

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

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana, met on June 23, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Swihart and members Mayor Jon Costas, Dave Pilz and John Hardwick. Mayor Costas called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dave Pilz moved that the minutes from the June 8th meeting be approved as presented, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved. Dave Pilz moved that claims be paid subject to appropriation balances, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Clerk Treasurer Swihart advised that these bids were opened by the City Attorney yesterday to comply with the notice and at the request of the vendors. Sharon advised that the bids were from Seagrave Fire Apparatus through Hoosier Fire. The base bid for the pumper truck was \$424,903 with options listed separately in the amount of \$37,078. The second bid was from Fire Service, Inc., American LaFrance. The total bid including the options was \$484,568 with discounts included. City Attorney Hollenbeck A representative from Seagrave stated that the bid specs required that the options be broken out and Fire Service did not comply with that requirement. recommended that these bids be referred to the Fire Chief and City Attorney and that the Fire Chief return with his recommendation, so moved by Dave Pilz, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Dave Pilz presented a Change Order for the North Calumet Project. This is actually a Redevelopment project but this is a significant cost for us. This is necessary for us to do some additional storm drainage work that was not initially included in the contract. Dave moved for approval, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Dave Pilz requested authorization to solicit for bids on the improvements of the traffic signals at Indiana and Franklin and Indiana and Washington. Bids will be received at the second meeting in July. Pilz moved to approve authorization to do so, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Traffic and Safety recommendations were presented. 1.) Approve the relocation of the school flashers on Campbell St. at "old" St. Paul's school to Harrison Blvd. and the new school locations and establish a crosswalk on Harrison at Old Oak Drive. 2.) Post one parking space at 105 Wayne Street for handicapped parking. 3.) Post John Howell Drive for no parking. 4.) Replace existing yield signs on Haas Street at Academy and at Napoleon, with stop signs. Dave moved for approval of the recommendations, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Pilz advised that the Plan Commission considered and approved a recommendation of the north/south alley located immediately west of Campbell Street and north of Lincolnway. The owner of the property owns both sides of the alley and the easement to utilities will be in tact. Pilz moved to recommend the vacation of this alley to the Council, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Pilz advised that there is only one property on the Preliminary Assessment Role for the Union Street Project. He would like to set the Public Hearing for the second meeting in July. Dave moved to amend the Role as was needed and to approve the hearing date, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Gary Fischer presented a Preferred Dental Care Provider Agreement to the City's health plan. Mayor Costas moved to approve the plan, seconded by Dave Pilz and so approved.

Gary Fischer presented an amendment to the Schedule of Benefits that will add "Durable Medical Equipment. This change was approved by Mayor Costas, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Craig Phillips presented a resolution draft for weekend/temporary signage. Great discussion ensued in regard to this resolution. Dave Pilz stated why he would be against this resolution and questioned if we even have enforcement people to go out on the weekend to keep this in line. It was stated that enforcement would be done as they are driving around on the weekend. Hanna stated that this is needed for the commerce of Valparaiso. Phillips said that there is no easy answer to this as it could open up the ability for every business in town to put up signs. Hardwick asked if the fees would be enough to get someone to work weekends on this. Phillips has no idea what the fees would generate. This has not gone before the Plan Commission or BZA. This resolution will be discussed further.

Karen Marben presented a renewal contract with the Madison Center Employee Assistant Program. Dave Pilz moved to approve the contract, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Requests: 1.) Turkey Trot on Thursday, November 23, 2006, starting at 8:30 a.m. for Kids Alive Program. 2.) Request for block party and street closure for Lakepointe Gardens on Saturday, July 22, 2006 from 4-7 pm. 3) Request for block party and street closure for Sierra Fest Block party on Saturday, July 15, 2006, from 3-9 pm. All department heads have approved these. Pilz moved for approval of the requests, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Dave Pilz presented a proposal for the design of Streetscape Phase 4 in the amount of \$21,100 with the Bonar Group. Pilz moved for approval of the proposal with the condition that the design must be completed by December 31, 2005, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Dave Pilz stated that we have one project that needs to be moved on and the consulting selection process that was approved is quite lengthy. He would like to declare this as an emergency and would like to use the shortcut process for this Campbell Street Project. Dave moved to approve, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

The meeting was adjourned.