

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA  
March 17, 2021**

**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 and 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 March 3, 2021 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Correspondence:** Mr. Lain requested information regarding the compost bag program. Mr. Snedecor stated the Council Sanitation subcommittee met earlier this week and updates will be coming soon.

**Update on 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Bridge project:** Brandon Towle, BF&S, distributed an update stating the masonry signs were completed last week for the Streetscape project and landscaping and mulch will be installed by the end of the month. New pier lights for the bridge should also be installed by month's end and design is being finalized on the drainage gates to prevent future flooding of the trail area. There are three gates that will need to be installed with an anticipated cost of \$750 - \$1,000 each.

**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 stated the petitioner for Hawks Crossing has requested the signing of the mylars be tabled until the next meeting to allow him time to get the required bond on file; and requested the three annual renewal for sidewalk dining be moved to the beginning of the agenda as all three business owners were present. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the agenda with the actions as stated by the Mayor. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Consideration of Annual Renewal of Sidewalk Dining: Brick House Bar & Grill, Shane Evans, 230 Main St.; Café 339, Demitri Karatglidis, 339 Main St.; Montego Bay Grille, Teddian Jackson, 322 Main St.:** Business owners from all three businesses were present and stated that no changes are anticipated for their sidewalk dining from previous years. Brickhouse Grill and Montego Bay both stated they are anticipating using stronger metal barriers this year but the placement will remain the same. Mr. Snedecor reminded them to call the Building Dept. once the areas are set up to get an inspection for ADA compliance. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the renewal of sidewalk dining for BrickHouse Bar & Grill, Café 339 and Montego Bay Grille from April 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Review: Order to Appear: Property Maint. & Other Violations: Marco Tamayo, re: 7197 Mississippi St.: Lt.Russo:** The owner and his attorney were not present Mr. Pietrzyk, City Planner, stated Board of Works Minutes March 17, 2021

correspondence was issued to both when they failed to appear at the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Plan Commission and the Commission tabled any action. They were informed to appear at the April 1<sup>st</sup> Plan Commission meeting. City Attorney McCarthy stated it would be appropriate to issue an Order to Appear for the April 7, 2021 meeting of the Board as this is after the Plan Commission meets and the Board will be advised of any action taken by the Commission. It was noted that there is currently \$4,000 in fines imposed by the Board and not yet paid. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to issue an Order to Appear at the April 7, 2021 meeting of the Board to Mr. Tamayo and his attorney. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) Attorney McCarthy will issue the Order to Appear.

**Continued: Consideration of Stop Signs at Intersection: 40<sup>th</sup> & Delaware: Councilman Chris Wells:** Barb Tinoco, 40<sup>th</sup> & Delaware, was present and requested consideration to slow traffic on 40<sup>th</sup> as there are children in the area. Mr. Snedecor noted there are stop signs at Cavender and Colorado Streets and there is an obstruction of view from Delaware at 40<sup>th</sup> that is of concern. Police Chief Rick Zormier stated he would not object to a 3-way stop at the intersection of 40<sup>th</sup> & Delaware due to the obstructed view. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to authorize the placement of 3 stop signs at the intersection of 40<sup>th</sup> & Delaware as requested. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) Councilman Wells asked if there was a possibility of having a flashing light on the stop signs to alert traffic to the new stop signs in the area. Mr. Snedecor stated there were no available flashing lights in inventory at this time but the police department will monitor the area.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Request for Refund of PUD Amendment Filing Fee:** Bud Scheffer, re: 8203 Utah St.: Ross Pietrzyk, City Planner, recommended issuing the refund as the initial petition filed was found to be unobtainable when property sales were discovered and the owner went in a different direction by pursuing a rezone and paid the filing fee for the current petition. The sign frame refund of \$20 has already been refunded and Mr. Pietrzyk recommended refunding the \$100 filing fee and the \$10 sign fee. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to authorize the refund to Mr. Scheffer in the amount of \$110.00 as recommended by the City Planner. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Resolution 2021-01: A Resolution Establishing an Inter-Agency Agreement for the Cost Sharing of the Implementation and Maintenance of a Comprehensive Asset Management Program. (Joint Resolution with the Hobart Sanitary District)** The Resolution was read. Mr. Snedecor stated the Asset Management Program will be utilized by all departments throughout the City and this 60/40 cost sharing with the Sanitary-Stormwater District will allow the implementation of the software with 40% covered by the civil city and 60% by the HSD. The percentages will be monitored in the future to see if there will need to be a shift in the amount of utilization. This same resolution will be presented to the HSD at their meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to approve Resolution 2021-01 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Resolution 2021-02: A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Emergency Medical Services Equipment and Ongoing Equipment Maintenance Service by the City of Hobart Fire Department as a "Special Purchase":** The Resolution was read. Joe Lavendusky, HFD EMS Director, reviewed the need for this equipment to replace various units at the end of their usable life span and due to vendor changes certain equipment is only available to be maintained by a specific dealer. This resolution is for equipment in the amount of \$202,229.42 and 3-years of maintenance in the amount of \$66,892.62 for a total cost of

\$269,122.04. Mr. Lavendusky stated the company is offering 0% interest with annual payments over 3 years. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve Resolution 2021-02 as a special purchase as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) Mr. Lavendusky also noted there are three ambulances that will need to have wiring installed to handle the cots at a cost of \$1,170 each. Mr. Snedecor stated this cost will be included on a future claims list for the Board's consideration.

**Signing of Mylars:** Hawks Crossing: 6-lot subdivision located NW of 61<sup>st</sup> Ave & Colorado St., zoned R-2, 4.29 acres: Tabled at agenda approval until the April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting at the request of petitioner.

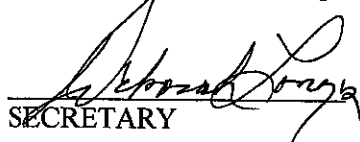
**Announcements:** Mr. Michael Gajdik, 700 N. County Line Rd., requested information regarding the County Line expansion project, stating he had heard from Mr. Francis at BF&S that none of his property would be required for the project. He stated he had not had a response from the City Engineer as to his inquiry and none of his neighbors had been given an update. Mr. Snedecor stated this INDOT project does not allow the City to respond to public requests but he would look into the question of this particular property and try to provide Mr. Gajdik with a response.

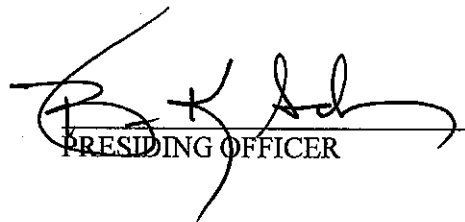
Mrs. Kirby, 7201 Mississippi St., was on the phone requesting information as to responses to her continued screen shots and videos sent to Code Enforcement regarding her neighbor, Mr. Tamayo's continued violation of use of the property. City Attorney McCarthy and Lt. Ron Russo both stated that the neighbors are directed to contact 911 for code violations as they are occurring so Code Enforcement can respond appropriately. The phone connection was disabled and Attorney McCarthy stated she will contact Mrs. Kirby to discuss the procedures with her directly.

Robin Gomez, County Line Rd., questioned whether there was any update on the Oak Savannah Trail drainage project since the last update over a month ago. Mr. Snedecor stated the City Engineer and Lake County are both working on this project and he was unsure of the timing but would get her the information as soon as available.

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 4:29 p.m.

  
SECRETARY

  
PRESIDING OFFICER