

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
January 15, 2021**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana met January 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in City Hall. Present were Mayor Murphy and Steve Poulos. Holly Howe was absent. Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved that the minutes of the December 28, 2020 meeting be approved, seconded by Mayor Murphy and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved that the claims be approved for payment subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Mayor Murphy and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

2021 Annual Products and Services

Brent Dickson presented a recommendation of awards for the 2021 Annual Products and Services. The recommendations are from the lowest most responsible and responsive bidders:

1A Limestone	Ralston Paving
1B Crushed Concrete	G.E. Marshall
1C ABCF Aggregates	No Bid
1D Ready Mix Concrete	Tazco
1E Asphalt AH	Rieth-Riley
1F Asphalt Hot Patch	No Bid
1G "B" Borrow	G.E. Marshall
1H Equipment	G.E. Marshall and Rieth-Riley
1I Trucking	G.E. Marshall, Ralston Paving and Rieth-Riley
2A-2M Paving and Concrete	Rieth-Riley
2N Chemical Modification Soils	No Bid
3A-3G Concrete Work	Rieth-Riley
3H Concrete Work-Street Repair	Rieth-Riley
4 Pavement Markings	No Bid
5 Slabjacking	No Bid
Crack Seal, Slurry & Micro-Surfacing	No Bid
Fuel	Co-Alliance LLP

Brent showed the price of last year's quantity and price as compared to this year's price with the same quantity. There is a savings of \$132,045.63

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to accept the recommended bids for 2021 Annual Products and Services as presented, seconded by Mayor Murphy and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

Section 125 Plan Flexible Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement

Patrick Lyp requested approval for American Fidelity to offer payroll deducted, supplemental benefits to City employees. In exchange American Fidelity prepares the City's section 125 documents which allows employees benefits on a pre-tax basis.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to approve the Agreement with American Fidelity, seconded by Mayor Murphy and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

Conflict of Interest Forms

Alina Hahn presented Conflict of Interest Forms for David Bengs, Michael Sur and Kari Bennett. All are members of the Valparaiso City Utilities Board and are associated with a business that does work for the City as a vendor. If approved by the Board of Works, they will be filed with the County Clerk and returned to the City Clerk-Treasurer's Office.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to approve Conflict of Interest Forms as presented, seconded by Mayor Murphy and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

VFD 2021 Sponsoring Hospital Agreement

Chief Dutz requested approval to enter into an Agreement between Franciscan Health Crown Point as Sponsoring Hospital and Valparaiso Fire Department as EMS Provider. This allows the Department to recertify as an Advanced Life Support ambulance provider in the State of Indiana with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. The agreement is entered into every two years. There is no fee for this. Attorney Patrick Lyp has reviewed the Agreement.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to approve the Agreement with Franciscan Health Crown Point, seconded by Mayor Murphy and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

Citizen Requests

- 2021 Valentine's Day Run taking place on February 7, 2021 beginning at 9 am and utilizing some of the City streets in Valparaiso;
- YMCA 2021 Ringing in Spring 5K road race taking place on Saturday, April 3, 2021 beginning at 7 am
- 2021 Chalk the Walk taking place on Saturday June 12, 2021 from 6 am – 1 pm

Motion: Steve Poulos moved that the citizen requests as presented be approved, seconded by Mayor Murphy and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

Fire Department FEMA Grant

Chief Dutz requested approval to file for a Grant from FEMA. This is a multi-agency grant. The Government portion of the grant is 90%. The City's matching share is \$13,000. The City of Portage will do the paperwork for the grant.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to approve letting the Fire Department submit a matching grant from FEMA, seconded by Mayor Murphy and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

Park Department Skateboard Park

Kevin Nuppnau requested approval to submit a grant request for a Skateboard Park. The grant is through the Indiana Office of Tourism Development and the Park Board will match \$100,000.00.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to approve the Park Department submitting a grant request to the Indiana Office of Tourism Development, seconded by Mayor Murphy and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.