

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MEETING
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
March 23, 2006**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Valparaiso met on March 23, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. Present were members Dave Pilz and John Hardwick and Sharon Swihart. Mayor Costas was absent. Dave Pilz called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dave Pilz moved that the minutes from the March 9th meeting be approved as submitted, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

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

Matt Kras read the bids for the Campbell Street Storm Sewer Project. Sharon Swihart advised that the first bid was from LGS Plumbing, Inc. for \$930,485; HRP Construction- \$585,785; Herman & Goetz, Inc. - \$630,161.90. Pilz thanked the bidders and moved that these be taken under advisement until at least the next Board of Works meeting, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Dave Pilz presented a Site Work application form to be approved and moved for approval, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Dave Pilz presented the Traffic and Safety recommendations to reduce the speed limit on County Road 500N (Burlington Beach Road) between Calumet Avenue and State Road 49. The speed limit would be reduced from 40 mph to 30 mph and to post "No Parking" along the east side of Campbell Street between Chestnut and Ridgeland. Dave Pilz moved for approval of the recommendations, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Dave Pilz presented a re-plat of the Strongbow Center plat. There are no infrastructure improvements associated with this so there is no surety or reconstruction. It just re-parcels some of the lot lines. Pilz moved approval, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Dave Pilz presented requests for fundraisers: A pub crawl for the March of Dime on Saturday, April 8, 2006; VFW Poppy Days on May 3rd and 4th; 2006 Valpo Triathlon on July 8, 2006. All have been run through the appropriate departments for approval. Dave Pilz moved that these all be approved, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Asst. Police Chief Spicer requested to waiver of procedure from the General Rules in order to hire academy trained officers in order to get them on the road immediately instead of hiring a man to have to go through the academy. This is

a one-time waiver. John Hardwick moved to approve the waiver, seconded by Dave Pilz and so approved.

Dave Pilz presented construction plans for the Executive Park Planned Unit Development. They have been reviewed and do meet our specifications and standards and Dave moved that they be approved, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved. They will then be sent to the Utility Boards for approval.

John Hardwick presented an INDOT agreement in conjunction with the Utility Board to build a water main for the Valparaiso Street Project. This is to re-bid the project. Dave Pilz moved that this be approved, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Patrick Lyp advised that the City purchased the properties at 151 and 153 Chicago Street in 1996. Based on that agreement before the houses can be demolished we must offer them for sale to anyone that will move them at their own expense. We will be publishing that this week and at the April 13th meeting any offers can be presented. If none we will proceed to demolish.

The meeting adjourned.