

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
November 4, 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.

Mr. Snedecor welcomed Mr. Bill Lee, retired Valparaiso City Manager.

Reading of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 21, 2020 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Correspondence: Update: Third Street Bridge Project: Brandon Towle, BF&S gave a brief update. Hopefully, the lights will be lit tonight, some adjustments still need to be made. The remaining lighting and railing should be finished by mid-December.

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 Consideration of Offer: HFD: re: sale of 1995 KME Aerial Cat. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the agenda with the addition. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Update: Unsafe Building: U.S. Bank N.A., re: 1317 S. Lake Park Ave.: No one was present in person or telephonically. Building Official Jeremy Ogden said he has requested information as to ownership of the property but has not heard back from anyone. City Attorney McCarthy said that she received an email, and the attorneys were no longer representing U.S. Bank because the bank charged off the property. She noted that we were working with them as a courtesy and sees no reason not to move forward with the demolition. Mr. Ogden will follow up with the notices required to move the demolition process forward. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to continue this matter to the November 18, 2020 meeting of the Board of Works for an update. All aye, motion carried. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Update: Speed Control: re: 300 Block of S. Linda St. and the 800 Block of Franklin: Police Chief Zormier said it is not a heavily traveled area this time of year but more so during softball season. They have been watching the speed in this area and will continue to monitor it. Mr. Snedecor asked if Mr. Ols was present telephonically; he was not. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to put this matter in the hands of the police department to continue to monitor. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for "No Parking" Sign: re: North Side of 14th Lane: Mike Vandersluis, 1530 Howard Ct.: Mr. Vandersluis was not present in person or telephonically. Chief Zormier said he spoke to the petitioner who said he was concerned about the wintertime with cars on both sides of the street. Chief Zormier noted that he sees no previous evidence of issues in this area and recommends removing this item from

the agenda. Representatives of the Fire Department Administration agreed they have no issues in this area. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to accept the recommendation of the Police Chief to deny the request and remove this matter from the agenda. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) Request denied.

Consideration of Offer: Hobart Fire Department, re: 1995 KME Aerialcat Tower Truck: Asst. Fire Chief Tinsley was present and said the truck has not been in use for over 2 years and was listed with Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus to help find a buyer. The Dallas Bay Fire Department (Tennessee) has offered \$35,000. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to approve the sale of the 1995 KME Aerialcat Tower Truck for \$35,000 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Announcements:

Hobart Township Trustee, Tom Silich addressed the Council. He thanked them for taking care of the streets in Hillman Heights. He noted that at the end of Howard St. there were 2 houses underwater, he has been working with Lake County and the water table is down in that area and the houses could be rehabbed. Mr. Silich said he received a bid from Bob's Tree Service to demolish the house at 3789 38th Ave. on the corner of Brown Street. He gave the bid to Mr. Ogden. Mr. Snedecor said that the City is required to receive 3 estimates for demolitions. Mr. Silich said that somebody bought the empty lot on Brown St. and they plan to build. Mr. Snedecor said that the Building Department will monitor this. Mr. Silich asked if the asphalt on Roche St. could be replaced and noted that 19 streetlights are out along 37th Ave. Mr. Snedecor stated staff will follow up.

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 4:04 p.m.


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