

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
April 23, 2021**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana met April 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in City Hall. Present were Holly Howe and Steve Poulos (remote). Mayor Murphy was absent. Holly Howe called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved that the minutes of the April 9, 2021 meeting be approved, seconded by Holly Howe and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved that the claims for April 23, 2021 be approved for payment subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Holly Howe and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

Site Work Application – 2200 Memorial Parkway

Mike Jabo presented Frontier Communication's Site Work Applications for 2200 Memorial Parkway. The City Utilities and Engineering Department have reviewed and recommend approval.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to approve Frontier's Site Work Applications for 2200 Memorial Parkway, seconded by Holly Howe and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

Next Level Trail Grant Agreement

Mike Jabo explained the City of Valparaiso applied for consideration to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources' for the Next Level Trail funding for the Vale Park Road West Trail. The City's project was selected as a finalist for the NLT funding totaling \$364,500. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$520,950.00. It is the recommendation of the Engineering Department that the Board of Public Works and Safety approve the Grant Agreement in the amount of \$364,500 and allow Mayor Murphy to electronically sign the agreement as presented by the IDNR.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to approve the Grant Agreement in the amount of \$364,500 and allow Mayor Murphy to electronically sign the Agreement as presented by the IDNR, seconded by Holly Howe and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

Brooks Keystone Connection Agreement Approval, Design and Planning

Matt Zurbriggen requested approval of Professional Services from Abonmarche Consultants in the amount of \$8,750.00. This is for survey work done for the Brooks Keystone Connection. The Engineering Department recommends the Board of Works and Safety approve the payment.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to approve payment to Abonmarche Consultants for Contractual Services in the amount of \$8,750 for Brooks Keystone Connection, seconded by Holly Howe and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

Property Maintenance/Rental Housing Code Violation Matters – 401 Oak Street

Attorney Alfredo Estrada requested this matter be continued to June 25, 2021. This gives the property owner two months to do repairs.

Property Maintenance/Rental Housing Code Violation Matters – 705 Elm

Attorney Estrada reported this is a failure to appear today. He requested this be continued to May 28th with a \$50 fine per day of the violation.

Property Maintenance/Rental Housing Code Violation Matters – 804 Union

Attorney Estrada reported this is a failure to appear today. He requested this be continued to May 28th with a \$50 fine per day of the violation.

Property Maintenance/Rental Housing Code Violation Matters – 407 Center

Attorney Alfredo Estrada requested this matter be continued to June 25, 2021. This gives the property owner two months to do repairs.

Property Maintenance/Rental Housing Code Violation Matters – 412 Milton Street

Attorney Estrada reported this is a failure to appear today. He requested this be continued to May 28th with no fine.

Property Maintenance/Rental Housing Code Violation Matters – 1301 Wood Street

Attorney Estrada reported this is a failure to appear today. He requested this be continued to May 28th with no fine.

Property Maintenance/Rental Housing Code Violation Matters – 157 Greenwich Street

Attorney Alfredo Estrada requested this matter be continued to June 25, 2021. This gives the property owner two months to do repairs. In that amount of time it is anticipated the repairs will be complete and this case could be dismissed.

Property Maintenance/Rental Housing Code Violation Matters – 202 Jefferson Street

Attorney Estrada reported this is a failure to appear today. He requested this be continued to May 28th with a \$50 fine per day of the violation.

Property Maintenance/Rental Housing Code Violation Matters – 701 Franklin Street

Attorney Estrada reported there is a new owner of this property. He requested this be continued to May 28th.

Property Maintenance/Rental Housing Code Violation Matters – 602 Calumet Avenue

Attorney Estrada requested this be continued to May 28th.

Property Maintenance/Rental Housing Code Violation Matters – 808 Napoleon Street

Attorney Estrada requested this be continued to May 28th.

Property Maintenance/Rental Housing Code Violation Matters – 1307 Calumet Avenue

Attorney Estrada reported this is a failure to appear today. He requested this be continued to May 28th with a \$50 fine per day of the violation.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to accept the recommendations from Attorney Estrada as presented, seconded by Holly Howe and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

Citizen Requests

- Valpo Events Chocolate Walk taking place on May 1, 2021 from 11:00 am to 4:30 pm;
- VNA Stroll for Hospice taking place on May 2, 2021 from 12:00 noon – 5:00 pm
- Worthington Gates Block Party taking place on July 31, 2021 from 1:00 pm – 10:00 pm

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

Brooks Development – Draw #4

Matt Zurbruggen explained at the last meeting the Board approved Draw #3 for the Brooks Development. Since that time, they have been working with the Developer on adjustments to that Draw. The new amount which will be Draw #4 is in the amount of \$1,566,048.10.

League of Women Voters

Mike DeHaven requested approval of the Public Assembly form for the League of Women Voters National Day of Action to be held on April 29th from noon to 1:30 pm on the Courthouse Square.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved that the Public Assembly form for the League of Women Voters National Day of Action to be held on April 29th from noon to 1:30 pm on the Courthouse Square as presented by Mike DeHaven be approved, seconded by Holly Howe and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.