

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA  
June 21, 2023**

**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 Mrs. Longer, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of June 7, 2023 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Correspondence:** There was no correspondence.

**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 asked that Professional Consulting Agreement with MCR Partners, Signing of Mylars and Acceptance of Performance Bond; St. Mary Outpatient Rehab. Subdivision to be added to the agenda and to remove the Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with First Group Engineering until July 5, 2023. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the agenda as amended. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Unfinished Business:**

**Continued: Update/Review/ Unsafe Building: re: 234 N. Ohio St.:** Ronald Wilson was present in person for this matter. He stated that the home has not been occupied since 2016 and he is looking to rehab the home himself. He stated that Nipsco has replaced the pole and the property has electricity. Ronald stated that almost all the plumbing is removed from the basement. He stated that the contractor he hired has not been in touch with him to connect the water. Building Official Karen Hansen stated that full compliance was expected by the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting and the items remaining are that a building permit still needs to be obtained for the interior work, the property is still without water service, the trash/junk removal needs to continue as well as getting the electrical inspected by a licensed electrician. Mr. Wilson mentioned he wanted to do the work himself, but since this is not his primary residence, a licensed contractor will need to be hired for the work. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain to have the owner appear at the next meeting of the Board on July 5, 2023 with contracts in hand for the remaining work to be done, water service restored, and the electrical inspection done. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Continued: Update/Status: Unsafe Building: re: 235 Main St.:** Attorney Rifai was present for this matter. She stated that they were present at the Historical Preservation meeting yesterday and they were approved for a COA. Attorney Rifai stated that the owner has hired a new contractor and presented the Board with the contract with a timeline, copy of the deposit, and renderings. She stated that the new contract is Jeff Brant with Brant construction. Mr. Brant was present and stated that he needed to renew his license, but his associate Tony, is a licensed contractor; Tony, who is with Tack Building Services, is currently licensed with the City. Building Official Karen Hansen stated that she found out last night that the owner was not going to use Doppler Construction. Karen said she spoke with Doppler Construction this morning and John Doppler stated he never received the deposit, other than a picture that was sent to him of the check. Jeff Brant stated that the check he received from the owner has been deposited. Attorney Rifai stated that once the permits are obtained, the work

will be started within 7 days and the work will be complete within 70 days from the start date. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Snedecor to continue this matter to the July 5, 2023 meeting to show that permits have been obtained. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Update: Truck Traffic on Colorado St:** Mr. Snedecor stated that with all the construction and road closures happening, this is not a topic that should be currently looked at. Motion by Mrs. Longer to remove this item from the agenda until the road construction and closures are done. Mr. Lain stated that this is the third time this topic has been brought to the Board. Deputy City Engineer Alex Olesker stated that Colorado St. is a collector road and was constructed to accommodate truck traffic. Mrs. Longer withdrew her motion. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to remove this item from the agenda until the City Engineer sees a need to bring this back to the Board. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**New Business:**

**Request for Sidewalk Repair/Tree Removal: re: 8971 & 8981 Norris Dr.:** Councilman Mark Kopil was present telephonically. Mrs. Longer stated that the arborist provided a report stating that the trees that were planted are healthy but were planted too shallow and they are still growing. Mr. Kopil stated that he spoke to the arborist, and he stated that the trees that were planted would not be approved by the City standards today. Mark is asking if the HOA/homeowner removed the trees, if the City would be able to do the necessary repairs to the sidewalk. Mr. Snedecor stated that under HMC 94.66 it states that the homeowners are responsible for any maintenance to the abutting sidewalks and driveways. Mr. Snedecor mentioned that if the City does the 50/50 sidewalk program in 2024, the homeowners may petition to participate. The City may budget for the 50/50 program in 2024 which is funded from the casino fund. The Board would be open to the homeowners/HOA to approach the Board to remove the trees at their own expense. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to deny this request. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) The request is denied.

**Fireworks Display Agreement for 4<sup>th</sup> of July: Johnny Rockets Fireworks Display Company:** Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to approve the Fireworks contract with Johnny Rockets in the amount of \$25,000.00 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Review of Conceptual Design: Dog Park to be located on Front St.: BF&S:** The Park Board has approved this and is in support. Deputy City Engineer Alex Olesker was at a site visit. Bob Fulton stated that the area that was presented is the only guaranteed area until they hear back from the Army Corps of Engineers regarding use beyond the flood line. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to set this over to the July 5, 2023 meeting hoping to have an update from the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the flood line. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Signing of Mylars: Lineage 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition Subdivision:** a 1-lot Subdivision located east of Northwind Parkway and west of Colorado Street, zoned M-1 & R-3, 111.18 acres: Lineage Logistics LLC: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Snedecor to approve Signing of Mylars: Lineage 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition Subdivision: and the bond as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Approval of Professional Consulting Agreement: MCR Partners (Planning Consultants):** Mr. Snedecor stated that this agreement is for \$175/hour for a Senior Planner and \$120/hour for an assistant. Mrs. Longer stated that this agreement is only through December 31, 2023. This is for an "as used" agreement. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve the professional consulting agreement between the City of Hobart and MRC Partners LLC as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Acceptance of Performance and Signing of Mylars: St. Mary's Outpatient Rehab Subdivision:** a 1-lot subdivision: 320 W 61<sup>st</sup> Ave. located approx. 300' north from the NW corner of Ash St. & 61<sup>st</sup> Ave., zoned


PUD, 3.50 acres: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Snedecor to accept the performance bond and to approve the as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

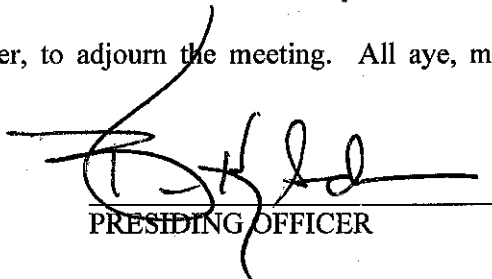
**Announcements:** Mr. Snedecor announced that immediately following the Council meeting there will be the dedication at the Clock Tower for former Mayor Linda Buzinec.

Mr. Lain also reminded the community that there is no swimming at Robinson Lake.

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

  
SECRETARY

  
PRESIDING OFFICER