

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA  
May 15, 2019**

**Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag:** Mr. Lain 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 and Mr. Ehrhardt. Also present: C-T Longer and Admin. Asst. C. Govert. Absent: Mr. Snedecor.

**Reading of Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 1, 2019 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

**Correspondence:** Update: Third Street Bridge Project: Brandon Towle, BF&S, distributed a status report: ICC has mobilized onto site and closed the road. Clearing of the Right of Way began with removal of the existing steel railing, guardrail and other loose items off the existing bridge. Sheet piling began in the southeast quadrant. Sheet piling will continue through this week into next on the east side of the bridge. This will allow the over-head utilities to relocate further south to make way for the bridge demolition. Brandon also noted that some work had been done at the Lake George Gateway and trees and pavers will be going in at City Hall.

**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. (2-0)

**Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Lain asked to add two items to the agenda: Partial Release of Performance Mortgage re: B3 Properties; and Update on Fire Dept. Quint disposal for scrap. Motion by Mr. Ehrhardt, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the agenda with the additions. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

**Unfinished Business:**

**Tabled: Request to Plant Tree in Easement: Miriam Ehrenfeld, re: 800 Lake St.:** Mrs. Ehrenfeld was not present. Motion by Mr. Ehrhardt, seconded by Mr. Lain, to remove this item from the table and to remove this item from the agenda. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Attorney DeBonis Arrives.

**Continued: Notice to Abate: Property Maintenance Issues: Garry Lee & Mary Kell Maris, 4380 W. 57<sup>th</sup> Ave.:** Mr. and Mrs. Maris were not present. Lt. Russo stated that he received the green card back from the certified letter which gave an order to appear. The property still has several Ordinance violations including some new ones. Lt. Russo recommends towing of the large trailers, which would be very costly or to impose a fine. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to give the owner 30 days to be in full compliance, impose a \$1,000 fine and order the owners to appear at the June 19, 2019 meeting of the Board of Works. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

**Update: Order to Comply/Unsafe Building Code Violations: US Bank National Association, re: 1317 S. Lake Park:** The owner is not present. Mr. Hannigan said that notices have been sent to US Bank, but he has not had any response. Mr. Hannigan said that this house has been added to a list of 8 houses for demolition, bids are due on June 3, 2019 and recommends tabling any action to demolish until the June 5,

2019 meeting of the Board of Works. Motion by Mr. Ehrhardt, seconded by Mr. Lain, to set this item over for review at the June 5, 2019 Board of Works meeting. Attorney DeBonis asked if the house had been sold in a tax sale or foreclosed on. Mr. Hannigan stated that according to Lake County, US Bank is the owner, however he has had no contact and the green cards from the certified letters have not been returned. Mr. Lain called for the question. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

#### **New Business:**

**Notice to Abate: Property Maintenance Issues: Patrick Bravo, re 7675 Colorado S. Colorado Street:** Lt. Russo stated that the Notice to Abate is in full compliance and recommends removing this item from the agenda. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to accept compliance and remove this item from the agenda. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

**Order to Comply: Illegal Driveway Cut: Patrick Bravo, re: 7675 S. Colorado Street.:** Mr. Bravo was present. Mr. Hannigan, Building Official, said that work had been started without permits for a driveway. Mr. Bravo said that he applied for the permits this week and all work has halted until he receives approval. Motion by Mr. Ehrhardt, seconded by Mr. Lain, to table this item for review at the June 5, 2019 meeting of the Board of Works. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

**Notice to Abate: Property Maintenance Issues: Daniel, Carolyn, Shannon, and Dean Denisiuk, re: 7663 Colorado Street:** The owners were not present. Lt. Russo said that he had done a walk through with Dean Denisiuk today and the property is 95% done and recommends continuing this item for review at the June 19, 2019 meeting. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to set this item over for review for full compliance at the June 19, 2019 meeting of the Board of Works. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

**Notice to Abate: Improper Home Occupation/Trailer Parking: Karene Orsini/Ignacio Cotto, re: 940 Lake Street:** Mr. Cotto was present. Lt. Russo stated that there are overweight vehicles and a trailer parked on the residential street, Mr. Cotto is conducting business at his home which is also an Ordinance violation. Lt. Russo is asking for a standing order to take action, including tows if there are future violations due to similar issues in the past. Mr. Cotto said that he is not running a business from his home, he was fixing a truck that belongs to his son and used one of the trucks as a lift. Attorney DeBonis said that Mr. Cotto has been before this Board with the same excuse in the past and would recommend imposing a fine. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to impose a fine of \$100 which should be paid within 30 days/no later than June 14<sup>th</sup>, and authorize a standing order with the Hobart Police Department that any future vehicle violation be towed. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

**Consideration of Approval: Three (3) Temporary Construction Easements for NIPSCO:** Bob Fulton explained that as a part of its Infrastructure Modernization Plan, NIPSCO plans to install a 24" natural gas transmission line, a portion of the project will cross property owned by the City of Hobart. NIPSCO will pay the City \$2,275 for the temporary use of the easements. Mr. Fulton said that this agreement has been reviewed by Attorney DeBonis and recommends approval. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt to approve the 3 Temporary Construction Easements for NIPSCO for \$2,275 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

**Consideration of Summer Market Concert Contracts:** Nikki Lopez submitted the contracts and related documents for the Summer Market Concert Series: May 30<sup>th</sup> Smarty Pants \$480; June 6<sup>th</sup> Got Issues \$350; June 13<sup>th</sup> Jim Bulanda \$400. Motion by Mr. Ehrhardt, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the Summer Market Concert Contracts as presented. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

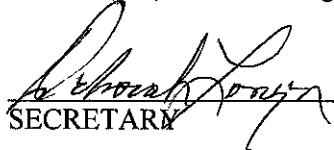
**Resolution 2019-07: A Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of Emergency Response Vehicles by the City as a "Special Purchase", and authorizing Lease-Purchase thereof:** The Resolution was read. Chief Smith gave an overview noting that the new trucks will replace 2 fire trucks and an older ambulance which have proven to be costly to maintain, parts difficult to find and reliability is questionable. Attorney DeBonis explained that the quotes have been provided by HGAC Municipality Cooperative and will be done as a lease purchase through U.S. Bankcorp Government over 7 years at 2.687% in the amount of \$1,827,923.93. Each of the firetrucks will require \$140,000 in additional equipment which is not included in this amount. Chief Smith said that the life span of the new trucks is expected to be 15+ years. Attorney DeBonis also noted that the RDC is contributing some of the money for this purchase from TIF Funds. Motion by Mr. Ehrhardt, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve Resolution 2019-07 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

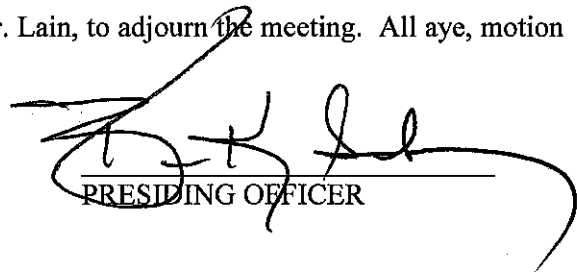
**Consideration of Partial Release and Satisfaction of Amended Performance Mortgage: re: B3 Properties and the City of Hobart and Hobart RDC: Safe Haven Veterans Home:** Attorney DeBonis gave an overview of the development agreements with Silverstone. B3 Properties is part of that development and this parcel is behind Best Buy on Iowa Street extended. He also stated the partial release of the performance mortgage will require adoption by the Board of Works and the Redevelopment Commission. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to approve the Partial Release and Satisfaction of Amended Performance Mortgage for B3 Properties LLC, as presented. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

**Consideration of Disposal of City Property: re: Quint Firetruck disposal for Scrap:** Chief Smith said that he received an offer of \$2,000 for the 1996 HME Quint Fire Truck from Orville Jackson from Andy's Truck and Equipment in Gary. The Board had previously approved the disposal of this truck on February 20<sup>th</sup> and had requested an update as to the best price we could recover. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to approve the sale of the HME Quint Firetruck for \$2,000 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

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

**Adjournment:** Motion by Mr. Ehrhardt, seconded by Mr. Lain, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (2-0) The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

  
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