

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA  
July 1, 2020**

**Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag:** Mr. Snedecor called the meeting to order at 3:33 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 and Admin. Asst. C. Govert.

**Reading of Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 17, 2020 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Correspondence:** Mr. Snedecor introduced Mr. Fred Williams, Hobart Township Trustee who presented a donation to Chief Smith for the Hobart Fire Department.

**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 the Board to add the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Project Easement Discussion to the agenda. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to approve the agenda with the addition. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Correspondence:** Update: Third Street Bridge Project: Brandon Towle, BF&S, was present and distributed a status update. Masonry work continues on the bridge with Paul's Construction setting the limestone capstones and setting masonry brick for the wing walls when the weather permits. SDI is working simultaneously setting the sleeves for the railing over the top of the bridge. ICC has finished removing the cofferdam, so Lake George is now flowing unrestricted through the jobsite. Masonry work will continue over the next two to three weeks. On site meetings have taken place with the concrete contractors in preparation for the curb and sidewalks. Prior to them starting, ICC will complete any remaining sitework and grading. Indiana American Water will also be on site to repair a small leak under the roadway.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Update: Unsafe Building: US Bank National Association, re: 1317 S. Lake Park Ave:** Attorney Krenson was not present in person or telephonically. City Attorney McCarthy said she has been in contact with the Chapter 13 Trustee and US Bank should file an order to dismiss. Mr. Hannigan said that he had talked to Attorney Krenson and she was supposed to call in. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Snedecor, to continue this item at the end of unfinished business. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Update: Unsafe Building: Karen Boruff, re: 229 N. Ohio St.:** Ms. Boruff was present and said she has been working with the bank to get money freed up to sign a contract with Service Doctor. Ms. Boruff noted that she went yesterday, and the bank said it could take 4-5 days but with the holiday it could take a bit longer. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to continue this matter to the July 15, 2020 meeting of the Board of Works and at that time there must be a signed contract. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Review: Unsafe Building Code Issues: Angela Smith: re: 208 S. Colorado:** Ms. Smith was present and said that the painting of the house is almost complete and noted that the paint should be finished in a week or two. Mr. Hannigan said the yard has been cleaned up and all debris removed. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to continue this item to the August 5, 2020 Board of Works meeting with full compliance expected. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Update: Consideration of Demolition: Unsafe Building: Michael Torres, re: 3789 Brown St.:** Mr. Hannigan said he has had no correspondence with the owner, and a request for demolition has been sent to Lake County for CDBG funding. Mr. Fulton said the order needs to be signed in order to move forward. Attorney McCarthy sent out the title search and requests a continuance. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to continue this matter to the July 15, 2020 meeting of the Board of Works for an update from the City Attorney. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Continued from earlier on the Agenda: Update: Unsafe Building: US Bank National Association, re: 1317 S. Lake Park Ave:** Attorney Krenson called in to the meeting and reported that the bankruptcy court gave Mr. Tomich an additional 28 days to amend the payment plan and a new hearing has been set for July 21, 2020. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to continue this matter to August 5, 2020 for an update. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

#### NEW BUSINESS:

**Request to Remove Tree or Dead Limbs in Easement: Bryan Lucas, re: 209 S. Penn Street:** Mr. Lucas was present and requested a tree be removed from his easement. Public Works Supt. Tom Laco said the tree is scheduled to be removed by an outside contractor. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to remove this matter from the agenda as Public Works has sent this information to a contractor to remove the tree. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Request for Sidewalk Waiver: Luke Oil re: Hwy 6 and County Line Road: Dan Tursman:** Mr. Tursman, Luke Oil Director of Development was present and said the request is for the County Line Rd. side only and he understands the requirements. The City Engineer and the Building Official both recommend approval. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to grant the sidewalk waiver for the County Line Rd. side only as presented, for 1 year or until such time as the City determines the sidewalk must be installed at the owner's expense. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Request for Flashing Stop Sign: Intersection of Union St. and Cleveland Ave.:** Josh Huddleston: Capt. Gonzalez was present and gave an update, saying there have been 13 accidents at this location since October of 2011 noting that 11 accidents occurred in the daytime with 2 occurring at night. It was also noted that trees in that location may be obstructing the stop sign. Mr. Huddleston said that people run the stop sign on a regular basis. Mr. Gralik said the branches are a problem and need to be cut back and the location may need a flashing LED light. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to direct Public Works to trim the trees and investigate a solar beacon on the east and west stop sign on Cleveland Ave. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Consideration of Change Order #7 thru #9: Lake County Bridge #253, 3<sup>rd</sup> St. over Lake George: Brandon Towle, BF&S:** Mr. Towle gave a brief justification of each change order: CO #7 in the amount of \$21,744.65 is due to cavities between the structure and masonry. CO #8 in the amount of \$17,665.38 is due to the discovery of existing concrete pavement under the current roadway on 3<sup>rd</sup> St. west of the bridge. Per the contract documents, concrete pavement is not included in common excavation. This cost has been verified through INDOT's database and has been deemed appropriate. CO #9 in the amount of \$5,040.00 for aesthetic purposes, it was determined that an angle check should be cut into the limestone

intel. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve change orders 7-9 in the total amount of \$44,450.03 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Consideration of Change Order #11-14: 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Streetscape: Brandon Towle, BF&S:** Mr. Towle reviewed each change order: CO #11 in the amount of \$18,600 for storm pipe and manhole connections and includes the 80/20 federal split. CO #12 in the amount of \$2,750 for concrete joint filler, CO #13 in the amount of \$14,172.15 for the concrete poured in early winter conditions and includes the 80/20 federal split, CO #14 in the amount of \$35,588 for 6" sanitary sewer laterals and risers. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve change orders 11-14, in the total amount of \$71,110.15 as presented noting that change order 11 and 13 are part of the federal 80/20 split. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Consideration of Band Contracts for Summer Market:** Nikki Lopez submitted the contracts and related documents for the Summer Market Concert Series: Chester Brown 7/9 for \$1,000, High Street 7/16 for \$500, Jim Bulanda 7/23 for \$400, and PVT 7/30 for \$500. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to approve the band contracts for the Summer Market as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Safe Routes to Schools Project: Gravel Easement:** Mr. Gralik said that there are several houses on 8<sup>th</sup> Street that have gravel parking in the right of way, for which no permissions can be found. When the project began the right of ways were to be returned to grass as gravel is not permitted. Mr. Gralik is asking for the authority to contact the residents to give them the option to pave or asphalt the easements by October 1, 2020 and if not done they will be returned to grass. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to authorize Mr. Gralik to contact residents and allow them to pave or asphalt the easements at their own expense by October 1, 2020 or return the easements to grass. 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.

Lt. Russo addressed the Board requesting to add Marco A. Tamayo, re: 7197 Mississippi St. to the July 15, 2020 agenda

**Adjournment:** Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

  
SECRETARY

  
PRESIDING OFFICER