

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
February 2, 2022**

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.

Reading of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of January 19, 2022 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Correspondence: Mayor Snedecor noted the passing of Paul Throne, former School City of Hobart teacher and mentor and Coach Steve Balash, School City of Hobart teacher and mentor. Both gentlemen contributed to the community of Hobart throughout their lifetimes and will be truly missed by all those they encountered and all the lives they touched.

Mr. Snedecor also thanked the Public Works Department and all the departments for dealing with the snowstorm today with a special thanks to Mission BBQ, Marco's Pizza, and Hobart Events for providing food for the public works employees who have been clearing streets since 1:30AM. Kelly Smith, Public Works Director, also thanked the Sanitation teams for getting the garbage routes done today in spite of the snowfall. She noted the transfer station has closed so the scheduled Thursday pick-ups will be done on Friday.

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: Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the agenda as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Update/Review: Unsafe Building: Tom Gielezyn, Master Guys, re: 512 E. 4th & 347/349 Main St. Mrs. Longer stated that Ross Pietrzak, City Planner has indicated the building is now secure with all the glass installed and the only issue in front of the Board is the pending \$1,000 fine imposed in August 2020. Discussion followed about some other issues with the Historic Preservation Commission that need to be resolved to get the building into compliance with their standards. Motion by Ms. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to set this item over until the April 6, 2022 meeting of the Board to assure that all compliances with the Hobart Historic Preservation Commission are met and to ask the City Attorney to compose a letter explaining to the owner the need to address those issues and then they may come back to the Board of Works to discuss payment of the fine. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Update: Request for Speed Limit Signs on 69th Avenue: Sandy Standford, re: 2007 E. 69th Ave. Mr. Lain noted there were 2 WB speed signs installed and 1 EB sign installed on 69th Ave. Ms. Longer explained that this item was set to revisit the request from August 2021 as the road project was not yet complete at that time and the signage is now installed. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to remove this item from the agenda as the signs are installed and if there is additional signs needed in the

future, the Board would consider it based on regular traffic using the area. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2022-01: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Predevelopment Agreement between the City of Hobart and Becknell Industrial, LLC: The Resolution was read. Ethan Frisch, representing Becknell Industrial, LLC and Director of Development Beth Jacobson were present telephonically and discussed this predevelopment agreement for a possible future development regarding property on the SE corner of 61st and Colorado Street. It was noted that the Redevelopment Commission approved a similar Resolution earlier today. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Snedecor, to approve Resolution 2022-01 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

LPA INDOT Amendment #1: CMAQ Grant Agreement: CNG Fuel Purchase, extending Term of Grant: Mr. Snedecor stated this Amendment extends the Term of the Grant until June 30, 2025 and is requested by INDOT and NIRPC. Motion by Ms. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve Amendment #1 to the CMAQ Grant Agreement as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Ratify Publication of Solicitation for Bid: Community Crossing Reconstruction 2022: First Group Engineering: Ms. Longer stated that the City Engineer has requested the Board ratify the publication of the solicitation for bids regarding the Community Crossing projects for 2022, noting that the form of the ad is similar to those in the past and follows the grants guidelines. Motion by Ms. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to ratify the publication of the Solicitation for Bids as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Review & Approval of Ad for Sealed Proposals: "Build, Operate, Transfer" Southwest Regional Lift Station & Force Main: BF&S: Sean Mikos, Butler, Fairman & Seufert, was present telephonically and stated that the SW Regional Lift Station and Force Main project anticipates future development in the 61st Avenue area including the possibility of eventually eliminating the Arizona Street Lift Station. Bob Fulton, HSD President, stated this project is part of a larger plan for development of the sewers in the area and gathering sealed proposals will help the City and HSD decide how to proceed. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the Ad for Sealed Proposals as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Review and Approval of Teamsters Local Union No. 142 Contract: 2022 – 2025: Mr. Snedecor stated the City and the Teamsters have been working on this contract for over 5 months and it includes the 2% raise for 2022 and added that the Public Works Director intends to add 2 MVH operators and 2 Sewer operators in 2022. He also stated that the Council will need to amend the 2022 Salary Ordinance but has the proposed amending Ordinance on their agenda this evening. Mr. Snedecor also stated that the Teamsters have requested that the position of Lead Mechanic be added to the Contract as this additional pay grade has been part of the salary ordinance for a few years but was inadvertently not included in this contract. The Teamsters have also requested the pay rates anticipated in this Agreement be retroactive to January 1, 2022 as the terms of the Agreement note the date of January 1st. Councilman Lino Maggio, present telephonically, stated he would also like to encourage the retroactive pay to January 1st. Ms. Longer stated that would be a Council decision when discussing the amending of the Salary Ordinance to include the new pay grades in that ordinance. Motion by Ms. Longer, seconded by Mr. Snedecor, to

approve the Teamster Local Union No. 142 Contract with the addition of the pay rate for the Lead Mechanic being added to the Agreement and subject to the Salary Ordinance Amendment being approved to meet the 2022 rates as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Announcements: Mr. Snedecor 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. (3-0) The meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

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SECRETARY

Richard Long
PRESIDING OFFICER