

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS &
SAFETY
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
JUNE 8, 2006**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana, met on June 8, 2006 at 10:00 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Present were Mayor Costas, Dave Pilz and John Hardwick. Mayor Costas led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dave Pilz moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 25, 2006, 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.

Dave Pilz had previously presented the Consultant Selection Process and moved that this be approved, seconded by John Hardwick and so ordered. John Hardwick asked if it was to be used in all projects. Dave Pilz answered that it was specially designed for federally funded projects but we do have the option to use it for all projects if we so choose.

Mayor Costas advised that he has a motion to appoint the following people to the Consultant Selection Committee: John Bowker, Stu Summers, Dave Smith and Dave Pilz. John Hardwick seconded his motion and this was so approved.

Dave Pilz advised that with the Valparaiso Street Project the INDOT specifications have changed over the years and one of the specific requirements relates to site differences at intersections. Their requirements are quite excessive and we would have to buy a lot more property for right-of-way and the estimated cost for doing this would be about \$350,000. Dave is presenting a design exception to this so that we don't have to go through this to meet that requirement, seconded by John Hardwick and so ordered. Hardwick asked how INDOT would play into that and Pilz advised that this is presented to INDOT and should just be a formality for their approval.

Pilz advised that we have asked HNTB to do a little additional work regarding some of the acquisition of rights-of-way and easements on the Valparaiso Street Project and he is presented the amendment to the agreement to cover the cost in the amount of \$4,200. This is Supplemental Agreement #6 and Dave Pilz moved that it be approved, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Gary Fischer, TPA One, presented the Wrap PPO to the employee benefit plan. This will increase the benefit paid by increasing the Pop's available for discounting. We should try to use CCN as the PPO as this would give us the highest discount but the wrap Pop's would give a discount. The fee for doing this is 25% of savings. Contracts have been signed and this will be effective back to June 2, 2006. John Hardwick moved to approve the amendment, seconded by Dave Pilz and so approved.

Fire Chief Nondorf asked for approval to advertise for bids for a Class A Pumper to be opened at the June 22nd meeting. John Hardwick moved for approval, seconded by Dave Pilz and so approved.

Bill Oeding advised that on May 11, 2006 we received bids but he is asking that bids be rejected and the process start again. Out of the 5 major companies that would bid we only received 2 bids. Several have advised that they were not aware that bids for being received. Atty. Hollenbeck

advised that the City has the right to reject all bids and re-solicit. There were probably enough defects in the system to do this. Mayor Costas moved to reject all bids received for salt and to re-bid, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Old Style Inn and Café Paradisio requested permission for outdoor dining. Lori Good advised that all departments approved them with stipulations regarding maintaining egress. Bill Oeding advised that he and Charlie McGill walked the downtown and looked at the restaurants, talked with the owners and voiced our concerns. There is to be a minimum of a 4-foot clear path around the dining so as not to inconvenience the pedestrians and to give room for wheelchairs. They all seem to be agreeable with this. Pilz said that this really needs to be watched and he does not like that this forces the pedestrians closer to the street. He feels that there are a couple areas that are not very attractive and detracts from what we are trying to do downtown. Maybe we should have some design or aesthetics requirements for this type of thing. Craig Phillips said that he would propose that we do not approve the request for Café Paradisio as it is currently designed. He agrees with Dave in regard to implementing standards so that they are not detracting from the looks of our downtown and what we are trying to do. John Hardwick stated that he feels we should also standardize the times they do this. Mayor Costas stated that we really need standards and he would like them collected to get this in order right away. He moved that we could approve these subject to Craig meeting with the owners in regard to the look. Hollenbeck said that this should be a Board of Works policy and not a zoning matter. John Hardwick seconded the motion, and so approved.

Block party and road closures requests for Byfield Street in Essex Park and Throughwoods Drive in Harrison West were approved on motion from Dave Pilz, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

The Park Dept. requested closure of Roosevelt Road from Evans to Glendale from 9:30 pm to 10:30 pm on Tuesday, July 4th, to get the people out of the parking lot safely. John Hardwick moved to approve, seconded by Dave Pilz and so approved.

Dave Pilz advised that we are ready to accept the public improvements in Essex Park Unit 2 and moved for approval of this acceptance, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved. Mayor Costas recused himself from the vote.

Dave Pilz that most of the improvements are in place for the next phase of Essex Park but we do need a Surety in the amount of \$20,000 to cover some that need to be completed. Pilz moved to accept the surety, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved. Mayor Costas recused himself from the vote.

Dave Pilz presented the change order on the North Calumet Project in the amount of \$3,261.55. Pilz moved to approve the change order, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

The meeting adjourned.