

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA  
January 20, 2021**

**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 and Mrs. Longer, and Mr. Snedecor. Also present: City Attorney McCarthy (telephonically).

**Reading of Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 6, 2021 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Correspondence:** Brandon Towle, BF&S, provided an update on the 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Bridge stating they are working through the punch list of final items and the upward facing lights should be delivered in the very near future. He noted there were some issues with a cross connection of the electric and it should now be fixed.

**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:** Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to approve the agenda as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Review: Order to Appear: Property Maintenance & Other Violations: Marco Tamayo, re: 7197 Mississippi St.: Lt. Russo:** Mr. Tamayo was not present. City Planner Ross Pietrzak submitted a letter based on Plan Commission actions of January 7<sup>th</sup> stating the Plan Commission has requested that proposed elevation/contour drawings be submitted; proposed drainage plans based on the proposed elevations/contours be submitted; and to coordinate with the Engineering Dept. to determine the need for a Storm Water Pollution and Prevention Plan (SEPPP) and proceed accordingly. City Engineer Phil Galik noted these items will take some time to produce and recommended the Board continue this matter. Attorney McCarthy stated that Mr. Tamayo's attorney, Carrie Castro, was present at the Plan Commission meeting and understood the requirements as stated. Lt. Russo stated he has had some additional complaints about selling of vehicles or working on vehicles but he has not witnessed any violations. The neighbors were asked to provide code enforcement with any photos or videos they may have of current issues to allow code enforcement to follow up. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to continue this item and set it for review at the February 17, 2021 meeting of the Board of Works. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Update: Code Violation: Operation of Commercial Animal Establishment or Kennel: Julie & Derie Patton, re: 493 Quail Ct.: Lt. Russo:** Ms. Patton was present and stated she is in the process of purchasing property to build a home and move out of the City. She stated she still has the remaining puppies but is not currently breeding or selling the dogs. She agreed there would be no additional breeding until they move from the area and the construction would take 8-10 months. Attorney McCarthy noted the HOA was going forward to address the concerns but she did not know the current

status of actions by the HOA. Motion by Ms. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to continue this matter to the March 3, 2021 meeting of the Board of Works for an update, requesting Ms. Patton provide an executed contract for the Board's review. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Consideration of Change Order No. 10 and Change Order No. 11: 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Bridge Project: Brandon Towle, BF&S:** Mr. Towle explained that Change Order #10 is for subsurface drainage issues regarding the water main and fire hydrant to prevent any future issues and is for a total of \$10,909.30. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve Change Order No. 10 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)


Mr. Towle stated that Change Order #11 is to retire a variety of service points and install 1 new service point on the E side of the bridge and to reroute the fees to consolidate all into one service point at a cost of \$27,237.15. Motion by Ms. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve Change Order No. 11 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

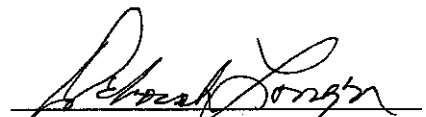
**Request to Pave Easement: Van Gurley, Lincoln Highway LLC re: 3990 E. Lincoln Highway:** Building Official Jeremy Ogden stated the contractor had already paved the easement area and the owner was unaware that the required permissions had not been obtained. He noted the drainage and the pavement grade is up to the standards required. Mr. Lain stated the Plan Commission had required some green space to be installed as part of the site plan and Mr. Gurley had assured Mr. Ogden that he would install this in the spring. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Ms. Longer, to approve the paving of the easement and sign the Maintenance Agreement presented to be recorded subject to the required Plan Commission Landscaping requirements. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Announcements:** Resident Mr. Zivic, County Line Road, questioned whether County Line Road Project was going to be discussed as he was told it was on this agenda. Mr. Gralik noted there is a public meeting tomorrow evening regarding 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue but nothing scheduled for County Line Road. Attorney McCarthy stated that she has been in communication with the INDOT Legal Dept. and they are working on responding to the questions posed during the public hearing for County Line Road and will be responding soon. She noted the City is not in a position to share anything at this time as the project is controlled by INDOT. Mr. Zivic stated some of the residents were given a deadline to sell the right-of-way for the project and Mr. Gralik stated there was a decision made to go forward to secure some of the smaller easements needed as it would be much more expensive if an additional appraisal had to be obtained in the future for the same parcel. Discussion followed regarding the traffic patterns put in place when the orchard is open. Police Chief Zormier stated that he will be looking at this in late summer and will notify the area residents, possibly with door-to-door flyers, showing the traffic plans. Mr. Sikora asked if the County Line Road project is being deferred. Mr. Snedecor stated that all correspondence needs to be sent to INDOT.

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.

  
SECRETARY *Witness/Attest*

  
PRESIDING OFFICER