

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS &
SAFETY
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
SEPTEMBER 27, 2007**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Valparaiso met on September 27, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in City Hall. 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 September 27, 2007 meeting as presented, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved. Mayor Costas moved that claims be approved for payment subject to appropriation balances, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

BUS STOP LOCATION APPROVAL

City Engineer Dave Pilz advised that the bus stop locations have been set for now but there could be changes made at later dates. Tyler Kent is looking for approval of the bus stop sites for fulfillment of requirements for paperwork needed to be done. Dave moved for approval of the proposed stops for the transit, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

CHANGE ORDER-POLICE STATION

Project Manager Don McGinley presented a change order on the new police station project construction project. This is in the amount of \$8,548.70. There is money available to cover this due to a refund from NIPSCO for a deposit on a transformer. Mayor Costas moved to approve the change order, seconded by Dave Pilz and so approved.

DAVEY TREE INVENTORY

Bill Oeding presented the tree inventory done by Davey Tree Service. They inventoried the trees in the right-of-way from Campbell Street to Silhavy and from Glendale to Lincolnway. They inventoried about 5,000 trees, advised what work needs to be done to each tree and they also advise locations where new trees could be planted. He wants to extend the contract with them and we can do this through a grant project through D&R. Stu Summers office has funded a grant writer who has put together a plan which will be submitted to this board at a later date. He is hoping to get a \$15,000 matching grant and this should finalize the inventory throughout the City.

2008 ANIMAL SHELTER CONTRACT

Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Swihart presented the 2008 Animal Shelter contract between the County and the City in the amount of \$20,150. After the annual discussion about double taxation Mayor Costas moved to approve the contract, seconded by John Hardwick. Dave Pilz objected but the contract was approved for a 2-1 vote.

VALPO MINI MARATHON

Steve Doniger presented a request for approval of the date only for the Valpo Mini Marathon 2008 of April 19, 2008. The route is a work in progress. This marathon has been changed from a Sunday to a Saturday. Mayor Costas moved to approve the date, seconded by Dave Pilz and so approved.

AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL PARK

Dave Pilz moved to accept the surety and Secondary Plat for Airport Industrial Park. He advised that the Plan Commission approved these and the Engineering Department has reviewed them and find them acceptable. John Hardwick seconded the motion to accept and this was so approved.

VILLAS AT VALE PARK

Dave Pilz moved to approve the surety and Secondary Plat for Villas at Vale Park. The Engineering Department has reviewed and the Plan Commission has approved them. The developer is used a bond and a letter of credit to fulfill the surety. John Hardwick seconded the motion and it was so approved.

NORTH CALUMET DRAINAGE STUDY/LIGHT

Dave Pilz moved to approve a Work Order Proposal for additional Drainage Study for the North Calumet Project, subject to the RDC approval. This will be funded by the RDC and consists of additional drainage studies in the amount of \$22,500 and a traffic signal design in the amount of \$14,000. John Hardwick seconded the motion and it was so approved.

BUS LEASE

Tyler Kent presented a short term bus lease with the City of Lafayette. This is to cover two buses that we will lease for 2-3 months until our last two buses come in. Dave Pilz moved to approve the lease, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

PORTER BUSINESS CENTER

Dave Pilz moved to approve the continuation of surety for the Porter Business Center. This is on Highway 2, south of Hwy. 30 and is in the amount of about \$45,000 to guarantee completion of all public improvements. John Hardwick seconded the motion, and it was so approved.

MINER ELEC. CONTRACT-911

City Attorney Patrick Lyp presented a contract with Miner Electronics for the 911 transition. This is for approximately \$55,000 and is the end result of the engineer study done. Mayor Costas moved to approve the contract subject to the fact that the amount charged is no more that \$56,000, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

PUBLIC REQUESTS

A request was made for a Life Chain to be held on Sunday, October 7, 2007, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Mayor Costas moved for approval, seconded by Dave Pilz and so approved.

The meeting was adjourned.

The Board held an executive session pursuant to I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b) (1). The Board reconvened in a public meeting and by a vote of 3-0 denied the request that was made in the executive session. This meeting then adjourned.