

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA  
May 1, 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.

**Roll Call:** The following members were present: Mr. Lain, Mr. Ehrhardt and Mr. Snedecor. Also present: Attorney McCarthy, 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 April 17, 2019 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Correspondence:** Update: Streetscape Project: Brandon Towle, BF&S, gave a brief update stating that the Streetscape project is still holding until the bridge is ready. Third Street is closed at the bridge and work will start with seawall and sheet piling. This will allow time for utility relocates to be done before demolition of the bridge.

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

**Unfinished Business:**

**Tabled: Request to Plant Tree in Easement:** Miriam Ehrenfeld, re: 800 Lake St.: Motion by Mr. Ehrhardt, seconded by Mr. Lain, to have this item remain tabled. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Review: Request to hold Fireworks Demonstration on Hobart Little League parking lot:** re: 2301 Field of Dreams Dr. on May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at dusk: Heather Duhon & Kerrie Thorton, Kaboom Fire Works: Ms. Duhon was present and noted that she had talked to Police and Fire Depts. and sent the Certificate of Insurance Liability. She believes everything is in order. Ms. Duhon will sign a performance indemnification agreement for our files. Fire Chief Smith and Police Chief Zormier both stated that no problems have occurred in the past and the Depts. are fine with the demonstration. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to approve the request to hold a fireworks demonstration at the Hobart Little League parking lot on May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> starting at dusk. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) Mr. Snedecor requested that the fireworks show end no later than 10:30 p.m.

**Review for Full Compliance:** Jason & Tracy Baimakovich, re: 11 Willow Pl.: Mr. and Mrs. Baimakovich were not present. Building Official Mike Hannigan, said that no progress has been made and he has had no contact with the owners. Discussion was held about how much time has been given to the owners and the 2 previous fines of \$250.00 that were imposed. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to impose an additional \$500 fine for a total of \$1,000, have Mr. Hannigan send a certified letter ordering them to appear at the June 5, 2019 Board of Works meeting and to have the pool removed or the fence up by that time to have full compliance. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Review: Request for Sign Change on Liverpool Rd.:** Petra Julian, re: 5545 S. Liverpool Rd.: Public Works Supt. Mr. Dubach said that "Deer Crossing" signs have been placed and the "High Water" sign has

been removed. Motion by Mr. Ehrhardt, seconded by Mr. Lain, to remove this item from the agenda. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**New Business:**

**Request for Stop Sign at Home Ave. & Pennsylvania St.:** Christine Garner, 101 N. Pennsylvania St. Mr. Tom Hass, 1676 Lincoln St., was present for Ms. Garner. She is making this request for several reasons: her children play in the front yard and cars speed in that area all the time, the new school will be open soon and there is a local daycare at this intersection. Chief Zormier said he had a traffic study done in that area and he agrees that a stop sign is needed due to the new school and local daycare in the area but not to deter speeding. Chief Zormier recommends that this intersection become a 4-way stop. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to approve this request for a 4-way stop at the recommendation of the Police Chief. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Request for "Dead End" Sign at Entrance of Alley:** Cindy Owen, 1201 W. 39<sup>th</sup> Ave.: Ms. Owen was present and requested a "Dead End" sign at the entrance to the alley on 39<sup>th</sup> Ave. Vehicles come down the alley and do not realize there is no outlet causing ruts in the easement and damage to her driveway when they turn around. Public Works Supt. John Dubach, said he agrees that the sign is needed. Motion by Mr. Ehrhardt, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the request and have Public Works place a "Dead End" sign at the entrance of the alley as requested. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Request to Improve Easement:** John Steininger, re: 495 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St.: Sharon Auttersson the home owner, was present and presented photos to the Board stating that the area is always muddy. She would like to use gravel or pave the easement in order to have less mess and improve the area. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the request to improve the easement between the alley and driveway with asphalt or concrete at the owner's expense. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Request to Improve Easement:** Buzz Underwood, re: Lincoln Carry Outs, re: 1002 Lincoln St.: Mr. Underwood was present and presented photos to the Board asking for permission to fix the easement in the parking lot of Lincoln Carry Outs. When the State did improvements in that area a gap was left between the street and the easement and customers drive over it, scraping the bottoms of their cars and this could cause potential damage. Mr. Underwood has sent a request to the State to have this fixed but is willing to pay for this on his own in order to fix the problem. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to approve the request to improve the easement area with asphalt or concrete at the owner's expense. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Consideration of Award of Contract:** re: 2019 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Contract: City Engineer, Phil Gralik, recommends awarding the contract to J & J Newell as the lowest and most responsible bidder for this project. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to award the 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Contract to J & J Newell as the lowest and most responsible and responsive bidder. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Consideration of INDOT-LPA Contract:** re: 61<sup>st</sup> Ave. & Marcella Blvd. PE Services: Jake Dammarell, BF&S, gave a brief description of the 61<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Marcella Boulevard Intersection Improvements Project for which the City received federal funds. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to approve the contract as presented in the amount not to exceed \$516,840. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Approval of Community Crossings Grant Agreement:** Local Roads and Bridges Matching Grant: Mr. Gralik said the City has received a \$1,000,000 from the State which is a matching grant for 50% of the eligible costs and the City is in the process of receiving bids. The scope of work will include repairs to 41<sup>st</sup> Ave., Bracken Pkwy., Lake Park Ave., Wisconsin Street, East and Second St., Softwood Dr. and 83<sup>rd</sup>

Ave. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to approve the agreement as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Consideration of Proposals re: Safe Routes to School Project: VS Engineering, Inc.: Title Research Services, Right-of-Way Plan Development, and Right-of-Way Staking and Project Management for Right of Way Acquisition Services:** Mr. Gralik stated that the scope of work will now focus on 8<sup>th</sup> Street which will limit Right-of Way Services. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to approve the proposals from VS Engineering, Inc. for Title Research Services, Right-of-Way Plan Development, and Right-of-Way Staking in the amount of \$48,025; and approve the proposal for Project Management for Right-of-Way Acquisition Services in the amount of \$64,595 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

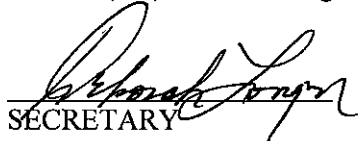
**Signing of Plan Title Sheet: 2019 CCMG Roadway Resurfacing Plans:** Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to approve and sign the title sheet for the 2019 CCMG Roadway Resurfacing Plans as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Announcements:** Mayor Snedecor thanked the Lift Station and Public Works Departments for their non-stop work during the rain event over the past couple of days. Several streets throughout the City are closed due to flooding and they are working to keep the water flowing, great job.

Mr. Dammarell announced that on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at noon there will be a ground breaking ceremony at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge to kick off the project, the public is welcome.

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 Mr. Ehrhardt, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

  
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