

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
APRIL 28, 2005

The Board of Public Works and Safety met at 10:00am on Thursday, April 28, 2005. Present were Mayor Costas, Karen Conover for the Clerk Treasurer 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.

ITEM 3-PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL DRINKING WATER WEEK

The Mayor announced this is National Drinking Water Week and read the proclamation from the Office of the Mayor City of Valparaiso proclaiming May 1st through 7th, 2005 as Drinking Water Week. Be it officially proclaimed.

ITEM 5-APPROVE PURCHASE OF 4 GARBAGE TRUCKS

Mr. Oeding presented a spreadsheet showing the bids received. Whitehouse Trucking was non-responsive as they did not submit the necessary documents for a legal bid, therefore were removed from the process. Wiers, Pyramid, and Truck City submitted bids that did not meet the specifications. They provided specs for a truck with a trough system built in which was not acceptable. They were removed as non-responsive. Great Lakes was the highest bidder therefore removed from the process. McNeilus and Best were left as competitive bidders. Delivery time is a big issue. Based on price and days they were competitive. McNeilus was removed as part of their bid was non-responsive in the weight limits of the truck were grossly under weight capacity for 2 of the trucks. The lowest or highest bids were not picked but the most competitive bid of Best Equipment of Indianapolis was recommended for a total bid of \$493,154 for 4 trucks. The lease purchase has been set up. Mr. Pilz moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

ITEM 4-BIDS-SALT STORAGE BUILDING

Karen Conover opened the bids. Mr. Oeding showed proof of publication. The bidders were Bulk Storage, Inc., Beecher, Il; Chester, Inc., Valparaiso; Gough, Inc., Merrillville; Gariup Construction Co., Inc, Gary; Pangere Corp., Gary; Ryan Construction, Inc., Merrillville; Enviro-Tech Structures-Dome Corp. of N. America, Saginaw, MI; and Sound Construction. Reed Business Group, Reed Construction sought a bid package, but was not timely. The Mayor thanked the

bidders. The bids were released to City Attorney Hollenbeck and Mr. Oeding for review.

ITEM 6-CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS-RIGHT OF WAY-NE CORNER
GLENDALE/CALUMET

Mr. Pilz stated with regard to the proposed intersection project at Calumet and Glendale they need to acquire 2 parcels of right of way in order to (inaudible). The one at the northeast corner has been appraised, they have made the offer, and the owner has rejected the offer. They will continue negotiations, but in order for the process to move along to be built this year, he asked permission to begin condemnation proceedings to make sure there is a resolution in a timely manner. He moved for condemnation, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

ITEM 7-DESIGNER DESSERTS OUTSIDE SEATING

Linda Zyla stated Mr. Wiltfang requests temporary outdoor seating. The request has been submitted to all Departments for review. They recommend approval if this is not permanent. Mr. Hardwick moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Pilz and so approved.

ITEM 8-PROPOSAL TO LEASE-PURCHASE VEHICLES FOR ENGINEERING

Mr. Pilz stated two vehicles need to be replaced-a 92 Chevy S-10 pickup, and an old police car Crown Vic. He said funds have been provided in the EDIT budget for purchase of new vehicles. They will do a lease purchase plan so the cost is spread out for a number of years. In order to complete the financing with Ford Motor Co. he needs the Board's approval to authorize him to submit the financial application. He moved for approval. Mr. Siebert stated it is the Redevelopment funds allocated for capital purchases. Mr. Hardwick seconded and so approved.

ITEM 9-CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS-RIGHT OF WAY-VALPARAISO
STREET PROJECT

Mr. Pilz stated Parcel #11 the SE corner of Valparaiso Street and Harrison is the final parcel to be acquired. They have negotiated for several months for an equitable agreement and have been unable to do that. They will continue but in an effort to be able to certify to INDOT that they have the right of way cleared and to not stall the project he needs to move ahead with the condemnation proceedings to secure the right of way. He moved for approval to authorize him to proceed, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

ITEM 10-ST. IAKOVOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH-POLICE PATROL APRIL
24TH THRU MAY 1ST

Linda Zyla stated the church requests increased Police patrol for traffic monitoring for their procession through neighborhoods. The request has been

presented to all departments and they recommend approval. Mr. Hardwick moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Pilz and so approved.

ITEM 11-CONTRACT FOR WAY-FINDING SIGNAGE

Mr. Siebert stated this started with the Hyatt-Palma study regarding downtown as well as part of the marketing and corridor management study by Camiros indicating the need for way finding signage-signs added and replaced. He presented two proposals-Landmark, Chesterton and Burkhart Signs, Ft. Wayne and South Bend. They have been working with their consultant LandPlan Group to design and develop the specs and to work with the provider. He recommended awarding the contract to Burkhart Signs. He asked to award the new prices indicated in the contract, also to approve a budget not to exceed \$48,000. The source for the funds will be the EDIT and Redevelopment funds. He asked approval of Burkharts as being the most responsive proposal for specialized and custom signs. Mr. Hardwick moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Pilz and so approved.

ITEM 12-ORAK SHRINERS SALE VIDALIA ONIONS

Linda Zyla brought to the Board the request from the Shriners for their annual sale of Vidalia Onions in front of businesses. Mr. Hardwick moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Pilz and so approved.

ITEM 13-VALE PARK ROAD PROJECT

Mr. Pilz stated the Vale Park Way Project thoroughfare plan shows that as an arterial road classification intended to carry a higher volume of traffic, there are certain standards associated with it. On this particular segment of the road they are looking for a different intent and result. To minimize the impact to the wetlands, forested areas and existing habitats they have asked the design engineer to do some things differently than normal on a conventional road design. The 2 deviations proposed for approval today relate to the center line radius, the degree of sharpness of the curves and the width of the shoulder. The approval process is done to eliminate future questions if applying for federal funds for a segment of the road or an adjacent road. He moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Mr. Pilz reported at the May 12th meeting the designers will return with the presentation on the focus block of the Downtown Streetscape Improvements.

Mr. Hardwick asked Mr. Brown to comment on Water Week scheduled for next week at 205 Billings. There will be treats, games, etc for kids and a gift certificate drawing.

Karen Conover said the Clerks office has new file cabinets in an effort to make files more accessible.

Bill Hanna said they are interviewing for his replacement. He is working on closing a business expansion project in the community that will provide 20 new positions @ \$17.00 an hour.

Mr. Oeding stated the paving program has begun with the paving of the entrance to Wal Mart. Also in progress is paving of N. Campbell north of Bullseye Lake Rd. and etc. Safety is the ultimate goal. Sidewalk work is being done. The trash containers will be arriving soon.

Craig Phillips reported the Camiros Corridor study involving local market study and land use is complete and will be distributed to members of the steering committee, department heads, etc. His staff will be presenting the zoning ordinance audit portion. They are expecting a quote and proposal from Schneider Corp. for putting together a base map.

Chief Nondorf deferred to the student chief who stated there had been 6 large structural fires recently with no injuries.

Mr. McGinley stated the Westside Sewer Project is moving forward with a liftstation soon to be started. There are 2 demolitions this week in town that should be complete tomorrow. They just broke ground for the Spencer Sewer Extension.

Linda Zyla deferred to her student rep to relate that Thursday, May 5th is National Day of Prayer.

Asst. Chief Spicer reported the parking ticket system is up and running. Code Enforcement (inaudible)

Ron Ziolkowski said tomorrow he along with the Utility Department will be doing a demonstration of management systems.

Steve Doniger's student rep stated tomorrow is Arbor Day and 200 trees will be planted at Foundation Meadows. The new Park brochure is out.

CITIZEN-INDIANA GHOST TRACKERS

Mike McDowell President of Indiana Ghost Trackers appeared for a second time to present more information on his organization. They still would like to monitor our cemeteries. He asked to revisit the issue that was recently denied by the BOW. The Mayor explained the situation to the students and opened for discussion and opinions, after which the request was denied a second time by the Mayor due to respecting the dignity of families, seconded by Mr. Pilz and so approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

