

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS &  
SAFETY  
VALPARAISO, INDIANA  
AUGUST 9, 2007**

The Board of Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana, met on August 9, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. Present were members Mayor Jon Costas, John Hardwick, Dave Pilz and Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Swihart. Mayor Costas called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dave Pilz moved to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2007 meeting 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.

**CENTRAL CALUMET STUDY-TROYER GROUP**

Tim Burkman presented a contract with Troyer Group for the Central Calumet study. This is an RDC project and includes the area from "5-Points" south to Glendale. The contract is in the amount of \$62,580 for right-of-way determinations. They will be presenting two options. Dave Pilz moved for approval of the contract, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

**ROW DEDICATION-BULLSEYE LAKE RD.**

Tim Burkman requested that we accept dedication of right-of-way for a new construction parcel on Bullseye Lake Road just west of Churchview. Dave Pilz moved to approve the request and accept the dedication, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

**NORTHERN IN. MECHANICAL CONTRACT-EQUIPMENT**

Bill Oeding requested permission to sell surplus equipment. He has been made an offer to take the equipment and buy it by doing work for the City. A contract with Northern Indiana Mechanical, Inc. was presented which gave a breakdown of what would be done in order to receive the title to the Infrared Unit. The City Attorney has looked this over and has given his approval. John Hardwick moved to approve the sale and the contract, seconded by Dave Pilz and so approved.

**HEALTH INS. RENEWAL**

Gary Fischer was present to present the health insurance renewal. He advised that they had requested reinsurance rates from 9 companies and 6 declined to quote. He is submitting two finalists. He is recommending that we stay with Garden, the current managing general underwriter. They have been very prompt in refunding excess insurance monies. The other company is Commercial Group but there are some "open doors" so he does not feel we should accept them. Gary advised that the pharmacy costs were about 22% of the health costs so they are looking at options to try to reduce that cost. Mayor Costas moved to approve the contract with Garden, seconded by Dave Pilz and so approved.

### **DECORATIVE LIGHTING-FIRST GROUP ENG.**

Tim Burkman presented an agreement with First Group Engineers in regard to the RDC project for decorative lighting from Napoleon to Joliet. The contract is in the amount of \$29,095. Dave Pilz moved to approve, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

### **COMMUNITY REQUESTS**

Block party on Saturday, September 22nd from 11:00 a.m. to Midnight. They will block off Walnut Street between Washington and Franklin Streets as well as a small portion of the alley that runs directly along our garage to Walnut Street.

Valpo Park Department Popcorn Panic Walk/Run on September 8, 2007 to start at 7:30 a.m.

John Hardwick questioned if we want a block party to go to midnight. Mayor Costas recommended approving this and if there are any problems we can go to the Klumpes, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

### **PARK POINT APTS. SURETY**

Tim Burkman recommended that the default on the surety for the Park Point Apts be rescinded since they did provide a maintenance bond. Dave Pilz moved to approve, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

### **SURETY REDUCTION-AUDUBON ESTATES**

Tim Burkman requested to reduce the surety for Audubon Estates from the original amount of \$126,450 to \$36,638.79. The engineering department feels this adequately covers the needs. Dave Pilz moved to approve the reduction, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

### **POLICE CAR LEASE**

Spicer presented a lease contract for new police cars. Mayor Costas advised that this is paid for out of the Capital Equipment Fund and moved to approve the lease, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

### **McDonald TRANSIT AGREEMENT**

Atty. Hollenbeck asked that the contract with Northern Indiana Mechanical, Inc. be executed. He advised that he has worked with the NIRPC attorney to get the issues resolved in the contract with McDonald and we are prepared to present the agreement. Tyler Kent advised that we need to contract with McDonald to get the service up and going. Hollenbeck stated that this is actually an implementation of our acceptance of the bid. Hollenbeck requested that the Board accept that and execute the forms. He has gone over the agreement and all is well. Mayor Costas moved to approve the contract for transportation management services, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Doniger reported that the Jesse Pfiefer park project is on hold.

Tim Saylor was present representing Roy Endsley in regard to code enforcement fines at 255/257 Brown Street. He asked if there is any fix up money available to rehab. The Mayor advised that the City has nothing available. The City has determined that the

properties are substandard but Tim feels that the City should not make the situation worse by using “condemnation” so that rehabbing won’t be so hard to get done. These properties will probably go into foreclosure. He would like a copy of the ordinance that the code enforcement infractions refer to. The Mayor said that we have a responsibility and duty to enforce our codes but we do attempt to do that with causing the least amount of harm as possible. He thanked Tim for the comments.

There was no more business and the meeting was adjourned.