

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY  
VALPARAISO, INDIANA  
May 10, 2019**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana met May 10, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in City Hall. Present were Mayor Costas, Bill Oeding and Steve Poulos. Mayor Costas called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Costas moved that the minutes of the April 26, 2019 meeting be approved, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

Mayor Costas moved that the claims be approved for payment and subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

**Courthouse Sidewalks Easement Agreement**

Bill Oeding requested approval to enter into a Sidewalk Easement Agreement with the Porter County Board of Commissioners for sidewalks around the Porter County Courthouse. The City installed sidewalks with the agreement the County would grant the City an easement when completed.

Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

**Engagement Letter with BC&C**

Bill Oeding requested approval of the Engagement Letter with BC&C. This is to cover work done to acquire property on Silhavy. This does not cover a previous Engagement letter which is for work done in the City and is with the Board of Works.

Mayor Costas declared he is no longer a practicing attorney and sold his practice to BC&C. Other than a few payments left on the sale there is no monetary connection between him or the firm. With that disclosure he feels there is no conflict with him voting on this item.

Bill Oeding moved to approve, seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

**2018 Annual Highway Report**

Nate McGinley requested approval of the 2018 Annual Highway Report. This will be sent to the State Board of Accounts.

Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

**Silhavy Access Drive**

Adam McAlpine requested approval to award Walsh and Kelly the Silhavy Access Drive project. The bid amount totaled \$557,194.03. The Redevelopment Commission has approved this bid.

Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

#### **Citizen Requests**

1. Request approval for permission to block off street designated in request for the annual Wine Festival taking place on Saturday July 20, 2019 with street closure beginning at 6 a.m.
2. Request approval for permission to block off street for the annual Hawthorne subdivision 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration taking place on July 5, 2019 from 5 p.m.-11 p.m. (rain date July 6,2019)
3. Request approval for permission to block off streets designated in request for the VCFE annual Brewfest taking place on Saturday September 28, 2019 with street closure beginning on Friday September 27, 2019
4. Request approval for permission to block off streets designated in request for the Art Festival taking place on Saturday and Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 with additional closure on the Friday night (28<sup>th</sup>) before the event

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

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.