

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

February 9, 2012

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana met February 9, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. in City Hall. Present were Mayor Costas, Chuck Williams, Bill Oeding and Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Swihart. Mayor Costas called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Costas moved that the minutes of the January 26, 2012 meeting be approved, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved. Mayor Costas moved that the claims be approved for payment subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved. Chuck Williams abstained.

ACCEPT RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION & SIDEWALK EASEMENT

Will Rose requested acceptance of a right-of-way dedication and sidewalk easement from property located at 758 Franklin Street. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

DLZ CONTRACT

Will Rose requested approval of a contract with DLZ for the design of the traffic signal at SR49 and Bertholet Blvd. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

LEASE OF 16 INDIANA AVENUE

Bill Oeding requested approval of a lease for 16 Indiana Avenue (the old police station) with the Porter County Heritage Corporation for 25 years in the amount of one dollar. The building will house the history, arts and science exhibits of Porter County. **Mr. Oeding also stated a façade grant will be available to help with the appearance of the building.** Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

CITIZEN REQUESTS

The following requests were submitted for approval:

1. Approval is requested for the street closure on Lafayette from Lincolnway to Indiana for the annual Winter Dazzle to be held Saturday, February 25, 2012 with the street closed starting at 5pm on Friday, February 24, 2012.
2. Approval is requested for the FOP 5-9K run and 1 mile Dog Walk to be held May 19 from 9-3pm with street closure on May 18 from 5pm until May 19 at 4pm.

Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

PAUL WORTH TRUCK ROUTE

Bill Oeding requested approval for himself and the City Attorney's office to be able to finalize the agreement regarding the truck route. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

Mr. Joe Kroziak made some comments about the parking lot next to the American Legion and asked if there were any plans to improve the lot. He also had comments on the intersection of Monroe and Washington. He also commented on Will Park. He would also like everyone to be aware of homeless veterans.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

An executive session was held pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(6)(A) following the regular Board of Works meeting and only the business pertaining to the executive session was discussed.