

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS &
SAFETY
CITY OF VALPARAISO
AUGUST 24, 2006**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana, met on August 24, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. Present were Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Swihart and members Mayor Jon Costas, Dave Pilz, and John Hardwick. The meeting was called to order and Mayor Costas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dave Pilz moved to approve the minutes of the August 10th, 2006 meeting, 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.

RESCUE SQUAD BIDS

Bids were opened for the rescue squad for the Fire Dept. as follows:

Wheel Coach – No bid

MedTech – No bid

Fire Service, Inc, American LaFrance - \$122,620.00

Rawlins Specialty Vehicle & Product - \$173,446.00

Excellence, Inc. - \$148,315.78

Dave Pilz moved that the bids be referred to Fire Chief Nondorf for review and recommendation, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Ron Winger of Porter was present and advised that they are trying to understand the City's intentions with respect to the purchase of this rescue unit. They want to continue the dialogue with the City about the non-duplication of service and quality of emergency care for all residents of Porter County. They value their partnership with the City and want to continue that. They want to remind the City that Porter Health Systems does have a contract to provide EMS services in the County through 2011. They do look forward to continuing the discussions with the City and to do the right thing for all citizens.

BRIGATTA HILLS CONSTRUCTION PLANS

Dave Pilz presented the construction plans for Brigatta Hills advising that there will be a variance for street widths and moved that they be approved, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved. The sanitary plans have been approved. This is subject to the annexation.

CLASS A PUMPER BIDS

Bids were opened for the Class A. Pumper for the Fire Dept. as follows:

Fire Service of Indiana, American LaFrance- \$426,940.24.00

Hoosier Fire Equipment - \$434,995.00

John Hardwick moved that bids be referred to Fire Chief Nondorf for review and recommendation, seconded by Dave Pilz and so approved.

REINSURANCE RENEWAL

Gary Fischer presented the health insurance renewal with a change. The Barton Group can give us a 4% reduction in premiums if we raise the reinsurance to \$90,000. They represent an A-Plus insurance company. Bill Hanna advised that this arrangement has been looked at and is the best financially for the city. It does not affect our coverage, just the reinsurance. John Hardwick moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Dave Pilz and so approved.

LOREEN DRIVE VACATION

Craig Phillips advised that Mr. Garatoni is planning to construct an Assisted Living Center on Loreen Drive. We have suggested that they vacate an existing piece of right-of-way known as Loreen Drive. This street does not exist in a physical form at this point. It has been sight reviewed and the staff has agreed that this is the way to go. Several variances have been approved by the BZA to make the project. The Board of Works has to recommend in order for this to go to the Council. It is all undeveloped land and we are asking for easement if every needed by the City. Dave Pilz moved for the recommendation, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

COMMUNITY REQUESTS

Community requests.

Street closure on Sunday, September 27, from 1:30-8:00 for Sunday in the Park Concert. Forest Park Drive to Campbell. We have requested that Sunday in the Park be changed to start closures at 2:00 due to the traffic from St. Paul's Church.

Block party on 9/2/06 from 10:00 am-10:00 p.m. for closure of Morgan between Monroe & Indiana.

Block Party 9/16, 2006, 3:30-7:30 closing McIntyre Ct at LaPorte and Chapel Drive.

Block party on 9/23, 12:00-10:00 p.m.-closing Eisenhower from entrance of Maple Creek to far end of Maple Creek from 12:00-1:30 p.m. for bike parade.

Dave Pilz moved to approve all requests, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

Bill Oeding presented a request from the YMCA on 9/20/05 closure of Washington Street between Chicago and Jefferson for a special event from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Mayor Costas moved to approve the request and John Hardwick added "subject to emergency service approval", seconded by Dave Pilz and so approved.

GIL'S AUTO CONDEM. SETTLEMENT

Patrick Lyp advised that approximately one year ago this board authorized a condemnation action against Gil's Auto that has now been resolved so this Board must now approve the settlement subject to Redevelopment approval. John Hardwick moved to approve, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

The meeting adjourned.

