

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
June 2, 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, Mrs. Longer, and Mr. Snedecor. Also present: City Attorney McCarthy.

Reading of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Snedecor, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of May 19, 2021 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Correspondence: A letter from Tradewinds Services was sent to the Mayor inquiring about possibly donating a retired Hobart fire truck. If this was donated, it would be used to promote fire safety to both children and adults at various camps and events. Chief Tinsley stated that this fire truck has no value and has no objection with the donation. The Board discussed removing the City seals and decals as they do not want people to think it is working Emergency Vehicle. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to have Attorney McCarthy send a letter to the CEO of Tradewinds discussing the legalities of the donation and to review this request at the June 16, 2021 meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

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: Mr. Snedecor requested the addition of the Summer Market Band Contracts and Mr. Lain requested that the HFD Training be removed. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the agenda as amended. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Review/Compliance: Property Maintenance & Other Violations: re: 7197 Mississippi St., Marco Tamayo, Attorney Carrie Castro: Neither Mr. Tamayo nor Attorney Castro were present. Phil Gralik, City Engineer stated he was at the property this morning and Mr. Tamayo has made progress on the front of the property, but the back still needs seeded and tended to. There will be a site visit before the next meeting on June 16, 2021 and Attorney McCarthy will send a letter for compliance to Attorney Castro. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain to set for review and compliance at the June 16, 2021 Board meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Update/Review: Unsafe Building: Tom Gielezyn, Master Guys, re: 512 E. 4th, & 347/349 Main St.: Jeremy Ogden: Building Official, Jeremy Ogden provided an update that the house is being worked on in the inside and is hoping to have the front of the Main St. property done within 45 days. It was requested to review the progress at the July 7, 2021 Board meeting. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to set for review for the July 7, 2021 Board meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Tabled: Signing of Mylars: a 2-lot subdivision (Saddle Brook First Resubdivision) located 1,100' south from the SE corner of Hobart Rd. & 10th St., zoned R-1, 5 acres +/-: Dana Bock: Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to remove this item from the table. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to accept and approve the signing of the Mylars for a 2-Lot subdivision

(Saddle Brooke First Resubdivision) located 1,100' south from the SE corner of Hobart Rd. & 10th St. as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Request to install Subdivision Entrance Sign in Right-of-Way: Cressmoor Estates: W of Rand Rd. on N. Lake Park Ave: City Planner Ross Pietrzak made a recommendation to remove this from the agenda and to direct the developer to vacate the median and make it a Common Area. This will go the Plan Commission for a vacate petition and process. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain to remove this item from the agenda and for the petitioner to pursue the Vacate through the Plan Commission. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Request to remove tree in easement: re: Tom Walworth 3721 34th Pl: Per the Arborist report, this tree is recommended to be added to the Public Works list to be removed in-house once bat season is over. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the removal of the tree by Public Works once bat season is over. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Request to remove tree in easement: re: Jeffrey Moscinski 210E. 6th St.: Per Public Works, this tree is on private property and not in the City jurisdiction. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to remove this item from the agenda and **deny** the request for City tree removal as it is on private property. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) The request is **denied**.

Request to remove tree and replace sidewalk: re: Cy Price 879 Union Ct.: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to grant the request of the tree removal and replacement of sidewalk at the owner's expense. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Request to replace existing fence in unimproved alley: re: George Ramirez 3801 Roche St.: Mr. Ramirez was present and provided a letter from his neighbor stating that they are okay with the work Mr. Ramirez wishes to do to improve the property. Councilman Chris Wells also stated that he had no objections to this request as it will be a great improvement to the property. The existing fence will be replaced as well as placing 12' gates in the alleyway making it accessible by the City or utilities if need be. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to grant the request of replacing the existing fencing as well as installing 12' gates for vehicle accessibility in the alley area. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Consideration of Approval of Long-Term Maintenance and Operation Agreement (LTMA): Hobart Assembly of God Church, re: 7545 E. Ridge Rd.: Tim Kingsland: Mr. Kingsland stated that he recommended the approval of the LTMA. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to approve the Long-Term Maintenance and Operation Agreement as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Acceptance signature for Colorado Street Project, Des #1401034, Parcel 2: Temporary Highway Easement Grant for Colorado St. Project: Debbie Scurlock: Phil Gralik, City Engineer stated that 90% of this project will be funded by Right of Way Acquisition Services. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to approve the signing of the easement for the Colorado Street Project, Des 1401034, Parcel 2 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Request for Refund of Permit: \$50.00 Permit EL20210086: Giesler Electric re: 6197 Colorado St: Jeremy Ogden: Building Official, Jeremy Ogden advised that once Giesler Electric got the red tag, they automatically came back in and paid for a reinspection. They actually paid for 2 inspections on the original permit. Jeremy has no objections on the refund. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain,

to approve the refund of Permit EL2021086 for Giesler Electric in the amount of \$50.00. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

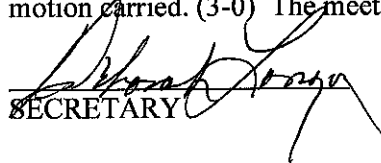
Resolution 2021-06: A Resolution Establishing the Policy by which members of the Board of Public Works and Safety may participate by Electronic Means of Communication: City Attorney Heather McCarthy: The Resolution was read. Attorney McCarthy stated that this was drawn up for use when the Governor lifts the Emergency Order. This will still allow for some capacity to attend and participate in meetings electronically. This Resolution will not go into effect until the Emergency Order is lifted by the Governor. She stated that the City can be more restrictive but not less in their policy governing electronic communications. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to move this to the table to allow the Council to consider a similar Resolution. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Consideration of Summer Market Band Contracts: June 10th Nawty \$1,500 June 24th Dirty Pots \$500 June 17th Steel Country \$500 July 1st \$550 July 8th DVT \$650 July 15th High St. Band \$500 July 4th Chronic Flannel \$1,200 July 22nd Chronic Flannel \$1,000 August 12th Gerry Hundt \$650 August 5th Ginter All Stars \$500 August 26th Dirt Born \$500: Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to accept the Summer Market Band Contracts 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 Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Snedecor, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.


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