

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
March 20, 2019**

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 and a moment of silence for former Mayor, Robert Malizzo, who passed away on March 14, 2019.

Roll Call: The following members were present: Mr. Lain, Mr. Ehrhardt and Mr. Snedecor. Also present: C-T Longer and Admin. Asst. C. Govert.

Reading of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 6, 2019 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Correspondence: Update: Streetscape Project: Brandon Towle, BF&S, was present and stated that the Lake George Gateway is complete and soon work will begin on the bridge.

Rick Pluta gave a brief update about the clean-up and demolition at 3rd and Center Street. He stated that he has received bids for the demolition and hopefully the process will begin soon. The sidewalk clean-up will begin in the next 7-10 days. The demolition was approved by the Hobart Historical Preservation Commission at their meeting last night.

Mr. Fulton received a letter from Greymorr Real Estate which said that they had purchased the property at 347-349 Main Street, at the Lake County Delinquent Tax Sale and are waiting on the deed to move forward. Their plan is to sell the property "as is" and their office has received a promising offer on the property. Mr. Alan Watkins was present and is in the process of purchasing the property and plans to demolish the back building and renovate the main building for future business. Mr. Watkins said the contract close date should be May 18, 2019, at that time he will go before the Hobart Historical Preservation Commission to get permission/direction on how to proceed.

Approval of Register of Claims and Payroll Claims: Motion by Mr. Ehrhardt, seconded by Mr. Lain, 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 solicitation for bids for the 2019 Road Construction Materials Contract and Request for outdoor dining for 3 Monkeys/Brick House Grill. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to approve the agenda as amended. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Unfinished Business:

Annual Review: Request for Outdoor Dining: Montego Bay Grille, 322 Main Street: Mr. Jackson was not present. Mr. Snedecor stated that Mr. Jackson plans to use the same site plan as last year. Mr. Gralik, City Engineer, gave the Board a copy of the Public Rights-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines regarding the ADA Requirement changes and said that this may apply to Mr. Jackson's request. The Board agreed that every petitioner should be given these guidelines when outdoor dining requests are made. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the request for outdoor dining for one year and to provide the petitioner with the tech guidelines regarding the ADA changes. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

New Business:

Request to plant Native Plants in the City Easement: Jake Cseke, 1205 Lincoln St.: Mr. Cseke was present and is asking to plant native plants and shrubs in the easement instead of grass. Mr. Cseke presented the Board with a list of native plants and trees that may be used. Discussion was held about setting up a meeting for Kelly Goodpaster and Mr. Cseke to discuss plantings. Mr. Snedecor said he would facilitate the meeting. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to set this item over for review at the April 3, 2019 meeting of the Board of Works and set up a meeting between Mr. Cscke and Mrs. Goodpaster to discuss plans. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

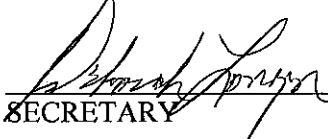
Resolution 2019-03: A Resolution Appointing Appraisers of Certain Real Estate for Potential Purchase by the City: The Resolution was read. The Resolution appoints Bochnowski Appraisal Company of Highland and AER Group of Valparaiso as the appraisers. Motion by Mr. Ehrhardt, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve Resolution 2019-03 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

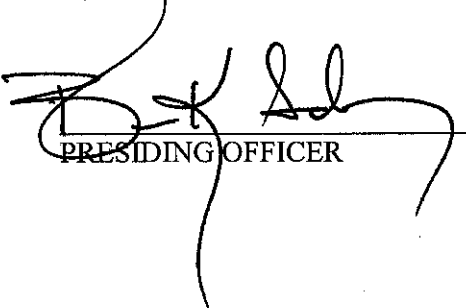
Request for Outdoor Dining: Three Monkeys/Brick House Bar & Grill, 230 Main Street: Mr. Blake and Mr. Evans are the new owners of the establishment and were present. They are requesting sidewalk dining in front of the restaurant. Mr. Galik said that the tech guidelines mentioned earlier in the meeting will also apply to this request. Fire Chief Smith also said that there will have to be more than one exit/entry point and no "choke" point exits. It was also suggested no advertisements on the umbrellas other then the business name. Discussion about the fencing design and decor for future requests was held. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to approve the request for outdoor dining at 230-230 1/2 Main Street for 1 year and review in March of 2020. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Consideration of Solicitation for Bid: 2019 Road Construction Materials Contract: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt to approve the Solicitation for bid for the 2019 Road Construction Materials Contract as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

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

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


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