

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
VALPARAISO, INDIANA  
OCTOBER 13, 2005

The Board of Public Works and Safety met at 10:00am on Thursday, October 13, 2005. Present were Mayor Costas, Board Member John Hardwick, absent and Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Swihart. Absent was Board Member Dave Pilz.

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

MINUTES AND CLAIMS

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

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

ITEM 4-REQUEST PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE 2006 ANNUAL BIDS.

Public Works Director Bill Oeding requested permission to bid for asphalt to be considered at the November 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Asphalt will be needed for small paving projects and patch. Clerk Treasurer questioned if he would take care of the publication of the bidding process and he indicated he would. Mr. Hardwick moved to approve the request, seconded by Mayor Costas.

ITEM 5-REQUEST INSTALLATION OF A STREET LIGHT AT INTERSECTION OF  
COUNTRY CLUB ROAD AND SILHAVY ROAD.

Engineer Tim Burkman stated this issue was a result of the City Talk Life. The Traffic and Safety committee also reviewed this and they also recommend the installation of a streetlight. This is a difficult intersection to navigate. The Street Department did some clearing of the signage and also recommended the streetlight. The light will be added to our current contract with NIPSCO. Mr. Hardwick moved to approve the request, seconded by Mayor Costas.

ITEM 6-POSTING PARKING SPACE SOUTH OF LINCOLNWAY ON THE WEST  
SIDE OF LAFAYETTE STREET FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING

Engineer Tim Burkman indicated the owner of Merle Norman requested from Traffic and Safety a handicapped parking space for her business. The first spot south of Lincolnway on the west side of Lafayette Street seemed to be an ideal location and there is still plenty of parking available for non-handicapped motorists. John Hardwick moved to approve and seconded by Mayor Costas and so ordered.

#### ITEM 7 –SECONDARY PLAT/SURETYAPPROVAL FOR PORTER BUSINESS CENTER

Engineer Tim Burkman indicated Porter Business Center is a development going in off of SR2. Secondary plat was approved at the Plan Commission meeting and he is seeking approval as well, along with the surety. John Hardwick made the motion for approval, seconded by Mayor Costas.

Mayor requested Leadership Team Reports.

Absent was Economic Development Director Charlie McGill, who is on a VEDC retreat. Fire Chief Dave Nondorf and Engineer Dave Pilz are on vacation. No reports from City Administrator Bill Hanna, Planning Director Craig Phillips, Human Resource Director Karen Marben, Police Chief Mike Brickner or Mayor's Administrative Assistant Lori Good.

Public Works Director Bill Oeding indicates that leaf season has started. The goal is to get through the city every week and at that pace they plan on picking up leaves for the next 11 weeks. They have changed routes and pick up will be on the same day as recycling. The only exception is Joliet Road and its subdivisions.

Concrete repair work is being done on Washington Street from Glendale south to the railroad tracts. The goal is to prevent the situation they had on Glendale as with all of our concrete streets, repairing sections as needed. They are also repairing a section on Vale Park Road where a utility cut was not taken care of properly.

Linwood is an ambulance route which has some issues that they are working on and also plan to do some tree planting this fall with Park Director Steve Doniger.

Project Manager Don McGinley indicated that the Downtown Focus Block is on schedule. Ransom and Campbell and also Glendale and Calumet are undergoing intersection work, requiring traffic control. Projects are on schedule but everyone should be aware because of the constraints as the projects progress.

Utility Director Mr. Hardwick reported for the Water Reclamation that the secondary sanitary sewer relining on Evans Avenue is scheduled for October 24<sup>th</sup>, Milton Street turned out so well earlier this year and under budget which allows for the same type of fix concerning the Evans Avenue project. It does not require digging up the street. There will be traffic control around the manholes and it is about a four (4) day project. Project Manager Don McGinley explained the procedure.

Lakes of the Four Seasons had a significant boil order and actually ceased pumping water for over a day. The papers did a pretty good job of reporting the problem, however, the Water Department got over 30 some calls and yet it wasn't us. This still goes on and he appreciates the newspapers being specific to help alleviate the confusion as to who is being affected by it.

MIS Director Ron Ziolkowski reported that Susan Gustafson is updating the city's website again and she does an excellent job. It was urged to keep her apprised of missing links, this is a common problem when a website is changed.

Parks Director Steve Doniger indicated that between 50 to 75 trees are going to be planted this fall. Another program that is proving to be popular is to plant a tree after a birth.

He also congratulates the White Sox on their win.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting.