

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
May 19, 2021**

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 Mr. Snedecor, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of May 5, 2021 and the Special Meeting of May 13, 2021 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Correspondence: Update on 3rd St. Bridge project: Brandon Towle, BF&S, advised that the new pier lights were installed and the punch list of things to do is about done.

Phil Gralik, City Engineer, advised that the Engineering Department has an intern this summer and introduced Alex Olesker. He is a Senior at Purdue University studying Civil Engineering. Alex will be with the City until August 13, 2021.

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: Mrs. Longer stated that Public Works had already removed the tree at 283 Ryan Court, therefore this can be removed from the agenda. Mr. Snedecor mentioned that the Mylars are not yet ready and requested to be tabled. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the agenda as amended. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Continued: Order to Appear: Property Maintenance & Other Violations: re: 7197 Mississippi St., Marco Tamayo, Attorney Carrie Castro: Mr. Tamayo was present in person and Attorney Castro was present telephonically. Phil Gralik, City Engineer, stated he met with Mr. Tamayo and Attorney Castro on site earlier in the day to assess the property and advised Mr. Tamayo and Attorney Castro of the work that needs to be done. Mr. Gralik recommended that a follow up on the progress of the property be done in 2 weeks and will be reported at the June 2, 2021 meeting. Attorney Castro advised that her and Mr. Tamayo are in agreement on the work that needs to be done. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to set for review and compliance for the June 2, 2021 Board meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of Right-of-Way Services Agreement: re: Northwind Parkway Extension and 61st Ave Roundabout Intersection: Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Inc.: Beth Jacobson/Dawn Hostetler, Economic Development Dept. Jake Dammarell from BF&S was present in person and Beth Jacobson was present telephonically. Jake provided an update on the project including appraisals and buying services. He also stated that this project will not exceed \$84,950.00 and it will alleviate the stress and traffic on 61st Avenue

and Marcella Blvd. Director of Development Beth Jacobson, said that this was approved by the RDC at the May 17, 2021 meeting. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the Right of Way Services Agreement as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Request for Sidewalk Waiver: re: Shawn & Dana Bock, 1191 S. Hobart Rd.: Building Official, Jeremy Ogden has no objections to this request. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to approve this request for the sidewalk waiver as presented for 1 year or until such time that the City determines the sidewalk should be installed at the owner's expense. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Request to remove tree in easement: re: Sarah Koulianos 283 Ryan Court: This tree was already removed by Public Works/MVH and removed from the agenda.

Request to remove tree in easement: re: Robert Almodovar, 2030 E. 38th Ave.: A report from the arborist was submitted with the conclusion that the tree is still healthy. It was recommended to cover the cavity with some wire mesh to keep the pests from making homes inside. The arborist also recommended to reassess the tree in a year to see if it is still healthy or needs to be removed. There were no objections if the homeowner wishes to remove the tree at their expense. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to **deny** the request for the tree to be removed and to reassess in 1 year per the recommendation of the arborist. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) The request is **denied**.

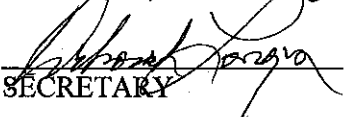
The arborist also brought the attention to a pine tree on this property that is obstructing the sidewalk. Code requires that the homeowner trim the tree to meet the ordinance which states the tree has to be 6'8" above the sidewalk for clearance. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to give the homeowner 30 days to trim the tree which will be reviewed at the June 16, 2021 meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

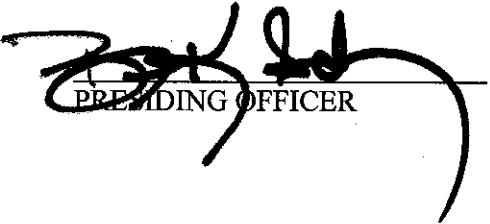
Request to install Subdivision Entrance Sign in Right-of-Way: Cressmoor Estates: W of Rand Rd. on N. Lake Park Ave: City Planner Ross Pietrzak stated that the medians should be maintained by the ownership of the HOA. It was recommended to have utility easements so the City has access to any utility issues that may arise. Mr. Pietrzak suggested that this be sent to the Council to amend the covenants. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to accept the recommendation of Mr. Pietrzak and present this to the Council to amend the covenants. Discussion followed. City Engineer Phil Gralik made a recommendation to continue this topic to the June 2, 2021 meeting as there are several issues up in the air on how to go about this. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to rescind her first motion and made the new motion, seconded by Mr. Lain to continue this item to the June 2, 2021 meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Consideration of Summer Market Performance Agreements: May 27th: Smarty Pants: June 2nd: Blue's Fuse: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Snedecor to accept the Summer Market Performance Agreements for 5/27/21 Smarty Pants for \$500.00 and 6/2/21 Blue's Fuse for \$400.00 as presented. 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 Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) The meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.


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PRESIDING OFFICER