

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA  
August 19, 2020**

**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 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 August 5, 2020 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Correspondence:** Update: Third Street Bridge Project: Brandon Towle, BF&S: H3 finished the concrete curbs, sidewalk and drives yesterday. Meanwhile the concrete railing along Lake George was stained and the tunnel is currently being completed. ICC is on site today final grading in preparation for asphalt. Town and Country Paving will be on site tomorrow for preparation and begin laying HMA on Friday. Only remaining work for the bridge's intermediate completion date will be striping and railing. Fabrication of the railings is not yet complete. Final measurements for the railing could not be taken until the limestone caps were complete causing delay. Once fabrication is complete, the railing will be powder coated and installed. Railing for the seawall will follow behind. Grimmer Construction and their subcontractors will be on site next week to begin installing the decorative crosswalks as part of the Streetscape contract. They will install the raised crosswalk first so the nearby businesses will be accessible from Main Street while they do the Gateway crosswalk.

**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 consider adding 3 items to the agenda; Consideration of Crossing Guard contract for ½ a year at Veteran's Elementary; Supplemental Agreement #4 re: 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge; and a General Services Agreement re: County Line Road Preliminary Study Evaluation. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the agenda with the additions. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Update: Request for Removal of Tree in Easement:** Jennifer Antkowiak, re: 3605 and 3513 E 34<sup>th</sup> Lane: Ms. Antkowiak was present telephonically and said that the tree roots are causing the driveways to buckle at 3605 and 3513 34<sup>th</sup> Lane. Both residents would like to have the tree removed to fix their driveways. Public Works Supt., Tom Laco, was present and said that the arborist submitted a report and the tree does not meet the requirements for the City to remove. Mr. Snedecor asked if the homeowners were willing to have the tree removed at their expense if approved and Ms. Ankowiak said yes. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the request to remove the tree from City easement at the homeowner's expense. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Order to Appear: Unsafe Building:** Tom Gilazynm, Master Guys Demo., re: 512 E 4<sup>th</sup> St, 347 and 349 Main St: Moved to end of the meeting to allow time for Mr. Gilazynm to arrive.

**Update: Code Violation: Operation of Commercial Animal Establishment or Kennel:** Julie Martin and Derie Patton, re: 493 Quail Dr.: Mr. and Mrs. Patton were present. Lt. Russo noted that it was brought

to his attention that the original notice to appear had the wrong meeting date, of July 17<sup>th</sup> instead of the 15<sup>th</sup> and asked the Board to rescind the \$250 fine imposed for failure to appear at the July 15, 2020 meeting. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to rescind the \$250 fine due to notice issues. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Lt. Russo said that breeding is being conducted at the property under the name of Hoosier Frenchies, and there has been activity as recent as June 3, 2020. He noted that this is a violation of the Hobart Municipal Code 90.47 regarding: Operation of Commercial Animal Establishments or Kennels. Mrs. Patton questioned the process for obtaining a Kennel License. Zoning Administrator, Ross Pietrzak said that the deadline to file for the October 1, 2020 BZA meeting is September 8, 2020. Mrs. Patton said that she would pursue a variance. Lt. Russo recommended that any motion include: no other litters, breeding or selling from now until a kennel license is approved. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to continue this matter for an update or notice of starting the process with the BZA at the September 16, 2020 meeting of the Board of Works with the understanding that no additional litters, breeding or selling until a kennel license is approved. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Update: Site Plan Compliance Issues: Omar Alburei, Hobart Auto, re: 1165 W. 37<sup>th</sup> Ave.:** Mr. Alburei was not present in person or telephonically. Mr. Pietrzak said that Hobart Auto is in compliance and recommends removal from the agenda. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to accept compliance and remove this matter from the agenda. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Request to Remove Tree in Easement: Bob Null, re: 984 Union Ct.:** Mr. Null was not present in person or telephonically. Mr. Laco said that the tree has lost several branches and in his opinion the tree should be taken down. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve removal of the tree by the homeowner at his expense or put on the City list to be taken down as City resources allow. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Request to Plant Trees in City Easement: Mrs. Italo Ivaldi, re: 4615 15<sup>th</sup> Place:** Mrs. Ivaldi was not present in person or telephonically. Mr. Snedecor noted that the trees will replace trees that were removed by the City. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the request to plant trees in the easement following all City guidelines at the owner's expense. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Request for Traffic/Speed Control in Alleyway: A. Thomas and UJ Puranik, re: 201 Main St.:** Ms. Thomas and Ms. Puranik were present and noted that the alleyway outside the entrance to their clinic is 2-way traffic, and cars do not slow down making it dangerous for their patients and staff. They are requesting that the alley be 1-way only or some other traffic/speed control put into place in the location of their door. Mr. Snedecor said that he would like to have staff review this location and report back to the Board. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to continue this matter to allow Police, Public Works, and Engineering to review this matter and make recommendations at the September 16, 2020 meeting of the Board of Works. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Property Maintenance Issues: Richard C. and Joan C. Easton, re: 36N. Linda St.:** Lt. Russo recommend this matter be removed from the agenda as it is in full compliance. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to remove this item from the agenda as recommended by Lt. Russo. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Consideration of Approval: Landscape Settlement Agreement for 69<sup>th</sup> Ave. Project, re: Darrell Audiss, SE corner 69<sup>th</sup> & Colorado St.:** City Attorney McCarthy has reviewed the agreement and recommends approval. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the Landscape Settlement Agreement as presented in the amount not to exceed \$9,500 and authorize the Mayor to sign once

approved by the Redevelopment Commission. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Consideration of Crossing Guard ½ Year Contract: August 24, 2020- December 1, 2020:** Chief Zormier was present and recommended approval. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the crossing guard contract from August 24, 2020 to December 31, 2020 in the bi-weekly amount of \$238.63 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Consideration of Supplemental Agreement #4: Replacement of Lake County Bridge #253 carrying 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Over Lake George and Extension of the Lakefront Walkway and Development of Lakefront Park at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street:** BF&S: Jake Dammarell, BF&S, was present and said the agreement is necessary to continue inspection services which will increase the contract in the amount not to exceed \$48,850. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to table this matter to allow the City Attorney to review the agreement. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Consideration of General Services Agreement: UNT Deep River Vicinity of US6 and County Line Road: Preliminary Study Evaluation:** BF&S: Mr. Gralik noted that this agreement is necessary to provide answers to the residents at the September 10<sup>th</sup> public hearing about existing hydraulic and drainage issues. Mr. Dammarell noted that the analysis of the drainage conditions will not exceed \$5,400 billed to the Storm Water District. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the General Services Agreement with BF&S as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Continued):**

**Order to Appear: Unsafe Building: Tom Gilazynm, Master Guys Demo., re: 512 E 4<sup>th</sup> St, 347 and 349 Main St:** Mr. Gilazynm was not present in person or telephonically. Building Official, Mr. Hannigan said he had spoken to Mr. Gilazynm earlier and he said he was going to attend. Mr. Hannigan stated that a Building Permit has been issued for 512 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street but not for the commercial buildings at 347 and 349 Main Street. No work has begun at any of the properties. Mr. Pietrzak said that discussion was held at the Historic Preservation Commission about concerns of upcoming weather and encourage the Board to take any necessary action to move the project forward. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to impose a fine of \$1,000 for the unsafe building on Main Street and failure to appear, and to have Attorney McCarthy send a letter to Mr. Gilazynm and order to appear at the September 2, 2020 meeting of the Board of Works. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Announcements:**

Mr. Kruger, 7191 Mississippi St, addressed the Board stating there are still on-going problems with his neighbor Mr. Tamayo. Lt. Russo said that the City is taking the necessary legal steps and working through the court system. Mr. Snedecor said that the City will continue to work on abatement of the issues.

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

**Adjournment:** Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

SECRETARY

PRESIDING OFFICER