

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
VALPARAISO, INDIANA  
JANUARY 27, 2005

The Board of Public Works and Safety met at 10:00am on Thursday, January 27, 2005. Present were Mayor Costas, Clerk Treasurer Sharon Emerson Swihart and Board Members Dave Pilz and John Hardwick.

The Mayor called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES AND CLAIMS

Mr. Pilz moved the minutes of the previous meeting be approved, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

Mr. Hardwick moved for approval of claims subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Mr. Pilz and so approved.

The Mayor reported there has been over \$40,000 in donations for the Tsunami Disaster Relief Fund. He asked the press to do a short statement that Monday is the deadline to meet the goal of \$50,000.

ITEM 1-APPROVE LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT-AUTOMATED GARBAGE  
TRUCKS & CONTAINERS

Attorney Hollenbeck stated he and Mr. Oeding have been reviewing the available options for lease purchase financing of the purchase of the automated garbage trucks and containers. They agreed that First Source Bank gave the best option and alternative for financing. He has reviewed the paperwork from the bank and now needs the Board's approval and authorization for the Mayor to sign and execute the documents. The Mayor motioned for approval of the lease purchase agreement with 1<sup>st</sup> Source Bank and to authorize himself to execute the documents on behalf of the City, seconded and so approved.

ITEM 2-APPROVE CONTRACT W/RQAW-POLICE STATION CONCEPTUAL  
DESIGN

The Mayor explained we engage RQAW to help do a needs assessment for the Police facility. It is a step process that has been narrowed down to a location downtown. At this point we need further conceptual design as well as cost works to fit in the budget and a plan on how to phase the work over time to meet the needs now and in the future. The agreement is in the amount of \$18,380. Mr. Pilz moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

ITEM 3-ANNUAL FIRE SERVICE AGREEMENT-CENTER TOWNSHIP

Attorney Hollenbeck presented the current agreement with City of Valparaiso and Center Township in the amount of \$640,000 for 2005, the same figure as

2004 and tempered by the fact this is hopefully the year to embark upon the joint project of starting construction of the Westside Fire Station. There will be a significant capital contribution and help with operational expenses by Center Township. The contract was submitted for signature. Mr. Pilz moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

#### ITEM 4-APPROVE ANNUAL CITY ATTORNEY CONTRACT

Attorney Hollenbeck presented the 2005 Legal Services contract with City of Valparaiso and Blachly, Tabor, Bozik and Hartman in the amount of \$48,000. Mr. Pilz moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

#### ITEM 5-APPROVE ANNUAL PORTER COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT

Attorney Hollenbeck presented the current contract tabled in December for further discussion as the City Council is looking at revising the local animal control ordinance. In the interim we will enter into the agreement under status quo until the issues are sorted out with the realization in the future we will establish a different relationship with the county. The Mayor moved to approve the contract, seconded by Mr. Pilz and so approved.

#### ITEM 6-APPROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Attorney Hollenbeck stated a Fire Department Grant enabled them to update and modernize the air pack equipment. There is a market for the old ones. Chief Nondorf requested the Board start the process of selling by determining these air packs are surplus and unneeded equipment and authorize the bidding process. Mr. Pilz so moved, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

#### ITEMS-7 8 9 CITIZEN REQUEST

American Legion Auxiliary request their annual Poppy Fundraiser for Friday and Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> with alternate dates of May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>

St. Paul request hosting their 8<sup>th</sup> annual 5k Spirit Run at 8am on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

The Porter County Soap Box Derby request to host their annual event on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>-rain date June 26<sup>th</sup>

Linda Zyla asked for approval with the exception of American Legion's date request being the same as a previously approved request. Arrangements will be made for alternative dates. Mr. Pilz moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

#### LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

Chief Nondorf reported they have finished some remodeling. They are about to start the new inspection program. They will be increasing the number from 100

annual inspections to 12 to 15 hundred. He will use the media to explain the new program.

Mr. Oeding gave a snow removal report. Through a cooperative effort between the City and the VEDC a "snow removal downtown" contract with Lakeshore Landscaping was enacted as a money saver compared to using City trucks and man-hours. They had the job done in 7 hours. He thanked everyone involved in notification for car removal.

Bill Hanna reported activity has been high so far this year. He thinks they have some nice expansion projects to materialize over the next few weeks.

Craig Phillips announced the meeting today for the C4.1 standards with the Plan Commission at noon. They will be presenting annexation 101 with the legal staff and people involved in the annexation process. The North East annexation is going to be on the Plan Commission agenda February 8<sup>th</sup>. Westside will be in March. There is a small Campbell Street voluntary annexation going on now.

Linda Zyla reported with the cooperation of Sue at the Water Department and Public Works timely information regarding snow removal, etc. was on the web site. The Strategic Plan and Animal Control Ordinance are also on the web site.

Mr. Hardwick stated the Water Reclamation Department reported to him debris from the last snow storm exceeded about twice the amount.....typically is debris off the streets in the storm sewers. They are trying to figure out the source with Bill Oeding. This could lead to some big problems.

Steve Doniger announced through February community meetings regarding Pathways will be held. FIT City is a community level campaign. They are putting together a FIT City council, the first meeting will be February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30am at the Forest Park clubhouse.

Don McGinley stated Westside Sewer is continuing with a small crew. Gravity sewer is in place to Howe Street.

Mr. Pilz stated in addition to the normal projects they are looking at the Strategic Plan Capital Projects to see how this will impact the next year. He spoke on the impact of the Municipal Code codification that will work in their favor as the Stormwater component of the SWO requirements is to update the Erosion Control Ordinance and to develop a new Illicit Discharge Ordinance.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

