

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

The Board of Public Works and Safety met at 10:00 AM on Thursday, November 10, 2005. Present were Board Members Mayor Jon Costas, John Hardwick and Dave Pilz and Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Swihart.

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

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

Mr. Hardwick moved that the claims be approved subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Mr. Pilz and so approved.

Mr. Pilz advised that he has an agreement between the City and the Indiana Department of Transportation that covers the sharing of costs and outlines the structure of how the project from the Eastgate area will proceed. Mr. Pilz moved to approve the agreement, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

Mr. Pilz advised that he has the contract for the "North Calumet Partnership" for 2006. We had intended to get the work done this year but could not. The low bidder, Walsh & Kelly, agreed to hold their bid until 2006. The contract has been amended to read as such and calls for a Notice to Proceed to be issued on April 1, 2006. A change order will follow today. Mr. Pilz moved to approve the contract as amended, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

Mr. Pilz presented the change order for the above contract in the amount of \$2,500, which is an increase in the cost for some of the underground piping materials. Mr. Pilz moved to approve the change order, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

Mayor Costas advised that the information on the agenda in regard to the Transit System Project should be corrected to: "for the amount not to exceed \$25,900." Tyler Kent advised that this Plan is to do work on the proposed bus system, to decide what type of buses would be used, locations for drop-offs, etc. Mayor Costas advised that an extensive survey would be done to decide what type of transportation system would be used. There is a task list on what everyone is going to do. Different groups are helping in the background work on this project. This will be paid for out of EDIT funds, half this year and half next year. Bill Hanna advised that there might not be a bill on this until next year. Mr. Hardwick moved to approve the New Valparaiso Transit System Project Service Development Design, Capital Plan, Operating and Financial Plan, Operations Procurement Plan, (Optional) Marketing Plan, seconded by Mr. Pilz and so approved.

Dave Pilz advised that he is presenting a recommendation from the Traffic & Safety Committee for erection of stop signs on Beech Street at Parkside Avenue, which will make this a 4-way stop. Mr. Pilz moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

Bill Oeding, Public Works Department, reported that they are in the middle of leaf season. They are working overtime and Saturdays to get the job done. It will probably be another two weeks before they can taper off.

Steve Doniger, Parks Department, reported that they would be planting over 80 trees in the next couple of weeks. There will be about 30 maple trees planted on Lincolnway. Oeding advised that they are working on planting more trees than they have to remove every year.

Sharon Swihart, Clerk-Treasurer, reported that we did receive a tax advance that is keeping us afloat for a while. Hopefully we will get another one before final settlement in December.

Mayor Costas adjourned the meeting.