

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS &
SAFETY
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
JUNE 14, 2007**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana met on June 14, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. Present were members Mayor Jon Costas, Dave Pilz and John Hardwick and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Debbie Rosenbaum. Mayor Costas called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dave Pilz moved that the minutes of the May 24, 2007 meeting be approved as presented, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

John Hardwick moved that claims be approved for payment subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Dave Pilz and so approved.

USE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR SIGN-EASTPORT

Dave Pilz reported that the North entrance to Eastport Center and the airport which connects to St. Rd. 2 and is also at the entrance to Porter's Vail. The proposition by the owners is that they would like to construct a sign to both of the entities. The obvious place to put it would be in the middle of the green area but this is right-of-way. We could vacate the right-of-way but there would be legal questions with who would then own it. Dave thought maybe we could maintain it as a right-of-way but grant a "license" for them to use the right-of-way for the specific purpose of a sign and maybe some landscaping in that area. Atty. Lyp advised that this could legally be done that way. If the Board would agree that this is acceptable Dave can go back to the owners and they can get plans drawn up to present to the Board of Works. It was the consensus of the Board that this would be an acceptable procedure.

PARK POINT APT. IMPROVEMENTS

Dave Pilz advised that the improvements at Park Point Apartments have been inspected and meet the City standards. Dave moved to accept the improvements subject to the receipt of a corporate maintenance surety, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

WHEEL LOADER FINANCING

Bill Oeding presented a request for approval of the wheel loader financing. He received quotes from four financiers and would like to recommend that this be financed through Centier Bank. This will be a two year lease. Mayor Costas moved to approve the request and recommendation, seconded by Dave Pilz and so approved.

SALT BID APPROVAL

Bill Oeding requested permission to advertise for winter road salt bids. Dave Pilz moved to grant permission, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

DROP MULCH & COMPOST CHG.

Bill Oeding requested permission to drop the charges on the mulch and compost for businesses and residents due to an over abundance of same. Dave Pilz moved to approve the request subject to timing by the Public Works Director, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

HEALTH PLAN CHANGE

Karen Marben had Atty. Lyp present an amendment to the health plan document. When an employee wants a procedure done that is above and beyond what the procedure in the health plan currently provides for, the City would pay for the base part of the procedure and anything above and beyond the employee would pay for. This would be amended back to March 1, 2007. Mayor Costas asked Karen Marben if Shaner and Gary Fisher were aware of this. Marben assured him that both were very aware of this but needed the attorney's advise on how to write this as this is different than anything Shaner or Gary has had to write. Once it is written she will get it approved by Gary and Shaner. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved. Dave Pilz abstained.

CITIZEN REQUESTS

1. Project Neighbors requested to have a July 4th parade from 11:00 a.m. to about 12.:30 p.m. Dave Pilz moved to approve subject to conditions that they will need to secure their own intersections, block the streets and the police dept. will not be able to provide officers to assist, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.
2. Devin Ward requested permission to hold a street-wide garage sale on Fair Street between Calumet and Washington St. on Saturday, July 21st from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Dave Pilz moved to approve the request, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.
3. Valparaiso Community Festivals & Events Inc. requested permission for the 29th Annual Popcorn Festival on Saturday, September 8, 2007 with 5 segments. Dave Pilz moved to approve the request subject to the stipulation that the Hot Dog Lady be able to conduct her business as usual, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.
4. Christine Harsch requested permission to have a block party on June 23rd from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and would like to close Del Vista Drive from Summit to Fernhill Drive. Dave Pilz moved to approve subject to the stipulation that they must heed any emergency that arises.

MISTWOOD SUBDIVISION

Dave Pilz advised that we have received the surety for Mistwood Subdivision and the requirements are now complete.

BUS SERVICE OPERATOR

Tyler Kent requested approval for the operator of the local bus service. He explained how they rated all potential operators and advised that the Transportation Committee has picked McDonald Transit as the operator. Mayor Costas moved to approve McDonald Transit as the bus operator, seconded by Dave Pilz and so approved.

TRAFFIC & SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

Dave Pilz presented two Traffic and Safety Recommendations:

1. Place two 3-wqy stop signs at Valparaiso Street and Churchview.
2. Post 20 mph signs on the Westside Park Drive.

Dave Pilz moved to approve the requests, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

GILL' S AUTO PROPERTY TRANSFER

Atty. Lyp requested that the former Gill's Automotive property be transferred from the City of Valparaiso to the Redevelopment Commission so that they can market the property. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

The meeting adjourned.