

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA  
September 2, 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 August 19, 2020 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Correspondence:** Update: Third Street Bridge Project: Brandon Towle, BF&S distributed a status update. Since the last meeting, all concrete flatwork over the bridge has been completed. Also, the concrete stain was applied to the seawall and barrel section over the trail, brick pavers installed, and asphalt was laid last week. Since the asphalt, the raised crosswalk on the east end of the bridge has been the focus, it is now complete, with the focus shifting to the west crosswalk. Due to the neighboring businesses, the excavation for the west crosswalk will not start until next Tuesday. After demolition, concrete and brick pavers will be installed as quickly as possible. The temporary handrail over the bridge is also installed and the road will be striped next week in preparation to open at the end of the week.

**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 Curb installation re: 1206 River Terrace; Street Closure request: New Life Community Church, to the agenda; and removing Aaron Buhmann re: 639 Main Street from the agenda at the owner's request. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the agenda as amended. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Report from Building Official:** re: Demolition of Properties: 131 Center St.; 4017 Missouri St.; 3900 Missouri St.: Mr. Ogden, Building Department, noted that certified letters notifying interested parties of our intent to demolish the properties went out. 131 Center St.: 1 letter was received, and 1 letter was returned; 4017 Missouri St.: 1 letter was returned; 3900 Missouri St.: 4 letters were received and 1 was returned. The Building Department recommends moving forward with the demolition when money is available. They also recommended checking with Lake County for 2021 CDBG funds. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to authorize the demolition of all 3 properties and checking on CDBG funding and authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Update: Unsafe Building:** Angela Smith re: 208 S. Colorado St.: Ms. Smith was present and said the painting will be complete today. Mr. Hannigan noted that the house is 90% complete with only a few small projects to finish. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to set this matter over for review at the October 7, 2020 meeting of the Board of Works for full compliance. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Review: Failure to Comply with Stop Work Order:** Hollie Botts, re: 1401 Mississippi Place: Mr. Ogden asked to dismiss this matter as the owner has pulled the permit and is working in the right direction. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to dismiss this matter on the recommendation

of the Building Department. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Update: Unsafe Building: Karen Boruff, re: 229 N. Ohio St.:** Ms. Boruff was not present in person or telephonically. Mr. Hannigan said she has a signed contract with Service Doctor, but work has not been started. Mr. Snedecor said that she may be able to receive funds from the veteran's group that has helped her in the past. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to continue this matter to the October 7, 2020 meeting of the Board of Works for an update. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Order to Appear: Unsafe Building: Tom Gielezyn, Master Guys Demo., re: 512 E 4<sup>th</sup> St, 347 and 349 Main St:** Mr. Gielezyn was present. Mr. Ogden reported that the Building Department has met with Mr. Gielezyn and work has started on the 4<sup>th</sup> Street property with the roof being complete. Mr. Ogden recommends setting the \$1,000 fine aside and readdress at a later time. Mr. Snedecor questioned what Mr. Gielezyn's plans were for the commercial property on Main Street. Mr. Gielezyn noted that he has been talking to different businesses that may want to move in there and he will get the roof put on the building. Mr. Hannigan said that Mr. Gielezyn should talk to Economic Development about façade and vacant building grants. Mr. Gielezyn said we would work with the Historic Preservation Commission for direction on the Main Street properties. Mr. Gielezyn will attend each Board of Works meeting to provide an update on his progress. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to continue this matter to the September 16, 2020 meeting of the Board of Works for a status update, leaving the fine in place at this time. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Tabled: 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: Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Snedecor, to remove this item from the table. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Mr. Dammarell, BF&S, was present stating that the agreement is necessary for continued construction inspections noting that contractor, ICC Group Inc. worked more than anticipated over the winter months of December 2019-February 2020, requiring more time on the project by the Engineer than initially anticipated. This will increase the current contract amount by an amount not to exceed \$48,850. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to approve Supplemental Agreement #4 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Request to Pave in City ROW and Finish 9' of Public Sidewalk: Scott Miller Concrete, re: 201 Court St.:** Contractor, Scott Miller was present. MS4 Coordinator Tim Kingsland, said that he has been to the property and sees no problem with this request and sees it as an improvement to the area. Mr. Kingsland recommends approval. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the request upon the recommendation of the MS4 Coordinator as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Request to Plan 2 Trees in City Easement: Jackie Gray, re: 6288 Wisconsin St.:** Ms. Gray was present telephonically and asked for permission to plant trees in the City easement, replacing 2 that were removed. Mr. Kingsland said that locates are needed to be sure that roots do not disturb sanitary sewers. He also noted that the trees should be chosen from the City's recommended list. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the request contingent on working with City Staff regarding the type of tree and avoiding sanitary sewers. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Property Maintenance Issues: Kevin Terry & Tiffany Mendez, re: 239 Lake Wood Dr. and Davetta Haywood, re: 237 Lake Wood Dr.:** Mr. Terry and Ms. Mendez, owners of 229 Lake Wood Drive and Davetta Haywood owner of 237 Lake Wood Dr. were present. Mr. Snedecor noted that this matter was

referred to the Board by Lt. Russo noting that the garbage toters at 239 Lake Wood Dr. are located near the front door of 237 Lake Wood Dr. causing an odor, and moth balls are on the front lawn of 237 Lake Wood Dr, causing a noxious odor and possible poison for animals. Ms. Haywood said that the moth balls have been removed. Mr. Snedecor said that the toters should not be located by the front entrance of Ms. Haywood's home and recommended that Mr. Terry and Ms. Mendez move the cans to the north side of their property or in the garage. Ms. Mendez said that if they move them to the north side it causes a tripping hazard for her and they have no other place to put them. Mr. Snedecor suggested putting a concrete pad down in order to place them on the other side of the garage. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mrs. Longer, directing the owners of 239 Lake Wood Dr. to relocate the cans within 30 days to the north side of the driveway or place inside the garage. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Consideration of Band Contracts for Summer Market:** Nikki Lopez, Special Events, presented the contracts for the final set of band concerts for the summer market. The bands are as follows: 9/3 Derek Caruso & Blues Fuse \$400, 9/10 Smarty Pants \$550, 9/17 Buck Daddy \$550, and 9/24 Chronic Flannel \$500. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to approve the band contracts for Summer Market as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Request for Curb Installation:** Kimberly DiBenedetto, re: 1206 River Terrace: Mrs. DiBenedetto was present telephonically. City Engineer Phil Galik said the house is at the bottom of the hill and water runs down the street and into their yard and driveway and into the garage. The resident is asking to install a concrete curb at their expense to deflect the water past their garage and then allow it to run into the grass on their side of the street. Mr. Galik recommends approval of this request. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the request for curb installation at the owner's expense as presented and recommended by the City Engineer. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Request for Temporary Street Closure:** Rev. Daniel Gute, New Life Community Church, re: 1 N. Pennsylvania St.: Rev. Gute was present and is asking to continue the street closure of Cleveland Avenue between Pennsylvania and Connecticut for 2 hours on Sunday's from 9:30-11:30 weather permitting throughout September and into October to accommodate outdoor worship services. He is also requesting Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-9:00 p.m. for a family event. HPD Chief Zormier said he has no objection to the closures. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the request weather permitting for September and into October as requested. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

#### **Announcements:**

Mr. Snedecor asked HPD Chief Zormier to do a traffic study at 14<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln St. to see if traffic control is needed in that area.

Residents Robin Gomez 440 N. County Line Rd. and Jim Sikora 560 N. County Line Rd. addressed the Board about the County Line Rd. Project. Ms. Gomez asked if Mr. Galik had received the results from the Hydraulic Study. Mr. Galik said that the results would not be available until next week and will be presented/discussed at the public meeting on September 10, 2020. Mr. Sikora is urging that the County replace the basin under the Oak Savannah Trail and asked which model is being used INDOT or DNR, stating there needs to be consistency in the modeling. The Public Meeting for the County Line Rd. Project will be held in the main gym at the PCC building at 6:00 p.m. on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

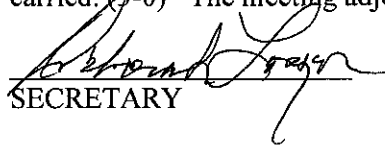
Mr. Galik gave an update on the Tomayo property noting that the Public Works Dept. has removed the stone from the front yard. Mr. Galik also said that he told Mr. Tomayo that if he does not present a site plan for approval, they would be back to mitigate the problems in the backyard. Mr. Galik recommends ordering Mr. Tamayo to appear at the next meeting of the Board of Works. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to direct the City Attorney to issue an Order to Appear to Mr. Tomayo for the

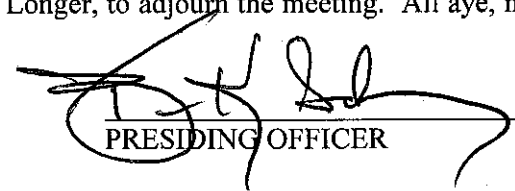
September 16, 2020 meeting of the Board of Works. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Mr. Kruger, 7191 Mississippi St. addressed the Board about Mr. Tomayo who still has a dump truck in his back yard and has also added 2 horses to the property. Mr. Snedecor said that the City will continue to work on compliance with Mr. Tomayo. Mr. Kruger said he is also having a problem with his other neighbor having chickens and ducks. Mr. Snedecor said that Code Enforcement will work on that issue.

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 5:05 p.m.

  
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PRESIDING OFFICER