

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA  
July 21, 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 Mrs. Longer, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of July 7, 2021 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Correspondence:** There was no correspondence.

**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:** Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the agenda as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Review/Compliance: Property Maintenance & Other Violations:** re: 7197 Mississippi St., Marco Tamayo, Attorney Carrie Castro: No one was present for this matter. Phil Gralik, City Engineer stated that he did not do a site visit and has had no communication with Mr. Tamayo or Attorney Castro since the last meeting on July 7, 2021. There will be a site visit before the next Board meeting on August 4, 2021. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to set for review and compliance at the August 4, 2021 Board meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Continued: Donation of Fire Truck:** Tradewinds, re: 3198 East 83<sup>rd</sup> Pl.: Attorney McCarthy stated that the Letter of Understanding was send out. She spoke with Lisa, the Director of Marketing and they are in agreement to remove the city seal so the truck isn't mistaken for an in use emergency vehicle. Attorney McCarthy has not heard anything from Attorney Mindel on this matter. It was suggested by Attorney McCarthy to continue this matter to the August 4, 2021 Board meeting. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to continue this matter to the August 4, 2021 Board meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Request for placement of mailbox in easement:** re: 1037 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Susan Nole, Fetterer Tax Service: Phil Gralik, City Engineer stated that he had no objections with the request of installing a 24x24 mailbox as long as it was a minimum of 18" away from the travel lanes. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mrs. Longer to approve the installation of the mailbox at 1037 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St. given the landowner completes a maintenance agreement. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Request for No Shoulder sign:** re: Cleveland Ave., 50' East of Cleveland Terrace on North side: Josh Huddleston: Donna Seeley, 1 Cleveland Terrace was present. Kelly Smith, Superintendent of Public Works and City Engineer Phil Gralik had met on site. The owner stated that she did not want a guardrail as it won't solve the issue. Phil advised that they could possibly slope the shoulder at the Right of Entry

and would be less than \$2,000.00 in materials. He also suggested a possible No Passing sign or a Speed Limit sign. Mrs. Seeley mentioned that she had a steepness concern at the drainage point. Phil Gralik and Kelly Smith will do a site visit and report back at the August 4, 2021 Board meeting. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mrs. Longer to set for review at the August 4, 2021 Board meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Request to remove tree in easement:** re: 3845 E 34<sup>th</sup> Ln., Frank Wiatrowski: Per the arborist report, the tree in the easement is not dead nor dying and is not recommended to be removed. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain to **deny** the request unless the homeowner wishes to remove the tree at their own expense. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) The request is **denied**.

**Request to pave 14' x 20' of easement:** re: 3841 Barnes St., Terry Robertson/Jeremy Ogden: Mr. Robertson, the owner of 3841 Barnes St. was present telephonically. Jeremy Ogden, Building Official had no objections and recommends this paving as it will be an improvement to the area. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to approve the paving of the 14' x 20' easement at 3841 Barnes St. on the condition that the owner completes and signs a maintenance agreement. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Request to remove mailboxes and replace with pavers in right-of-way:** re: 6267 Oregon St., Yuvania Maldonado: Jeremy Ogden, Building Official does not recommend this. He stated that it appears the owner is wanting more room to back their trailer into their driveway. It is semi-encroaching on the neighbors already. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to take the recommendation from Building Official, Jeremy Ogden and **deny** this request. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) This request is **denied**.

**Request for refund of Plan Commission Special Meeting Fee:** Meeting not needed. D.R. Horton, Ross Pietrzak: City Planner, Ross Pietrzak stated that the petitioner did not advertise for this properly therefore the meeting could not take place. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve the refund of the Plan Commission Special Meeting Fee as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Consideration of Supplemental Agreement for Wetland Permitting:** DLZ Indiana LLC re: Colorado St. at US 30: City Engineer, Phil Gralik was present telephonically and stated that this was not part of the original contract as they didn't know they would need the permitting until they started the project. This is eligible for the 90% federal funding the City would be responsible for 10%. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve the Supplemental Agreement for Wetland Permitting in the amount of \$35,900.00 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Consideration of Lakefront Festival Performance Agreements:** August 19<sup>th</sup>: High St. Band \$500.00 and Buckdaddy \$750.00, August 20<sup>th</sup>: NAWTY \$2,000.00 and Funky Mojo Daddy \$1,000.00, August 21<sup>st</sup>: Crawpuppies \$1,500.00, Horvath \$800.00, and Positive Vibe Technicians \$1,000.00, August 22<sup>nd</sup>: Gerry Hundt \$300.00, Chester Brown \$1,000.00, and Stealin' the Farm \$1,000.00: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to approve the Lakefront Festival Performance Agreements as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

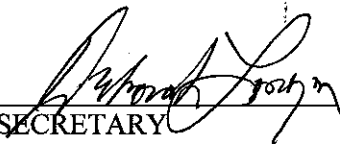
**Discussion:** re: HPD General Order 19: Chief Zormier: Chief Zormier was present and stated that the FOP does recommend the changes/expansion to the Take Home Car program. FOP Officer Steve Aponte stated that all departments in Lake County offer this program. It was mentioned by Officer Trajkovski that this program helps with the recruitment of new potential officers. The response time could be cut down if the officers residing outside of the City had a car to take home. Mr. Lain discussed the positive aspects of the police visibility if officers live in the City. The Mayor stated that it could also cause

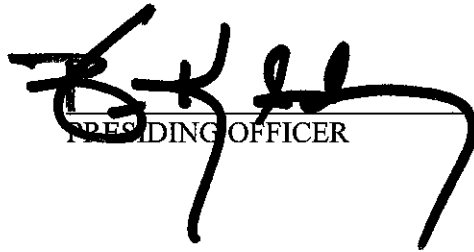
financial issues with the fuel prices rising. Discussion regarding other cities/towns and what perks they offer. Mayor will follow up with information. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to continue this matter to the August 4, 2021 Board meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Announcements:**

Mr. Snedecor asked if there was anyone who wished to address the Board and there was no response.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

  
SECRETARY

  
PRESIDING OFFICER