

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
May 4, 2022**

Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag: Mr. Snedecor called the meeting to order at 3:32 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 April 20, 2022 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Correspondence: City Planner Ross Pietrzak announced that the Comprehensive Plan website is up and active. The Lakota Group will be handling the website for the City and it is encouraged that residents go to the website and participate.

Mayor Snedecor announced that the City of Hobart won an Honor Award for the 3rd St. Bridge at the ACEC annual competition. The City was in the top 8 of the State.

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 that an Inter-Municipal agreement with New Chicago be added. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve the agenda as amended. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Continued: Request for Approval of Concrete Replacement on City property: re: rear of 322 Main St.: Joe Kenjic: City Planner Ross Pietrzak mentioned that approval is not needed from the Historic Preservation as this rear of the building is not part of the Historic Downtown District. Mrs. Longer stated that the right-of-way was done with federal grant funds and could not be sold or transferred or tore up. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to **deny** the request for concrete replacement. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) The request for concrete replacement is **denied**. Teddian Jackson arrived at 3:42pm. The Board advised him of the decision that was made on his request. Mr. Jackson stated that he has been doing the upkeep on the rear of the building as he thought the property was his. He also mentioned that there are some safety concerns with the sidewalk. Mrs. Longer amended her motion, seconded by Mr. Lain to **deny** the request for concrete replacement, but to have the Engineering Department do a site check for review and recommendations on other options to be considered at the May 18, 2022 meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Continued: Request for Street Sign with Street Name: re: 155 S Illinois St.: Shirley Best: HPD Captain James Gonzalez was present and stated that HPD has no issues with the street sign being installed. Lt. Ron Russe drove to the residence with his pick-up truck and had no issues pulling in or backing out of the driveway with cars parked across the street. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to approve the street sign. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Continued: Property issues: Cagney's and NW corner of Third and Main St. re: 236 Main St., Nick Karounos: No one was present for this matter. Deputy Engineer Alex Olesker stated that no changes have been made since the last site visit in February. Alex stated that the seams are coming undone on the rear of the building as well as the sidewalk in the front. Mrs. Longer requested that this item be pushed to the end of the agenda to allow time for a representative from Cagney's to show up.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for Stop signs: Cypress Ln. and Hemlock Dr.: John Rosenbaum, 2882 Cypress Ln.: HPD Captain James Gonzalez was present for this matter and he stated that there have been no accidents in the last 10 years at this intersection and does not recommend the installation of a stop sign. HPD will have additional patrol to help with the speeding in the area. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to **deny** the request for a stop sign at Cypress Ln. and Hemlock Dr. per the recommendation from HPD. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) The request has been **denied**.

Request for Block Party: Tanager St. to Merganser St., May 7th, 12pm-5pm: Tiana McQueen: 7190 Tanager St: The block party is to honor a Veteran in the area. The road would be blocked off from Bracken to Merganser. Public Works will provide the barricades. HPD recommends approval of the block party. Mr. Snedecor stated that he did talk to the petitioner and advised her that the road will need to be open enough for emergency vehicles to get through if needed. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mrs. Longer to approve the block party between Bracken and Merganser on May 7th from 12pm-5pm. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Request to remove trees from easement: re: 937 Garfield St., Nolan Bergner: Per the City arborist report, this tree is neither dead nor dying and is not hazardous. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mrs. Longer to **deny** the request at the recommendation of the City arborist unless the homeowner wishes to remove the tree and debris at their expense. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) The request for the City to remove the tree is **denied**, but homeowner may remove at their expense.

Public Hearing: Unsafe Building: Barbara Denta Trust re: 282 Crestwood Dr.: Karen Hansen: Building Official Karen Hansen stated that this property has had violations since 2014 and since the owner has passed away. Karen started the investigation on March 8, 2022 following the unsafe building checklist. This building has the roof collapsing, doors missing, animal infestation, and water damage. Demolition is recommended. Attorney McCarthy stated that IC allows for a public hearing for those interested parties to participate. Notices have taken place as well as photos presented. The public hearing was opened and closed without comment. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain to declare 282 Crestwood Dr. unsafe and move forward with the demolition. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Public Hearing: Unsafe Building: Luken re: 131 Center St.: Karen Hansen: Building Official Karen Hansen stated that this property has had violations dating back to 2008. Karen started the investigation on March 8, 2022 following the unsafe building checklist. This building has the foundation caving in, animal infestation, and is a public nuisance. Demolition is recommended. Attorney McCarthy stated that IC allows for a public hearing for those interested parties to participate. Notices have taken place as well as photos presented. The public hearing was opened and closed without comment. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain to declare 131 Center St. unsafe and move forward with the demolition. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Consideration of 3rd St. Bridge Pay Estimate No. 20: ICC Group Inc., BF&S; Brandon Towle: Brandon was present and stated that this pay estimate was for the asphalt and drainage gate for \$5,129.75. He also stated that there will be an additional pay estimate for the anti-graffiti and anti-efforescent testing.

Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve Pay Estimate No. 20 for a total cost of \$5,129.75 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Consideration of Summer Market Performance Agreements: May 26th - Chronic Flannel \$1000.00; June 2nd - The Teacha's Band \$750.00; June 9th - Geddy the Zak Band \$500.00; June 16th - Reggae Express \$500.00; June 23rd - Dirt Born \$500.00; June 30th - The Love Pumps \$500.00; July 7th - The Rusted Strings Band \$600.00; July 14th - Blue's Fuse \$500.00; July 21st - 27 Entertainment (DJ) \$1000.00; July 28th - High Street Band \$500.00; August 4th - RAK Brothers \$500.00; August 11th - The Ginter Allstars \$500.00: Director of Special Events Nikki Lopez stated that these performers are for the Summer Market only at this time. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to accept the Summer Market Performance Agreements as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Signing of Mylars: Cressmoor Estates Phases 3, 4, 7, 10, 11 & 12: located west of Lake Park Ave., south of 37th Ave., east of Wisconsin St., zoned PUD: Derrick Horton was present to answer any questions if needed. City Planner Ross Pietrzak there was a development agreement waiting to be signed and recorded and a 3rd Party Inspection Agreement to be executed. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mrs. Longer to approve the signing of the mylars for Cressmoor Estates Phases 3, 4, 7, 10, 11 & 12 as presented once the recorded Development Agreement and 3rd Party Inspection Agreement are submitted. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Consideration of Inter-Municipal Agreement with New Chicago: Attorney McCarthy stated that this was an agreement for the work being done in the Nob Hill neighborhood. An approval was received from New Chicago, and they are in agreement with the terms. Once the document is signed, it must be recorded. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to accept the Inter-Municipal Agreement as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Continued: Property issues: Cagney's and NW corner of Third and Main St. re: 236 Main St., Nick Karounos: No one was present for this matter. Upon further discussion, it was mentioned that the City Engineer do a site check at the property and advise the owner on what is still needing done. There is a report from a structural engineer with recommendations on the repairs. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to impose a \$1,000.00 fine with an order to appear at the May 18, 2022 meeting with a signed contract as well as a timeline for the work. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Announcements: Building Official Karen Hansen introduced Jennifer Gough. Jennifer is going to be the new full time building inspector for the City.

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 4:34 p.m.

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SECRETARY

Richard Longer
PRESIDING OFFICER