

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

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

August 11, 2011

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana met August 11, 2011, 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 July 28, 2011 meeting be approved, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved. Mayor Costas moved that the minutes of the August 4, 2011 meeting be approved, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved. Bill Oeding moved that the claims be approved for payment subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

RENEWAL OF CITY INSURANCE PLAN

Gary Fisher presented for approval the renewal of the City's Employee Insurance Plan. Employees' children between the ages of 18 and 26 have the option to be on the plan under the new federal guidelines if they have no other insurance as of September 1st. Approximately 40 of them have taken advantage of this. There is also no limit on the wellness benefits and the lifetime maximum benefit. A new third party administrator SC Miller Company will take over September 1st. Mayor Costas moved to approve OPTION #1 on the Miller quote, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY FOR VU

Approval was requested for two fireworks displays for VU on September 3rd for Communiversy Day and September 30 for Homecoming. Mayor Costas moved to approve contingent upon State approval, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

RECEIVE BIDS SILHAVY & GLENDALE PATHWAY PROJECT

Four bids were received and opened for the project. The Engineers estimate for the project is \$835,000.00. Bidders are Reith Riley \$839,885.00, Larson Danielson \$733,239.32, Hasse \$704,296.00 and Gariup 625,000.00. Tim Burkman will award the bid before the next meeting and bring the contracts for approval at that time. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

SURETY FOR WILDWIND SUBDIVISION

Tim Burkman requested approval of the surety bond for Wildwind Subdivision in the amount of \$400,000. Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

CLOSURE GARFIELD AVENUE

Tim Burkman requested approval of the permanent closure of a one block area of Garfield Avenue between Mound Street and Short Street with the right of ways to remain. Bill Oeding moved to approve, seconded by Mayor Costas and so approved.

TRAFFIC & SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

The Traffic and Safety Committee has studied the following items, has considered all apparent aspects and hereby recommends for the Board's consideration and approval:

1. Post the west side of Campbell Street between Jefferson Street and Chicago Street as "No Parking – This Side of Street".
2. Remove the "Handicapped Parking Only" sign located at the southeast corner of Franklin Street and Brown Street.
3. Post a "Stop" sign for southbound traffic on Garfield Avenue at Mound Street.
4. Install a street light at the southeast corner of the parking lot located at the southwest corner of Monroe Street and Franklin Street.

Mayor Costas moved to approve, seconded by Chuck Williams and so approved.

CITIZEN REQUESTS

1. Approval is requested for partial road closure for a 5K run/walk on Saturday, September 24, 2011 beginning at 9 a.m. for Victory Christian Academy.
2. Approval is requested for street closure for the Hawthorne Subdivision block party to be held on Saturday, August 27, 2011 from 3-11p.m.
3. Approval is requested for street closure for the Clover Lane block party on August 27, 2011 from 4-10p.m.
4. Approval is requested for footprints to be placed on the sidewalks in downtown Valparaiso from Washington St. to Morgan Blvd., on the north side of Lincolnway starting August 12th thru September 3rd when they will be removed. Matt Evans will inspect the material used before placement
5. Approval is requested for the Popcorn Festival (4 segments) to be held on Saturday, September 10, 2011.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.