

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
VALPARAISO, INDIANA  
JULY 25, 2003

The Board of Public Works and Safety met at 9:30am on Friday, July 25, 2003. Present were Mayor Butterfield, Clerk Treasurer Sharon Emerson Swihart and Board Members Dave Pilz and John Hardwick.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Mr. Pilz moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

CLAIMS

Mr. Hardwick moved that the claims be approved subject to appropriation balances, seconded by the Mr. Pilz and so approved.

PROPOSALS-STIMSON DRAIN STORMWATER PROJECT

Mayor Butterfield announced the proposals and stated the proof of publication. The Clerk Treasurer opened the bids that were read by Mr. Pilz who explained that the bid is for engineering design services to design alternative best management practices for the Stimson Drain Watershed. The DNR requested this process to have competitive (inaudible)

Christopher B. Burke Engineering LTD, Indianapolis-\$67,482 w/alternates  
DLZ Engineers, Hammond-\$55,340  
IVA McRoberts, W. Dundee, Il-\$48,905 w/additional \$42,878  
J F New, Walkerton-\$125,000  
SEH, Hammond-\$128,560 w/alternates

Mr. Pilz thanked the bidders, and moved to take the proposals under advisement until the next scheduled Board of Works meeting, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

SEWAGE UTILITY

Don McKinley, Utilities Director asked the Board's permission to solicit bids for a Vactor truck and to receive bids at the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting which will likely put receiving it in next years budget. His department will do the legal and publication. Mr. Pilz moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

With regard to the Silhavy Road Improvement bids from the last meeting, Mr. Pilz is ready to award the contract subject to receipt of the performance and payment bonds and execution of the agreement and the insurance certificates. He moved to award the contract to Rieth-Riley in the amount of \$417,616.70 their base bid. Mr. Hardwick seconded, and so approved.

Harrison West and Masters Apartments sewer projects are ready for acceptance into the City system. He moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

In regard to Hotter Lagoon, in the past there was created a deed restriction to protect in perpetuity the wetlands that exist there and are also being mitigated. They have the opportunity to recover some costs related to that through a program with the US Department of Agriculture that reimburses entities for some of the costs involved. He asked permission to apply for those funds. Mr. Hardwick seconded and so approved.

With regard to the Valparaiso Street Project, they are in the process of acquiring lands, but have failed to reach an agreement on Parcel #7 on a price and the time has now expired for negotiating. Mr. Pilz recommended that the Board authorize him to begin condemnation proceedings with the City Attorney. Mr. Hardwick seconded and so approved.

#### CITIZEN REQUESTS

The residents of the 1500 & 1600 blocks of Elm Street request a block party on August 9<sup>th</sup> from noon to 10pm.

Memorial Opera House requests blocking Indiana Ave. from Franklin St. to their parking lot on October 31<sup>st</sup> from noon till Nov 1<sup>st</sup> at noon for a fund-raiser.

Studio 64 School of Art request to block the alley between 62 and 64 Lincolnway from 3 to 11pm Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Pilz moved for approval of the three requests, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

#### ANIMAL SHELTER CONTRACT

The Mayor presented the Porter County Animal Shelter Contract for 2004 that has an increase of \$150 for a total of \$20,150. Mr. Pilz moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

#### POPCORN FEST

The VCFE request the annual Popcorn Fest in the downtown area. Pursuant to our ordinance they are applying for a permit. Mr. Pilz moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Hardwick and so approved.

In relation to the Fest, there is a request from a sign company to put up and take down the banners. The Mayor referred this item to Street Commissioner Tony Shivley.

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting.