA SUB. PLAT APPROVAL

Dave Pilz presented the plat for the Gilliana Subdivision. This is a three lot subdivision and we do not yet have the surety on this. Dave Pilz moved to approve the plat subject to receipt of the surety, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

VALPARAISO ST. WORK ORDER-BONAR

Dave Pilz presented a work order with Bonar for the Valparaiso Street Project. Pilz advised that this is relating to some utility relocation work that NIPSCO and Verizon are doing and we need to have some construction staking done so that they make sure they can get their new infrastructure put in the exact correct locations. We have tight quarters out there and don't have the flexibility to be a foot or two off. We are proposing to employ Bonar Associates to do the necessary survey work for us and the work order

estimate is in the range of \$10,000-\$12,000 to be funded out of the bond issue for Valparaiso Street. Pilz moved for the approval of the work order and to allow him to execute it on behalf of the City, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

2007 PO. CO. ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT

Atty. Dave Hollenbeck presented the 2007 Porter County Animal Control contract for renewal. Sharon Swihart brought up the usual, annual discussion of how this is double taxation on the citizens of the City of Valparaiso. Mayor Costas moved to approve the contract, seconded by John Hardwick. Dave Pilz voted not to approve but the contract was so approved.

MILKHOUSE ROAD CLOSURE

Dave Pilz presented a request to close Milkhouse Road for construction of a storm sewer on the south side which will then cross over to the north side before it discharges into a water course that is part of the Pepper Creek watershed. They would like to close the road for a period of two to three weeks in order to do this project. Dave would like to move that this be approved subject to working out details, detour routes, signage and appropriate notices, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

DEMOLITION-POLICE STATION

Atty. Hollenbeck stated that demolition was removed from the Police Station Contract because we had thought that a majority of this could be done in house. As we got into it, the magnitude of the work and the concrete and steel that is going to have to be removed is far beyond what the City equipment can handle. We went out and secured three quotes and they would like to have the proposal from Hostetler Enterprises in the amount of \$32,000 approved. Dave Pilz moved for approval of the proposal, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

The meeting adjourned.