

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

### **VALPARAISO, INDIANA**

**October 11, 2013**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana met October 11, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in City Hall. Present were Mayor Costas, Matt Murphy and Patrick Lyp. Mayor Costas called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Costas moved that the minutes of the September 27, 2013 meeting be approved, seconded by Matt Murphy and so approved. Mayor Costas moved that the claims be approved for payment and subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Matt Murphy and so approved.

#### **Fare Increase for Chicago Dash**

Taylor Wegrzyn proposed a fare increase for the Chicago Dash. Single tickets would be \$8.00 and round trip would cost \$16.00. Opened for public hearing, seeing no issues, Mayor Costas moved to approve, Seconded by Matt Murphy and so approved.

#### **RLS & Associates Contract**

Taylor Wegrzyn requested approval of contract with Ground Specialists for snow removal at Commuter Parking Lot. (23 Bid requests were sent out, two bids were received). Mayor Costas moved to approve, Seconded by Matt Murphy and so approved.

#### **V-Line Route Study**

Taylor Wegrzyn requested approval of contact with RLS & Associates for the V-Line Route Study. Mayor Costas moved to approve, Seconded by Matt Murphy and so approved.

#### **Traffic & Safety**

Matt Evans recommended two items from the Traffic & Safety Committee:

- Speed Limit on Valparaiso Street between Glendale Blvd and Appletree Lane as 30 MPH
- Speed Limit on 500N between SR 49 and 300E as 35 MPH

Mayor Costas moved to approve, Seconded by Matt Murphy and so approved.

#### **New Public Works Facility**

Matt Evans requested that the fees associated with the construction of the new Public Works facility be waived. (Right of Way, Erosion Control) Mayor Costas moved to approve, Seconded by Matt Murphy and so approved.

#### **Downtown Fall Harvest Festival**

Approval requested for the Fall Harvest Festival to be held on Friday, October 25, 2013 from 4-6pm with street closures. Mayor Costas moved to approve, Seconded by Matt Murphy and so approved.

### **2014 Solicitation of Bids- Public Works**

Matt Evans requested approval for the annual solicitation of bids for the 2014 Products and Services. Mayor Costas moved to approve, Seconded by Matt Murphy and so approved.

### **Memorandum of Understanding**

Chief David Nondorf requested approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Blue & Co., LLC. The company will recover monies from Medicaid (ambulance ridership) between 2011 - present. Mayor Costas moved to approve, Seconded by Matt Murphy and so approved.

### **Citizen Request**

The following riders of the V-Line spoke regarding several incidents with one specific rider.

- Sherry Cox
- Lynn Pierce
- Louis Yuraitis
- Patricia O'Neill
- Teresa Thorne

The rider has made threats, carried a weapon, and used racial slurs against several riders as well as drivers. The V-Line office has videotaped evidence, driver testimonies and formal complaints against the rider.

The V-Line office has sent a Certified Letter with the Rules of Conduct for the V-Line along with a letter of warning.

After a Taser was left on the bus and was confirmed the weapon belonged to The Rider, the V-Line sent another letter with the Rules of Conduct as well as a two week suspension.

Attorney, Patrick Lyp stated there has to be a progressive process that the V-Line should follow (and has done to this point) as well as a zero tolerance policy going forward for The Rider.

Mayor Costas recommends that a letter of understanding should be sent to The Rider. The letter should state that we now have a zero tolerance and that any more infractions will lead to permanent suspension of riding privileges. Mayor Costas moved to approve, Seconded by Matt Murphy and so approved.

### **Extra Business**

Attorney Patrick Lyp requested review of a Road Construction Agreement between The City and SJBZ Porter Holdings, LLC.

Mayor Costas moved to approve subject to Lawyer review, Seconded by Matt Murphy and so approved.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.