

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
APRIL 12, 2007**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana, met on April 12, 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 22, 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.

SELLING EXCESS EQUIPMENT-PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

Bill Oeding requested permission to sell excess equipment from the Public Works Department. Mayor Costas moved to approve the request, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

CHANGE OF FREEMAN ST. TO REINER RD.

Mayor Costas made a request that Freeman Street be renamed Reiner Road. Mayor Costas advised that we all realize that Walt and those who were part of Project Neighbors made a huge difference in Hilltop and continue to do so in a positive way. We have a medical center there that is servicing many clients and many homes have been rehabbed and improved. We have had a good partnership over the years and we have had a request to change the road that runs in front of the Reiner Community Center to Reiner Road. We do not take those requests lightly but he feels that it is more than appropriate in light of what Walt has done for Hilltop over many years. Many people saw him as the "Mayor of Hilltop" and the Mayor saw him in that way too. In light of that we have this motion before us to change the name of the street in honor of Walt. Mayor Costas moved to change the name of Freeman Street to Reiner Road, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PARAMETERS

Fire Chief Dave Nondorf advised that the Fire Department Parameters were formally known as the Department Rules and Regulations. The Parameters are more in line with the managerial philosophy that the department is going to which forces decision making down to company officers. It is thinned out from the previous documents. There is a very progressive disciplinary process. It promotes self-discipline. Mayor Costas made a motion of approve the Fire Department Parameters, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

COLLECTIVE BARGAIN AGREEMENT-FIREFIGHTERS UNION

City Atty. Hollenbeck advised that an incredible amount of hard work and energy by Chief Nondorf and the Local Union culminated in a successful completion of negotiations on a new three year contract with the firefighters. The agreements has a couple of significant nuances to it- Battalion Chiefs will no longer be an appointed position but will be a tested position. Also there are some changes in the compensatory time buyback provisions and the City has agreed to budget money to purchase an additional two compensatory days per year and this will facilitate in keeping more firefighters on duty at any given time. They dealt with additional paramedic certification pay and the firefighters put into the agreement that they will be drug tested. This also includes a Firefighters Bill of Rights. Dave Pilz moved to approve the agreement, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

SILHAVY ROAD CLOSURE

Dave Pilz made a request for the closure of Silhavy Road. The dates are rather uncertain at this point and he would like it approved subject to the actual closure dates. The purpose of this is to install a sanitary sewer service. Dave Pilz moved to approve, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

COMMUNITY REQUESTS

The following requests were made:

Stroll for Hospice to be held on Sunday, April 22, 2007, starting at 8:00 a.m.

WVLP Radio Walk/Run to be held on Saturday, September 29, 2007 starting at 1:00 p.m.

2007 Valparaiso Triathlon to be held on Saturday, July 14, 2007, starting at 8:00 a.m.

2007 VFW Poppy Buddies days to be held on May 23-26, 2007.

Orak Shriners annual Jumbo Vidalia Onion Fundraiser mid-April thru mid-May, 2007. Selling locations at Family Express, Wal Mart and Beef Mart.

Mayor Costas moved to approve all requests subject to the WVLP Radio contacting all department heads prior to the event, seconded by Dave Pilz and so approved.

DEDICATION OF ROW FOR SPRING VALLEY SHELTER

Dave Pilz moved to accept the Dedication of Right of Way for Spring Valley Shelter in conjunction with improvements out there, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

The meeting adjourned.

An Executive Session of the Board of Public Works and Safety was held pursuant to I.C. 5-14-1.6-6.1 (b) (1). No other business was discussed.