

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
August 2, 2023**

Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag: ~~Mrs. Longer~~ ^{Mayor 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 19, 2023 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Correspondence: Mr. Snedecor stated that the Community Night Out was a huge success and there were between 2,000 and 3,000 people that showed up for this event that was hosted by the Hobart Police Department. Police Chief Ciszewski thanked the department heads, the sponsors, the businesses that participated, and County Line Orchard for allowing them to host the event at their venue.

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:

Continued: Update/Review/ Unsafe Building: re: 234 N. Ohio St.: No one was present for this matter. Building Official Karen Hansen stated that great progress is being made and the building permit was obtained today. Karen stated that the new owners are doing a complete rehab of the interior and exterior on this property which she was advised would take approximately 4 months. Karen recommended that an update be given in 2 months at the October 4, 2023 meeting. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain to continue this item for update at the October 4, 2023 meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Continued: Update/Status: Unsafe Building: re: 235 Main St.: Attorney McCarthy stated that at the July 5, 2023 meeting, the Board ordered demolition of the building, however, in an attempt to allow the owner a final opportunity to comply with the needed provisions to address the structure, the Board provided the owner five (5) additional business days to execute a contract with a licensed Hobart Contractor and transfer the down payment that was presented to the board as proof of payment to the initial contractor, Doppler Construction, who never received the funds. If such actions were taken the Board would agree to call a special meeting to revisit the order of demolition. These provisions were not met, and a special meeting was not held, and counsel for the owner, Attorney Robbins and Attorney Rafia were informed of the status. Attorney Neff, the newly appointed attorney for the owner, was present as new counsel for the owner's representative. He provided a brochure to the Board showing what the owners would like to do to the building and a booklet of exhibits and asked if an evidentiary hearing had been held. Attorney McCarthy advised Attorney Neff that the first order was issued in August of 2022 and a hearing was held and evidence was presented by the building official and fire department and the Board has been working with the owners since that time and no progress has been made. Attorney Neff also had site plans to present. Attorney Neff stated that they can appeal this decision at the Lake Superior Circuit Court. Mr. Snedecor stated that the Board has acted, and he can take legal remedies as he sees fit.

Continued: Outstanding Fines/Update on 238 Main St.: re: 236 Main St.: John Pappas was present telephonically for this matter. John stated that the work on the building is done as well as the sidewalk.

Building Official Karen Hansen stated that everything is in order. Mr. Snedecor stated that there are \$2,500.00 in fines. Mr. Pappas said that they have spent at least \$100,000.00 on repairs and would greatly appreciate it if the amount could be reduced. Building Official Karen Hansen stated that she would recommend waiving some of the fines that have accrued. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain to remove this item from that agenda and to reduce the fine to \$1,000.00 that is to be paid by December 31, 2023. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Continued: Consideration of Supplemental Agreement No. 1: 3rd St. from Ash St. to E. Park Ave.: This item will be continued to the August 16, 2023 meeting so the paperwork can be reviewed.

Continued: Review of Conceptual Design: Dog Park to be located on Front St.: BF&S: Mr. Snedecor stated that most work on this project can be done internally between Public Works and the Parks Department to reduce the cost except for the paving and the fencing. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to remove this from the agenda and turn this matter over to the Park Board until they are ready to bring it back to the Board. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Continued: Code Violation re: Notice to Abate: Dangerous Tree at 1113 E. Cleveland Ave.: No one was present for this matter. Mr. Snedecor stated that this tree has been trimmed back to a safe area. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to remove this item from the agenda. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

New Business:

Request for Tree Removal: re: 2670 Tulip Ln.: Mrs. Longer stated that per the Kelly Smith, the Director of Public Works, this tree will be removed in house by Public Works. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to remove this item from the agenda. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Request for Tree Removal: re: 129 N. Wilson St.: Mrs. Longer stated that per the Kelly Smith, the Director of Public Works, this tree was removed in house by Public Works. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to remove this item from the agenda. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Request for "No Dumping" sign: re: 1794 Liberty St.: Mr. Snedecor stated that in a staff meeting, this sign was also requested by Code Enforcement. The homeowner, Mr. Vega was present, and he asked if the City could clean up the trash and debris that is there. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve the sign and for City staff to place it accordingly. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Request for "School Zone" sign: re: S. Linda St.: Trinity Lutheran School: No one was present for this matter. This request is for the sign to be placed North and Southbound on Linda St. Director of Public Works Kelly Smith stated that Public Works will be more than happy to install the sign if the school purchases it. Kelly also advised that she prefer that they purchase from our vendor, Osburn Associates, so it is uniform with the rest of the City signage. Police Chief Ciszewski stated that he has no objections and agrees with the recommendation of the Public Works Director. Deputy City Engineer Alex Olesker stated that in the Indiana manual for uniform traffic control devices states that an engineering report and traffic study must be done to install School Zone signs. He requested some time to investigate this. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain to continue this matter to the August 16, 2023 meeting to give the Engineering Department time to get the report and traffic study. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Request for "No Truck" sign: re: 7203 Colorado St.: Mr. Snedecor stated that action was taken over a month ago for the City Engineer to bring this back to the Board when deemed necessary once the manhole covers were lifted and road repairs were done. Mr. Snedecor stated it is hard to control this with the construction going on at US 30 and Colorado St. and the truck drivers are following their GPS. Deputy City Engineer Alex Olesker stated that 73rd Ave. is a minor arterial. Alex stated that he will request extra signage in the area during the construction. Police Chief Ciszewski stated that the speed trailer can be placed in the area to warn drivers of the

speed limit and have some patrol cars in that area. Public Works Director Kelly Smith stated that this route was redesigned to handle the truck traffic and this matter has been brought up several times to the Board.

Request for Parking Lot Use: re: behind 318 Main St.: Teddian Jackson was present for this matter. He stated that this is his yearly request to celebrate the anniversary for Montego Bay Grill and this 6th year that they have been open. Director of Public Works Kelly Smith stated that her department can provide barricades. Teddian stated that he has distributed letters as well as invites to his neighbors. The alley will remain open during this event which is on August 26th from 12 noon – 11:00 pm. There will be live music, food, and drinks. Teddian stated that all are welcome. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve the request for parking lot use as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Consideration of 2 New 2024 Crossing Guards: HPD Chief Ciszewski stated that they were seeking approval for 1 new crossing guard. He stated that they are still seeking 1 more crossing guard. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to approve the addition of 1 new crossing guard as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Award of Bid: Community Crossings: 3rd St from Lake Park Ave. to Park Ave. and LaSalle St from 3rd St. to 49th Ave.: Deputy City Engineer Alex Olesker stated that the engineer's recommendation is to accept base bids 1 and 2 as well as alternate 5. Base bid 1 is reconstructing LaSalle St. from 49th Ave. to 3rd St. Base bid 2 is for finishing the work on 3rd St. from Lake Park Ave. to E. Park Ave. Alternate 5 is for storm sewer work that is needed at Driftwood & Crestwood. Attorney McCarthy stated that all is in order and has been reviewed by the legal department. Mr. Snedecor asked if Stormwater will be paying for Alternate 5 and Alex stated that it will be on the agenda for Stormwater meeting. The work will be done with Dyer Construction. Alex stated that the amount is \$2,734,608.86. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mrs. Longer to approve Base Bid 1 and 2 along with Alternate 5 as presented with the expectation that Stormwater funds will be used to pay for Alternate 5. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Consideration of Long-Term Maintenance and Operation Agreement (LTMA): Lineage Logistics LLC re: 2201 Northwind Parkway: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to accept the Long-Term Maintenance and Operation Agreement as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Announcements: Councilman Dave Vinzant asked about bringing the streets in The Brickyard subdivision into the City inventory. The roads are Shoreside Drive, Lakewood Drive, and Harbor Club Drive. Dave is requesting that the Engineer Department to look at the infrastructure to see what costs would be to bring everything up to City standards. The top layer of asphalt was never put on and some streetlights are missing as well. Deputy City Engineer Alex Olesker stated that engineering will check into this and provide a recommendation to the Board.

Councilman Mark Kopil was online telephonically and asked for no trucks on 73rd and 51 to stop the trucks on 73rd Ave. Mark stated that there are weight limits on bridges and culverts which could prevent trucks from traveling down this street. Deputy City Engineer Alex Olesker stated that 73rd is a minor arterial but will look into the weight limits and advise.

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 4:42 p.m.


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PRESIDING OFFICER