

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
March 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. 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 February 16, 2022 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Correspondence: Mr. Snedecor thanked Public Works and Public Safety for dealing with the road and filling potholes with hot patches. Mrs. Longer also thanked the Lift Station for keeping up with the melting snow on top of the rain that we received.

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 at the request of the petitioner that the Cressmoor Estates Amended Development Agreement be deferred, and the addition from Chris Moore from Nies Engineering to place construction signs in the easement on 83rd Ave. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve the agenda as amended. Amended motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to remove the Cressmoor Estates Amended Development Agreement from the agenda. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Review/Update: Code Violations/Junk & Parking issues: Alfred Kirkland, re: 1500 E. 6th St.: Code Enforcement Officer Tyler Wilk: Mr. Kirkland was present in person and requested additional time of 30 days to remove the items from his property. Officer Wilk had no issues with the time extension. He did show Mr. Kirkland photos that were taken earlier in the day and pointed out the items that still needed to be removed. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mrs. Longer to continue this for review at the March 16, 2022 meeting. If Officer Wilk says that progress is being made, then this will be set over to the April 6, 2022 meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Update: Discussion re: HPD General Order 19: Chief Ciszewski was present and stated that this order change is important for recruitment of new potential officers and stated that surrounding municipalities have take home cars. The Chief also said that there are 2 cars in Anderson, IN getting fit to change over to CNG and another 2 cars will be going for the change. FOP President Steve Aponte was present and advised the Board that Ford will be doing a demo for all electric cars for the local law enforcement agencies on March 18, 2022 as this might be an option for some cars. It was mentioned by Officer Trajkovski that the take home vehicles for officers that live outside of the City will only be driven to and from work and not used leisurely. Mr. Snedecor said that this program is not a perk and it is to be used as a visual in the neighborhoods. The fuel prices are extremely high right now which makes this a difficult decision. Mr. Lain requested that some research be done on hybrids as possibly an option for police vehicles. Mrs. Longer stated that this will be removed from the agenda for more research and asked that Officer Aponte or the Chief to request it be added back when they are ready.

NEW BUSINESS:

Award Bid for Community Crossings: 3rd St.: Wisconsin to Ash; and Delaware St.: Home to Cleveland: City Engineer Phil Gralik stated that Rieth-Riley was the low bidder on the project and recommends the Board approve their contract for a total amount of \$2,439,508.32. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to award the bid for the Community Crossings 3rd St: Wisconsin to Ash and Delaware St.: Home to Cleveland as stated to Rieth-Riley as recommended by the City Engineer. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Resolution 2022-02: A Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of (1) Fire Department Ambulance Unit as a "Special Purchase": Chief Smith advised this was through HGAC and is a no bid purchase. This ambulance will be replacing a 2011 model with a lot of miles. The ambulances make up about 70% of all calls. Mr. Snedecor said that this will be the last ambulance to be able to switch the boxes out. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve Resolution 2022-02 pending the scrivener's error on line 27 being corrected. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Approval to Place Temporary Signs in Easement: Nies Engineering: Chris Moore from Nies was present telephonically. He is requesting approval for temporary construction signs on the East and West sides of 83rd for the work being done at Albanese. The signs would be "Construction Area Ahead" to allow the public to see and be aware of the work being done. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to approve the placement of temporary constructions signs in the easement on the East and West sides of 83rd. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Announcements: Mr. Snedecor announced that there will possibly be a City wide prayer for Ukraine on, March 9, 2022 at Festival Park. The time is to be determined.

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 4:18 p.m.


SECRETARY


PRESIDING OFFICER