

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
January 5, 2022**

Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag: Mr. Snedecor called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held with the building open to the public and a call-in number for remote public participation.

Roll Call: The following members were present: Mr. Lain, Mrs. Longer, and Mr. Snedecor. Also present: City Attorney McCarthy.

Reading of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of December 15, 2021 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Correspondence: Phil Gralik, City Engineer, advised that the Engineering Department has hired Alex Olesker as Deputy Engineer. He graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Civil Engineering. Alex was also an intern with the City this past summer.

Mrs. Longer reported that an email went out to Board on December 30th with the Report of Transfers and Encumbrances. The Board acknowledged receipt of the report.

Approval of Register of Claims and Payroll Claims: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Snedecor, to accept and sign the register of claims and payroll claims as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Snedecor requested that the Engineering Services Contract with Butler, Fairman, & Seufert for SW Regional Lift Station and Force Main Sanitary Sewer System Improvement be added. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the agenda as amended. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Update/Review: Unsafe Building/Sidewalk: Cagney's, re: 236 Main St: John Pappas, Managing Partner of Cagney's was present telephonically. Phil Gralik, City Engineer stated that the cracks on the sidewalk have not been sealed and now that the temperature is colder outside, a caulk/sealant would need to be used that can handle the cold up to 40 degrees. A request was made on the update on the rear of the building and John stated that Nick was handling this and there was no update. Phil stated that the City did provide a list of the issues that needed to be taken care of. John said that he would get in touch with Nick to get an update on the rear of the building. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain to continue this matter for review and update on the sidewalk and a plan for the rear of the building at the January 19, 2022 meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for sidewalk waiver: Dan Kettwig, re: 1480 E. 61st: Phil Gralik, City Engineer stated that this was at the corner of Liberty and 61st Ave which is a dead end. Phil did recommend approving the sidewalk waiver for only 61st Ave. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to approve the sidewalk waiver for 61st Ave. only for 1 year or until the City decides that a sidewalk be installed at the owner's expense. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Approval & Acceptance of Indemnification Agreement: Hobart Laundry & Dry Cleaners remediation: re: 33 Main: Phil Gralik, City Engineer stated that the business will be pumping water out of the ground and discharging it into our sanitary sewer system. Phil recommended that the Board approve this based

on the legal departments view on this. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain to continue this matter to the January 19, 2022 meeting for legal review. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Request to extend fence: Brian Bruce: re: 900 W. 3rd Pl.: Mr. Bruce was present in person. He is requesting to extend his fence to the front of his home to the sidewalk. The municipal code does not allow for a permanent fence to extend the front of your house. If he wanted to pursue this, he would need to go through the BZA for a variance. Mr. Snedecor and Mrs. Longer both suggested landscaping to act as the barrier between his house and the neighbor. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Snedecor to deny the request to extend the fence. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) The request is denied.

Request to remove tree from easement: Daniel Saitta: re: 630 E. 11th St.: Mr. Saitta was present in person. Kelly Smith, Superintendent of Public Works provided 3 quotes to have the tree removed. Edmonds was \$5,500.00 Cam's was \$4,300.00 and Ellenbergers was \$3,650.00. The City arborist did recommend that the tree be removed. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve Ellenbergers to do the tree removal for \$3,650.00 by 02-01-2022 as that is when their quote expires. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Request to eliminate parking space on Center St. near mailboxes: Sandra Paulson: re: Center St. Parking Lot: Mr. Snedecor discussed that with it being winter and the colder weather is upon us, that it would be difficult to act on this right now. The cold weather would also make it difficult to try and paint the curb as well. He does agree that this parking place does cause an obstruction of vision. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mrs. Longer to continue this matter to the April 6, 2022 meeting for further review. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Review and Acceptance of Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Statements: For Brian Snedecor: motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to accept the Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Statements. All aye, motion carried. (2-0) Brian abstained. For Deborah Longer: motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Snedecor to accept the Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Statements. All aye, motion carried. (2-0) Deborah abstained.

Engineering Services Contract: Butler, Fairman & Seufert: SW Regional Lift Station and Force Main Sanitary Sewer System Improvement: Jake Dammarell from BF&S was present in person. He stated that this was for the design of the new lift station that will be on Arizona St. south of 61st Ave. Phil Gralik, City Engineer stated that this project will be needed for future development in the area. ARPA funds and County funds will be used for this project. Attorney McCarthy stated that this contract was in good order and had no issues with moving forward. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve the Engineering Service Contract for the SW Regional Lift Station and Force Main Sanitary Sewer System Improvement as presented and not to exceed \$295,400.00. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Announcements: David Krueger: 7191 Mississippi St. came forward and stated that he now has flooding in the back of his property from Marco Tamayo's property that he didn't have before. Attorney McCarthy advised him that this matter will need to be turned over to Code Enforcement.

Mr. Snedecor asked if there was anyone who wished to address the Board and there was no further response.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.


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