

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS &
SAFETY
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
SEPTEMBER 14, 2006**

The Board of Public Works & Safety, Valparaiso, Indiana, met at 10:00 a.m. on September 14, 2006. Present were members Mayor Jon Costas and John Hardwick. Absent were Dave Pilz and Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Swihart. Mayor Costas called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

John Hardwick moved that the minutes of the August 24, 2006 meeting be approved as presented, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved. John Hardwick moved that claims be approved for payment subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

AWARD BID-CLASS A PUMPER

Asst. Chief Dan Lamb advised that they have chosen the bid of Seagrave in the amount of \$434,995. This bid was selected even though it was a little higher due to warranty and serviceability. City Atty. Hollenbeck advised that the dollar difference comes down to about \$6,000 and due to the service location being in Valparaiso instead of in St. John, Indiana, the truck could be used even if it is in being serviced. Mayor Costas moved that the bid from Seagrave bid be accepted, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

AWARD BID-RESCUE SQUAD

Asst. Chief Dan Lamb advised that they have chosen the low bid of American LaFrance in the amount of \$122,620. Mayor Costas moved that the bid from American LaFrance be approved, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

EPA CONTRACT-STORMWATER

Matt Kras advised that we have received a grant in the amount of \$788,500 from EPA for the Union Street Project 2. He is asking authorization to sign the grant and return it. Mayor Costas moved to accept the grant and give the Stormwater Engineer approval to sign and return it, seconded by John Hardwick and so approved.

ROUNDBOUT TRAFFIC MTN.

Tim Burkman advised that American Consulting prepared two options for the maintenance of traffic for the roundabout. The first was for total closure, which would take 17 weeks for construction, and the second was to maintain traffic, which would take 37 weeks for construction. The staff received comments from the property owners and RDC recommended that Option #2 be accepted. John Hardwick moved that Option #2 be accepted, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved. Mayor Costas said that we do need to do whatever we can to shorten the timeframe and to get the project done.

T Y LIN ENGINEERING CONTRACT-TOD

Tim Burkman advised that the RDC negotiated an agreement with T.Y. Lin Engineering to perform an initial study for the Transit Oriented Development located east of the

central business district to involve the roadway portion of the work. They will determine what primaries are required to extend Campbell Street south. The agreement is in the amount of \$26,174.50 and the Redevelopment Commission with foot this bill. John Hardwick moved to approve the contract, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

TRAFFIC & SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

Tim presented two recommendations: 1. To post "No Parking" signs around the cul-de-sac islands at the ends of Lakepointe Drive and Columbine Circle in the Lakepointe Gardens Subdivision. Parking will only be prohibited along the inside of the island and permitted on the outer residential side of the street. 2. Reduce speed limit on Beech Street from 30 mph to 25 mph through the Lexington Green Subdivision and to post the 25 mph speed limit throughout the neighborhood. John Hardwick moved to approve the recommendations, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

LOUDERMILK LANE PLANS

Tim Burkman presented plans for approval for construction of Loudermilk Lane on the north side of the airport. The street will become part of the municipal street system and meets all of the city standards. John Hardwick moved to approve the plans, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

VS AGREEMENT-DOWNTOWN STREETScape PHASE 3

Tim Burkman presented the agreement with VS Engineering to perform preliminary services related to environmental and historical impacts of the proposed Phase 3 Downtown Streetscape. These plans are required to receive the proposed \$600,000 in funding through INDOT. The costs outline in the agreement range from \$17,471 to \$23,053 depending on what work is required. Funding for the agreement is to come from RDC. John Hardwick moved to approve the agreement, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

COMMUNITY REQUESTS

Following requests were made from the community:

Street closure on 9/16/06 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Corner of Northview & Meadow Lane and corner of Meadow Lane and Woodlawn.

Life Chain on 10/1/06 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Use of City's banner poles by United Way from 9/5-11/3. This is subject, per Bill Oeding, if they fit our brackets.

Visiting Nurse Assn. Stroll for Hospice, on 9/17/06 starting at 2:00 p.m.

Jesse Pfeifer Walk on 10/1/06 starting at the BF Middle School at 11:00 p.m.

John Hardwick moved to approve the requests, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

Steve Doniger reminded everyone about Sunday in the Park this Sunday.

Craig Phillips advised that the Westside Annexation is effective September 19th and services will be provided starting 1/1/07.

Bill Oeding advised that his department will start work on Ransom Road to get ready for the winter.

Tim Burkman advised that the North Calumet construction is substantially complete. The west leg of Vale Park Road as it approaches Calumet will have markings and signs in regard to left turn, through and right turns.

Mayor Costas asked if engineering could look into the bike lanes at Glendale and Roosevelt to see if they can be used for right turns if clear. Maybe they could be dotted to show that they can be used. Tim said he will look into this.

The meeting adjourned.