

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
January 19, 2022**

Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag: Mr. Snedecor called the meeting to order at 3:31 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.

Reading of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of January 5, 2022 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Correspondence: Mr. Snedecor spoke about the shadowbox that was presented to the City from BF&S from the ribbon cutting ceremony for the 3rd Street bridge project. The bridge project is up for an award through the State for Engineering Excellence.

Chief Smith stated that safety committee met, and it was discussed on how to deliver more training to the City employees with the pandemic happening. The committee asked around to neighboring communities to see how they are doing their training and they are using Vector Solutions. The training program offers thousands of training topics and can also be customized to fit the needs of the employees and the departments. They have offered pilot programs to try, and they have been useful thus far. If a decision can be made by January 31, 2022, the cost of the program for the year would be \$19,060.00 which will save \$7,500.00 if done by said date. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to allow that the Mayor move forward with this program if receiving positive feedback from the department heads and successful contract negotiations. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

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 requested the additions of: 1st Group Contract for 3rd St: Wisconsin to Ash St.; LPA INDOT Agreement for Marcella and 61st Ave.; and Amendment #2 for Colorado St.; and INDOT LPA Community Crossings Grant Agreements. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Snedecor, to approve the agenda as amended. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Update/Review: Unsafe Building/Sidewalk: Cagney's, re: 236 Main St: John Pappas, Managing Partner of Cagney's was present telephonically. Phil Gralik, City Engineer stated that he met with the owners and contractors. The cracks on the sidewalk have been sealed and the rear of the building is secured. The owners have the drawings and information from the structural engineer. Phil stated that the weather will be a factor for working on the rear of the building and recommended that this be continued until late March or early April. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to continue this matter for review at the April 6, 2022 meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Update/Review: Unsafe Building: Tom Gielezyn, Master Guys, re: 512 E. 4th & 347/349 Main St: Ross Pietrzak, City Planner spoke to Tom this morning and he is still missing a pane of glass for 347 Main St. Once the pane of glass is installed the building will then be secure. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to set this for review at the February 2, 2022 meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Update/Review: Approval & Acceptance of Indemnification Agreement: Hobart Laundry & Dry Cleaners remediation: re: 33 Main: Attorney McCarthy stated that she had no issues with the agreement. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve and accept the Indemnification Agreement as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Signing of Mylars: 1-lot subdivision (Cimbaljevich Subdivision) located at 3744 Maple St., 200' south from the SW corner of 37th Avenue & Maple St, zoned R-2, 0.45 acres: Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve the signing of Mylars for 1-lot subdivision (Cimbaljevich Subdivision) located at 3744 Maple St. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Signing of Mylars: 1-lot subdivision (Haller Addition) located at 661 Main St., located east of the Lincoln/Main Street intersection, zoned B-1, 2.5 acres: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Snedecor to approve the signing of Mylars for 1-lot subdivision (Haller Addition) located at 661 Main St. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Request to remove tree: re: 205 S. Ash St.: James Piunti: Per the arborist report, the tree is a hazard and can be removed. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Snedecor to approve the removal of the tree at the owner's expense and Kelly Smith or the arborist will talk to the homeowner. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Code Violations/Junk & Parking issues: Alfred Kirkland, re: 1500 E. 6th St.: Code Enforcement Officer, Tyler Wilk was present and stated that the pictures provided to the Board were taken on December 28, 2021 and as of yesterday, some of the small stuff was removed. Officer Wilk stated that he hasn't had any communication from the homeowner in response to the violations. Lieutenant Ron Russo, stated that this property is zoned R-2 and no business is permitted. Mr. Kirkland was present and stated that 90% of the property is cleaned up. He stated that a lot of the items such as the trailers were being stored for a friend. Mr. Kirkland did agree with the violations and photos. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mrs. Longer to set this for full compliance by the March 2, 2022 meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Ratify: 1st Group Engineering Contract, 3rd St: Wisconsin to Ash St. \$137,100.00: Phil Gralik, City Engineer stated that this part of the Community Crossings Grant that was received. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to ratify the signing of the 1st Group Engineering Contract as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

LPA INDOT Amendment #2: re: Colorado St. Improvements: Phil Gralik, City Engineer stated this was for Des #1401034 increasing federal funding by \$2,049,999.70. Phil stated that money was received for construction engineering, design increases, money for wetland mitigation. 90% is federal funding. This project will be bid this year. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve Amendment #2 for Des #1401034 Colorado St. improvements as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

LPA INDOT Agreement: re: Marcella & 61st Ave.: Phil Gralik, City Engineer stated this was for Des #1902707. We need to have this agreement in place to begin the right of way phase. This is part of the bond from RDC. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve the LPA INDOT contract for Des #1902707 for the Marcella and 61st Ave intersection as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Local Roads and Bridges Community Crossings Grant with INDOT: Phil Gralik, City Engineer stated this was for 3rd St. from Wisconsin to Ash St. as well as Delaware St. from Cleveland to Home. This will be bid as one project. Construction will be done on 3rd St. before 4th of July and then move over

to Delaware St. and hope to be done before school starts back up. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve Local Roads and Bridge matching grant agreement contact #59782 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Announcements: Bob Fulton, president of HSD stated that there will be a Public Hearing for SRF PER on January 25, 2022 at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers. Mrs. Longer stated that there is a notice of the public hearing and a link to the PER on the City website.

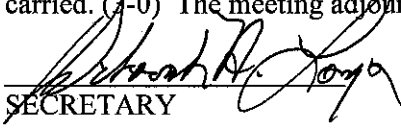
Chris Wells spoke on behalf of Mr. Matthews who is a crossing guard at Veteran's about residents not shoveling their sidewalks on Cleveland between Delaware and Colorado which is causing the kids to walk in the street. It was also brought up as to when there would be School Zone signs and lights placed for the school.

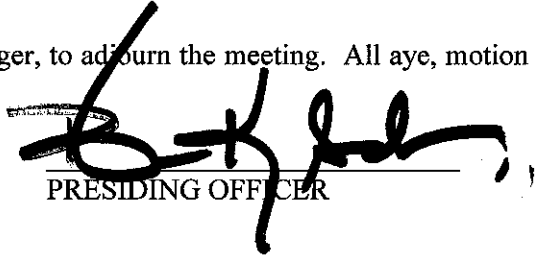
Steve Aponte, FOP President requested that the take home car policy be placed back on the agenda. The fuel prices were discussed as that is part of the issue with granting this. The Mayor will discuss more with Chief Ciszewski and get more dialogue. This will be added to the March 2, 2022 agenda.

Mr. Gralik stated the Wisconsin St. Bridge project is scheduled to be let this year by Lake County.

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 4:38 p.m.


SECRETARY


PRESIDING OFFICER