

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA  
February 19, 2020**

**Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag:** Mayor Snedecor called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** The following members were present: Mr. Lain, Mrs. Longer and Mayor Snedecor. Also present: City Attorney McCarthy and Admin. Asst. C. Govert

**Reading of Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 5, 2020 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Correspondence:** The State of the City will take place tonight at the Hobart Community Center at 6:00 p.m.

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Snedecor asked the Board to consider adding the Long-Term Operation and Maintenance Agreement with A Safe Haven Veterans Housing to the agenda. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to approve the agenda with the addition. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Review: Property Maintenance Issues: Julius Collins, re: 7257 DeKalb St.:** Cpl. Snedecor, Code Enforcement, was present and said that Mr. Collins was in compliance and recommended removing this item from the agenda. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to accept compliance and remove this matter from the agenda. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Review: Property Maintenance & Other Violations: Marco A. Tamayo, re: 7197 Mississippi St.:** Cpl. Snedecor noted that all code violations had been abated, however Mr. Tamayo is still working with the City Engineer and Planning/Zoning Department on other issues. Mr. Tamayo was present with Ms. Ferba translating. He said that he had contacted an engineer, but at this time he does not have a signed contract. Mr. Snedecor explained that at the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting the Board required Mr. Tamayo to have a certified Site-Plan or signed contract by the meeting tonight. He also asked Mr. Tamayo why that had not been done. Mr. Tamayo said that Mr. Garcia, the civil engineer, was doing another job and did not want to commit to another job before that was finished. Mr. Snedecor also mentioned the \$1,000 fine which was imposed at the December 4, 2019 meeting and told Mr. Tamayo he could be fined again if he fails to comply. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to require Mr. Tamayo to appear before the Board of Works on March 4, 2020 with a signed contract for site work is expected. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Update: Unsafe Building: US Bank National Association, re: 1317 S. Lake Park Ave.:** Attorney Flora, US Bank, was present and said that the bankruptcy has been filed and the plan shows that Mr. Tomich would like to keep the property. He also noted that it could take 90-120 days before US Bank could file a motion of relief. City Attorney McCarthy said that the City has the right to move forward if the property is a public safety risk. Mr. Snedecor said that Lt. Russo and staff can do a site visit to assess any public safety issues. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to set this item over for review at the

March 4, 2020 meeting of the Board of Works and have Staff do a site visit to assess public safety issues. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Update: Unsafe Building: Karen Boruff, re: 229 N. Ohio St.:** Mr. Eshelman was not present. Mr. Lain said that he met with Mr. Eshelman and work is almost complete except for the handicap bathroom. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to set this matter over for review and full compliance at the May 20, 2020 meeting the Building Official is to review until complete and in compliance. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Continued: Consideration of Memorandum of Agreement: HIDTA (FBI/GRIT) re: Occupancy Agreement:** Attorney McCarthy noted that the title of the agreement changed adding Crown Point as fiduciary for Indiana HIDTA, but the substance of the agreement is the same. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Indiana HDITA Executive Board, the City of Crown Point, Indiana, Fiduciary for Indiana HIDTA and the City of Hobart, Indiana for Reimbursement of Occupancy Expenditures as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

#### NEW BUSINESS:

**Request for "No Outlet" Sign at Liverpool and W. 40<sup>th</sup> Ave.:** Caleb Verduzco, re: 3124 W. 40<sup>th</sup> Ave.: Mr. Verduzco was not present. Mr. Snedecor said there is a need for a sign at this location. Mr. Laco, Public Works Supt., agreed but the request was for 2 signs and he believes only 1 is needed. He also noted that he has a "Dead End" sign available and will install that if there are no objections. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve 1 "Dead End" sign at the intersection of Liverpool and 40<sup>th</sup> Ave. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Request for a 4-Way Stop at the Intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Pennsylvania:** Chief Zormier was present and said he did the traffic study and has no objection to the sign placement. This is a bus stop and currently a 2-way E/W stop. Discussion about traffic once the 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Bridge and the new elementary school opens was held. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to approve the 4-way stop at the intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Pennsylvania as requested. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Acceptance of Dedication of Public Right-of-Way: Erin Yanz, re: Erin's Farm, 5200 Liverpool Rd.:** Mr. Pietrzak, Zoning Administrator, said that this dedication of Public Right-of-Way is part of a rezone which received a favorable vote from the Plan Commission with the dedication as a contingency. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to accept the Dedication of Public Right-of-Way as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Consideration of Long-Term Maintenance and Operation Agreement (LTMOA): A Safe Haven Veterans Housing:** Mr. Kingsland was present and recommended approval of the agreement. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Snedecor, to approve the Long-Term Maintenance and Operation Agreement with A Safe Haven Veterans Housing as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Announcements:** Mr. Snedecor said that the State of the City Address will be tonight at 6:00 p.m. at the Hobart Community Center.

Mr. Snedecor said that Mr. Gutierrez, Puerta del Sol LLC, has paid in full for the building at 200 Main Street.

Mrs. Kirby, 7201 Mississippi Street, asked if she could meet with someone regarding 7197 Mississippi Street. Flooding is still a problem and she would like an update. Zoning Administrator, Mr. Pietrzak and

City Engineer, Phil Gralik, will meet with her after the meeting tonight.

Mr. Tom Silich, 3800 Roche St., addressed the Board with several issues including the outage of 8-9 streetlights on Hwy. 6; the lighthouses on Hwy. 6 need service; and the apron by Carlisle at 38<sup>th</sup> St. is washing away. Councilman Wells said that semi traffic has damaged the corner of Brown and 38<sup>th</sup> Ave. and could use a "No Semi Traffic" sign. Discussion was held about the abandoned house on the corner at 3789 38<sup>th</sup> Ave. which Mr. Hannigan and Mr. Fulton will discuss. Mr. Silich also said that he is rehabbing the beach at Rosser Park and is hoping to open that this summer.

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 4:50 p.m.

  
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