

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
June 5, 2019**

Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag: Mayor Snedecor called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: The following members were present: Mr. Lain, Mr. Ehrhardt and Mayor Snedecor. Also present: City Attorney DeBonis and C-T Longer.

Reading of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 15, 2019 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Correspondence: Update from Brandon Towle, BF&S: The Streetscape Gateway at the bridge should be completed this week or early next week. As to the Third Street Bridge Project: the sheet piling for the seawall on the SE portion of the bridge is complete and the NE side will be finished this week. The demolition of the existing bridge may begin as early as next week once the final relocation of the utilities is complete.

Police Chief Zormier presented a recommendation for the following promotions within his department: Corporal Mark Grissom to Sergeant; Master Patrol Officers Brian Hanson, Cody Riggle and Steven Aponte to Corporals. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to approve the promotions as recommended. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) A private promotion ceremony will take place at the PCC Police Training room on June 6th at 2:00pm.

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 requested the addition of a proposed Settlement Agreement re: BKO Properties, LLC. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to approve the agenda with the additions. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Review: Order to Comply/Unsafe Building Code Violations: US Bank National Association, re: 1317 S. Lake Park: The property owner was not present. Mike Hannigan, Building Official, recommended deferring any action on this item as it is part of the list of properties set for demolition and the contract may be awarded later this evening. Discussion followed regarding the fines currently imposed. Motion by Mr. Ehrhardt, seconded by Mr. Lain, to defer the Order to Comply to the demolition contract consideration later this evening and to lien the property for the fines once the demolition is completed. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) Attorney DeBonis noted that the bank holding the property needs notice of the fines imposed prior to liens being placed. Mr. Hannigan will notify the bank.

Tabled: Order to Comply: Illegal Driveway Cut: Patrick Bravo, re: 7675 S. Colorado St: The property owner was not present. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to remove this item from the table. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) Mike Hannigan, Building Official, stated the permit for the driveway cut is in order and has been approved and recommended removing this item from the agenda. Motion by Mr. Ehrhardt, seconded by Mr. Lain, to remove this item from the agenda as the property is in compliance. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Order to Appear: Review for Full Compliance: Jason & Tracy Baimakovich, re: 11 Willow Pl.: The owners were not present. Mike Hannigan, Building Official, stated he has had his letters returned as unclaimed and recommended turning this issue over to Sgt. Russo to combine with other compliance issues. Sgt. Russo stated the pool has state regulated laws and is not a City Ordinance violation but a State violation. Attorney DeBonis noted that personal service must be achieved for notice to be served if the owners refuse certified mail. Mayor Snedecor requested that the language in the notice be shown as an Order to Appear or that they are Directed to Appear. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to set this item over for Review at the June 19th meeting of the Board of Works to allow notice to be served. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for Goose/Duck Crossing Signs: David Fisher & Pete Kouskoutes, re: 3805 and 3810 Harms Rd. Both property owners were present and distributed photos of the various geese and goslings in the area and the speed of traffic around the bend on Harms Road that could harm the animals. Mayor Snedecor stated he will meet with Public Works to determine the best signage for the area. This item was referred to staff for follow-up.

Request for Sidewalk Waiver: Mark Gianopulos, re: 8600 E. Ridge Rd. The property owner/developer was present. City Engineer Phil Gralik noted this site plan is set for consideration by the Plan Commission in July and recommended that they discuss the matter and make a recommendation to the Board. Discussion followed that it is unusual for commercial property to be considered for a sidewalk waiver. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to set this item for Review at the July 17th Board of Works meeting after the Plan Commission considers the site plan. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Request for Sidewalk Waiver: Larry Luebke, Homes by L Inc. re: 6640 E. 84th Dr.: The owner was not present. Discussion followed that there are currently no other sidewalks present in the neighborhood and this is residential property. Motion by Mr. Ehrhardt, seconded by Mr. Lain, to grant a sidewalk waiver for 1 year or until such time as the City determines a sidewalk is needed to be installed at the owner's expense. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Request for Refund: Base Electrical Services LLC, Permit #EL20190080, re: 4433 83rd Ave. E.: Mike Hannigan, Building Official, stated the contractor provided an incorrect address for this permit and has since obtained a permit for the correct address and he is recommending approval of this refund. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to approve the refund of permit #EL20190080 in the amount of \$251.00. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Resolution 2019-08: A Resolution Determining the Lowest Responsible and Responsive Quotes and Awarding Contracts for Demolition of Structures under the Unsafe Building Law: The Resolution was read. Quotes for eight houses were received but three of the homes: 238 N. California St., 2688 E. 62nd Place, and 6169 E. 73rd Ave., had been sold prior to the opening of the quotes and the quotes for those three homes are rejected. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to approve Resolution 2019-08 as presented and to authorize the Mayor to execute any notice of awards or agreements to make the contracts for the projects effective for the following quotes for demolition:

1317 S. Lake Park Ave:	C. Lee Construction Services, Gary, IN	\$ 14,700
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3900 Missouri Street:	Ryan Construction Inc., Merrillville, IN	\$ 7,900
408 N. Colorado Street:	Actin Contracting LLC., East Chicago, IN	\$ 14,400
1219 W. Old Ridge Rd.:	C. Lee Construction Services, Gary, IN	\$ 11,900
229 N. Ohio Street:	C. Lee Construction Services, Gary, IN	\$ 13,500

All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Resolution 2019-09: A Resolution Determining the Lowest Responsible and Responsive Bidder and Awarding Contract for CCMG Roadway Resurfacing 2019: The Resolution was read. City Engineer Phil Gralik and Mr. Snedecor explained that this is part of the Community Crossing grant awarded to the City by the State and the Notice of Award may be issued but the Notice to Proceed will not be issued until INDOT issues a PO in August. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve Resolution 2019-09 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Consideration of LPA Consulting Contract: Right of Way Services for the Improvements to Colorado St. from 1,050 ft. south of US 30 to 1,280 ft. north of US 30: DLZ Indiana LLC: City Engineer Phil Gralik stated this is a safety project and there is a Federal grant of 90/10 for these services and for the land acquisition costs. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to approve the LPA Consulting Contract with DLZ Indiana, LLC as presented in an amount not to exceed \$214,390.00. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

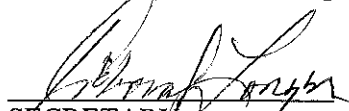
Consideration for Approval of Invoice #1: Lake County Bridge #253, 3rd St. over Lake George, ICC Group Inc.: Mrs. Longer noted this contract had been approved but the 1st claim came in too late to be included on the Claims List presented earlier. Payment is recommended by Brandon Towle Project Supervisor with BF&S. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve Invoice #1 for payment to ICC Group, Inc. under the contract for the Lake County Bridge #253, 3rd St. over Lake George. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

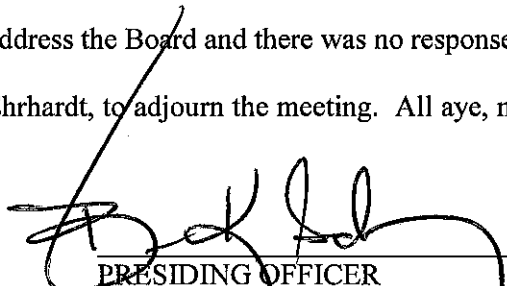
Consideration of Settlement Agreement: BKO Properties, LLC: City Attorney DeBonis presented a proposed Settlement Agreement, settling the ROW taking and claim and noted that if approved by the Board, he will present this to the property owners and hopes to effect settlement within the next week to facilitate the 3rd Street Bridge project moving forward. Motion by Mr. Ehrhardt, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the Settlement Agreement or one in substantially similar in form and substance and authorize the Mayor to sign presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Announcements: Natalie Pedroza, 7 Willow Place, stated she had been in contact with Mr. Hannigan and Sgt. Russo regarding issues with their neighbors. She stated the neighbors had recently drained their pool into the Pedroza's backyard, causing extensive damage. Attorney DeBonis suggested that the Pedroza's hire legal counsel as this is a civil matter that the City is not a party to but the City will continue to address the property maintenance issues regarding the neighboring property.

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

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.


SECRETARY


PRESIDING OFFICER