

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
July 6, 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. Absent: City Attorney McCarthy.

Reading of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of June 15, 2022 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Correspondence: Mayor Snedecor thanked the departments for a successful 4th of July celebration.

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: Mayor Snedecor requested the following be added to the agenda: Compliance Issues re: Safe Haven Apartments and an Update on the outdoor dining for Caribbean on the Lake. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve the agenda with the additions as stated. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Unfinished Business:

Continued: Property issues: Cagney's and NW corner of Third and Main St. re: 236 Main St.: John Pappas was present telephonically and stated they are waiting on the report from the structural engineers. He noted the back wall of the building is sufficiently braced. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to continue this item until the July 20, 2022 meeting of the Board for an updated report on repairs to be completed and contracts with a work timeline in place. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Continued: Consideration for Bond Reduction: Cressmoor Estates, Phase 1: Randy Hall: No one was present. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Snedecor, to continue this item until the July 20, 2022 meeting of the Board. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Continued: Request for "No Left Turn" sign: Dairy Queen: Police Chief Garrett Ciszewski stated he has been in contact with INDOT who will allow a "no stopped traffic" sign along northbound SR51 near the DQ at 530 Main St. which will give the Police Dept. some enforceability for those trying to make a left turn into the DQ. He recommends approval of installation of this sign by INDOT. Mr. Snedecor noted that Mr. Fry, owner of the DQ, has tried internally on his lot to deal with the traffic flow. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the installation of a "no stopped traffic" sign on northbound SR51 across from the DQ. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Continued: Consideration for Outdoor Dining: Granger's at the Clock Tower: 437 E. 3rd St.: Nancy Granger: No one was present. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to remove this item from the agenda. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Continued: Request for Permanent Easement: Wisconsin St. (extended) across City easement: NIPSCO: Ami Carrabine, NIPSCO, was present and requested this permanent easement. City Engineer Phil Gralik noted that NIPSCO will be relinquishing the temporary easement in the future once the construction is complete and recommends approval of this request. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the request for the Permanent Easement as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Tabled: Signing of Mylars: Plat of Vacation of Right-of-Way: N. of 61st Ave., W of Arizona St., E of Emerald Dr. and Acceptance of Temporary Easement (approved by Redevelopment Commission on 6/27/2022) Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to remove this item from the table. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) Attorney Todd Leeth, representing Steiner Homes, explained the timing of this vacate which includes the acceptance of a Temporary Easement which was approved by the Redevelopment Commission on June 27, 2022 and after approval of a vacate ordinance by the Council the new temporary easement would be recorded prior to the plat of vacation being recorded. This would assure the access to the property to the north. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to approve the Temporary Easement as previously approved by the Redevelopment Commission as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve the plat of vacation contingent upon Council approval of the Ordinance to Vacate with the recording of the new Temporary Easement to be done prior to the plat being signed and recorded. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

New Business:

Request to remove tree in parkway: 1227 Independence. Lawrence Truzpek was present and stated there are large branches that may create a hazard if they split from the tree. Public Works Supt. Kelly Smith stated the arborist looked at the tree and stated it did not meet the criteria for removal by the City at this time. Mr. Lain explained that the owner may want to consider removal of the tree at his own expense, if the Board approves this but Mr. Truzpek stated he had already taken down two additional trees on his property and was hoping the City would take the parkway trees down. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to **deny** the removal of the trees in the parkway at 1227 Independence at this time but the owner may re-petition the City to revisit the status of the trees again in 1 year. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Signing of Mylars: Plat of Vacation of Right-of-Way: Illinois Street, zoned R-2, 0.30 acre +/- zoned R-2, 2 acres: Mrs. Longer stated the Ordinance to Vacate is in front of the Council later this evening. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to table this item pending Council action. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Supplemental Agreement No. 1: Water Main & Utility Site & Services Coordination, Southwest Regional Lift Station and Force Main Sanitary Sewer Improvements: Jake Dammarell, BF&S, was present and stated this agreement is for the utility coordination needed for the project increasing the BF&S services agreement for this project by \$11,250.00 to a total of \$306,650. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to approve Supplemental Agreement No. 1 for the water main & utility site and services coordination as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Supplemental Agreement No. 3: 61st Ave. and Marcella Blvd. Intersection Improvements: Jake Dammarell, BF&S, was present and stated this is a supplement to include conceptual layouts for roundabout hardscape and landscape treatments and the final design for same in an amount not to exceed \$22,000.00. City Engineer Phil Gralik noted there is some federal grant money available that will include this part of the project and recommended approval. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve Supplemental Agreement No. 3 for the 61st Ave. and Marcella Blvd Intersection Improvements as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Change Order No. 1: Cleveland St. from Delaware to Colorado: First Group Engineering: City Engineer Phil Gralik stated this is for the addition of sidewalks on Cleveland Street between Delaware and Colorado St. and is not included in the community crossings grant funding and will be solely the City's responsibility to fund. This Change Order adds \$36,705.70 to the contract. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Snedecor, to approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$36,705.70 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Extension of Sanitation/Recycle Contract: Republic Services d/b/a Illiana Disposal: Jim Metros of Republic Services provided a Contract Extension Proposal for Recycling and Waste Disposal Services. Discussion followed as to the increase in the pricing to: Trash: \$62.85/ton and Recycling: \$54.90/ton for the next year due to inflation. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve a contract extension for one year through June 30, 2023 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Interagency Agreement with Hobart Sanitary District: re: 37th Ave. Water Main Extension: City Engineer Phil Gralik explained this agreement is to share costs of this project with the Sanitary District with each entity contributing \$137,500 for the extension of the water service and provide access to Indiana American Water for the water main. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to approve the Interagency Agreement as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Ratify Proposal for Geotechnical Exploration: Advanced Engineering Svc. (AES) re: 82nd Ave. Construction: City Engineer Phil Gralik stated that this contract is for subsurface boring and lab exploration between Albanese and Grand Blvd. for the 82nd Ave. project and the Mayor had signed the proposal to allow the work to begin to move the project along. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to ratify the signing of the contract as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

LPA Contract for Inspection Services: Colorado St. Safety Upgrades Project, N&S of US30: BF&S: City Engineer Phil Gralik stated this is the INDOT Agreement for the inspection services by BF&S on the Colorado Street Federal Safety Project and recommended approval. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to approve the LPA Contract for Inspection Services for the Colorado St. Safety Upgrades Project in an amount not to exceed \$330,000.00 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Order to Appear, Property Violations: re: Safe Haven, 7931 Iowa St.: Mark and Devin Rowland, representing Safe Haven, were present and stated they had received the notice and are addressing the issues. Mark stated the door locks had been disabled and they are waiting for parts to get them properly installed and the fire extinguishers have all been inspected and tagged. Fire Inspector Ron Reed, stated he will reinspect the property in the morning to assure compliance. The Rowlands explained that their contractor was in breach of the contract and they were given until July 8, 2022 to comply with their contract but the owners will take responsibility and see that all matters come into compliance with the City. As to the Stormwater issues, Tim Kingsland, MS4 Coordinator, stated he has not inspected the site recently and he does not have as-builts. The Rowlands stated that there were no changes since his last inspection due to the problems with the Contractor and Safe Haven will bring these issues into compliance. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to set this item over for compliance and a staff update at the July 20, 2022 meeting of the Board. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

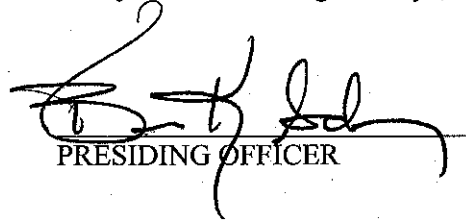
Update on Outdoor Dining request: Caribbean on the Lake, 4th Street. City Planner Ross Pietrzak stated he and the owners had met with the excise official and determined that the property would be in compliance with excise if the existing sidewalk area remained open as long as the south side outdoor dining area was fenced in with fencing at least 4' tall. Ross stated the trees in the easement would remain and chairs and tables would be placed on the street side of the sidewalk with pavers or paving installed. Some tree grates or other drainage around the tree bases would also be needed. ADA compliance would

also be met with this plan. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the updated plan 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 4:40 p.m.


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