

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
VALPARAISO, INDIANA  
MARCH 10, 2005

The Board of Public Works and Safety met at 10:00am on Thursday, March 10, 2005. Present were Mayor Costas, 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. Pilz moved for approval of claims subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

ITEM 1- APPROVAL OF NEW BUILDING DEPARTMENT FORM

Vicky Thrasher, Building Commissioner presented a new Temporary Certificate of Occupancy form that according to the ordinance the form needs approval by the Board. Mr. Hardwick moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Pilz and so approved.

The Mayor congratulated Vicky on passing the test for Certified Building Inspector to interpret building codes.

ITEM 2-APPROVE AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR  
DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Pilz stated they have narrowed the scope down to four items of work. The contract is for the first two items under that contract-the Conceptual Planning Phase, and the Field Survey Phase. Once they get into the conceptual planning phase they will come back to the Board to ask for an amendment to the contract to cover the final two items-Design Development Phase and the actual preparation of contract construction documents. The first two phases total \$66,900 and is with Land Plan Group. He stated the contract is appropriate and recommended approval, seconded by the Mayor and so approved.

ITEM 3-CITIZEN REQUESTS

Prevent Child Abuse of Porter County requested displaying blue ribbons on the trees downtown and a banner at City Hall in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Week during April 10 - 17. Mr. Pilz moved for approval, seconded by the Mayor and so approved.

The March of Dimes requested hosting their annual Walk on Sunday, May 1 at 10am at Fairgrounds Park and the surrounding area. Mr. Pilz moved for approval, seconded by the Mayor and so approved.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Pilz presented a proposed agreement for design work on the Eastgate Project with American Consulting Engineers not to exceed \$559,410 plus reimbursable expenses. Some costs can still be negotiated as some work may be done in-house. The RDC has signed off on the agreement and recommended the Board's approval. Mr. Pilz moved for that approval, seconded by the Mayor and so approved.

#### LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

Mr. McGinley reported Westside Sewer Project is moving slowly, the contractor has been there most days. They are doing some directional boring along the south side of St. Rd. 130. They are now waiting for certified engineering submittals from the contractors for work on the Howe St. Lift Station.

Mr. Pilz stated regarding the Sturdy Road Project that decorative lighting and landscaping work is in progress. The ribbon curb should be done by the end of April.

Mr. Seibert reported for Craig Phillips the Annexation 101 Workshop is Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> and is open to the public.

Ron Ziolkowski stated the City is signed up for a new web address [www.valpo.us](http://www.valpo.us) which will be more user friendly. The old address is still in service.

Chief Nondorf reported two of the firefighters did stork pins, they delivered a healthy baby girl. Mother and baby are doing fine, the firefighters are still traumatized.

Chief Brickner reported the officers Adopt-A-School program is up and running. Every school in town has officers that have adopted the school to stop in periodically to participate in events, etc. He encouraged people to register for the new notification system at the Police Department. There is now e-mail notification for people to receive various types of information. So far about 600 residents have registered. There will be a Citizens Academy lasting 10 weeks beginning in April. Running at the same time will be ..... for High School students.

Mr. Oeding said they are still patching potholes and street sweeping the winter grit away. Last weekend started the weekend roadside cleanup project.

Steve Doniger talked about the Fit City kick-off with a community breakfast meeting. They have completed the Master Plan for Pathways and are ready for presentation at the various meetings. They have received the permits for Controlled Burning and will be doing that at Creekside Golfcourse and

Foundation Meadows as weather permits. Some of the staff are certified to do this. They will be re-landscaping the City Hall grounds.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.