

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
October 7, 2020**

Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag: Mrs. Longer 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 and Mrs. Longer. Also present: City Attorney McCarthy and Admin. Asst. C. Govert. Absent: Mr. Snedecor

Reading of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 16, 2020 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Correspondence: Update: Third Street Bridge Project: Brandon Towle, BF&S distributed a status update. Since the last meeting, crews temporarily closed the bridge to complete the in-pavement LED lights at the raised crosswalk and decorative thermo at gateway. Since then we have begun receiving the bridge railing and installation is currently taking place but with problems. Landscaping has also been installed except for trees which will be installed once dormant (mid-November?). We are also currently waiting on the arrival of streetlights. The ribbon cutting is scheduled for October 16th at 11 a.m.

Approval of Register of Claims and Payroll Claims: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to accept and sign the register of claims and payroll claims as presented. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Approval of Agenda: Mrs. Longer asked the Board to remove the Consideration of Agreement with the HSD Board upon the request of the City Attorney. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the agenda as amended. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Update: Request for traffic/Speed Control in Alleyway: A. Thomas and UJ Puranik, re: 201 Main St.: Matt, Project Manager for Centers for Pain Control was present. City Engineer Phil Gralik said that raising the walkway slightly and adding pedestrian crossing signs with flashing beacons to area of concern would help. Matt agreed that this would be helpful. Mrs. Longer asked Public Works Supt., Tom Laco if the Centers for Pain Control would purchase the signs, could the Street Department install them. Both parties agreed and will work together. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to have the owner and Public Works Department work together and to install the signs purchased by the owner. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Update: Unsafe Building: Tom Gielezyn, Master Guys Demo., re: 512 E 4th St, 347 and 349 Main St.: Mr. Gielezyn was present. He said that he has a signed contract with Hayes Roofing for the commercial building at 349 Main Street, the roof repair should be started no later than next week. The siding for 512 E. 4th Street will be in later this week. Mr. Gielezyn said that after these 2 projects are completed, he plans to put the buildings up for sale. Zoning Administrator, Ross Pietrzak noted that the roof at 347 Main Street has not yet been addressed. Discussion was held about the roof at 347 Main street and the safety of the building. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to set this matter over for review to allow the City Engineer and the Building Official to provide a recommendation at the October 21, 2020 meeting of the Board of Works. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Order to Appear: Property Maintenance & Other Violations: Marco Tamayo, re: 7197 Mississippi St.: Mr. Tamayo was present with his Attorney Carrie Castro. Attorney Castro said that an interpreter would not be required as Mr. Tamayo will not be speaking. Ms. Castro said that they are waiting for IDEM to inspect the wetlands before a site plan can be completed but the backyard fill has been removed. Mr. Gralik provided Ms. Castro with GIS pictures of the property which show how much the property has been disturbed by moving and adding fill to the yard. This kind of movement requires a permit according to the City Ordinance and Mr. Tamayo has been told this several times since 2018. Mr. Kingsland, MS4 Coordinator, said that the Army Corps of Engineers also need to inspect the wetlands to be sure there has been no disturbance. Discussion was held about the work that still needs to be done at the property and Mr. Gralik, Lt. Russo and Ms. Castro will meet at the property tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. Mr. Kingsland will contact the Army Corps of Engineers. Mrs. Kirby was on the line telephonically stating that Mr. Tamayo was working with a backhoe yesterday digging a trench near the wetlands. Lt. Russo said they have received several complaints about this property. Ms. Castro asked Lt. Russo to provide her with a copy of all complaints. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to set this matter over for an update at the October 21, 2020 meeting of the Board of Works and require Mr. Tamayo to submit a site plan by November 10th at noon to the Plan Commission. At this time the previously imposed fines will remain in place. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Update: Unsafe Building: Angela Smith, re: 208 S. Colorado Street: Ms. Smith was present and said that the painting is finished, and the soffit is being installed today. Mr. Ogden said that the work is 95% complete and should be finished very soon. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to remove this matter from the agenda and have the Building Official monitor the property. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Update: Unsafe Building: Karen Boruff, re: 229 N. Ohio Street: Ms. Boruff was not present in person or telephonically. Mr. Ogden said that he is not sure if work has begun at the property, but Service Doctor has pulled the building permit. Mrs. Longer noted that an Electrical and HVAC permit had also been pulled. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to remove this item from the agenda and have the Building Official monitor the progress and bring this back before the Board if necessary. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Request to Pave Easements: re: 1216 E. Hickey St., 1217 E. Hickey St., and 1223 E. Hickey St.: Boyd Asphalt: There was nobody present in person or telephonically. Mr. Ogden said that he sees no issues with this request. Mr. Kingsland recommended that if this request is approved the owners and contractors should meet with him and the City Engineer prior to work being done. Discussion was held about homeowner responsibility and Mr. Pietrzak said he was asked if the City maintains the easements once paved or if it is the homeowner's responsibility, he told them that it is the homeowners responsibility however this should be made clear prior to completing the work. City Attorney McCarthy agreed and will write up an agreement. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the request contingent upon Boyd Asphalt meeting with Staff to discuss drainage and have all 3 homeowners sign an agreement of responsibility as prepared by the City Attorney. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Request to Improve Paved Easement: Mark Rypel, re: 3900 Willow Street: Mr. Rypel was present. Mr. Ogden said the easement needs to be graded down but sees no other issues. Mr. Rypel explained that he wants to improve and expand the area in order to park all his cars off the street. Mr. Pietrzak said that this does not involve his department as it does not change the zoning, however the Parking Ordinance does not allow angle parking anywhere in the City and recommended tabling this matter and have Mr. Rypel work with the planning department. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to have the petitioner

meet with the Zoning Administrator and City Engineer and report back to the Board of Works on October 21, 2020. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Request for Sidewalk Waiver: Bruce Young, Price Point Builders, re: 1010 E. 6th Street: Camile Schoop, Price Point Builders, was present. Mrs. Longer noted that in August of 2018 the Plan Commission recommended to not allow a sidewalk waiver for this property. Motion by Mrs. Longer to deny the request. Discussion was held about the drainage and Mr. Kingsland sees no reason why sidewalks should be required at the property. Mr. Ogden noted that there are no sidewalks in the area. Mrs. Longer withdrew her motion. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to grant the sidewalk waiver 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. (2-0)

Request for Sidewalk Waiver: Harrison Burgett, re: 1323 Garfield Street: Mr. Burgett was present and explained that he has a maple tree in the middle of the sidewalk and the roots have caused the sidewalk to buckle he is requesting the waiver to allow him to remove the sidewalk in that area. Discussion was held about the tree location and Mr. Fulton said that according to the County GIS the tree is in the easement. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to continue this matter and have Staff provide a recommendation at the October 21, 2020 meeting of the Board of Works. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Request to Remove 2 Trees from Easement: John Sy, re: 1168 Capitol Drive: Mr. Sy was not present in person or telephonically. Mr. Ogden said he talked to Mr. Sy this afternoon and the owner is hoping that the City will take the trees down. One of the trees really needs to come down and the other may just need to be trimmed which the owner is willing to take care of. Public Works Supt. Tom Laco said the trees do need to come down and he could see if the Street Department can take the trees down themselves or put them on the list. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the tree removal and have the Street Department work with the homeowner to either take the tree down and have the homeowner trim the other tree or add to the City list for removal. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Resolution 2020-05: A Resolution to Approve and Authorize the Execution of an Amendment to the Development Agreement between the City of Hobart, Hobart Sanitary District, Hobart Storm Water Management Department and Cressmoor Development, LLC and Cressmoor Financial, LLC: The Resolution: The Resolution was read. Attorney McCarthy noted it was necessary to amend the agreement due to a scrivener's error. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to approve Resolution 2020-05 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Announcements: Mrs. Longer 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. (2-0) The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.


SECRETARY


PRESIDING OFFICER