

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA  
August 16, 2023**

**Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag:** Mayor 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 August 2, 2023 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:** Mr. Snedecor stated that City Engineer Phil Gralik has asked that the Board add a Contract with First Group for design/engineering regarding LaSalle St. & 49<sup>th</sup> Ave. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Ms. Longer, to approve the agenda with the addition. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Continued: Consideration of Supplemental Agreement No. 1: 3<sup>rd</sup> St. from Ash St. to E. Park Ave.: First Group Engineering:** City Engineer Gralik recommended approval and Attorney McCarthy stated the Agreement is in order. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Ms. Longer, to approve Supplemental Agreement No. 1 as presented for Inspection Services as part of the Community Crossings project in an amount not to exceed \$475,100. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Continued: Request for "School Zone" sign: re: S. Linda St.: Trinity Lutheran School:** Joseph Larson was not present. Public Works Director Kelly Smith indicated in writing that after having a conversation with the City Engineer, the addition of a school zone sign is acceptable but the additional signage should be purchased by the requesting school and Public Works will install the sign when received. She also asked that the signage conform to the standards of the MUTCD and requested that the school make the purchase of the sign from a supplier acceptable to the City and offered an option of a purchase from SafetySign.com. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the installation of School Zone signage by Public Works with the sign itself being purchased by the school from an acceptable supplier. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Consideration of Approval of Sidewalk Dining: re: 310 Main St.: SIP Coffee House:** No one was present from this business. Attorney McCarthy stated she had sent the owner a letter along with the ADA requirements. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Ms. Longer, to set this item over for Review at the September 6<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting and direct that the Deputy City Engineer Alex Olesker meet with the business owner regarding the ADA requirements and City regulations and order her to appear at the Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Request for Block Party: Howard Ct., August 26<sup>th</sup>: Matthew Valuckis: 1504 Howard Ct.** Police Chief Ciszewski stated the Dept. had no issues with this request as it is a small cul-de-sac, and as long as none of

the affected residents were against it and public safety vehicles could access the area. Public Works Director Kelly Smith agreed and stated they would provide barricades if approved. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the barricades for the block party to be held on Howard Court on Saturday, August 26. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Signing of Mylars: 5<sup>th</sup> Amended Development Plan: St. Mary Medical Center: 1500 S. Lake Park Ave.: zoned PUD, 36.93 acres:** The Plan Commission has forwarded a favorable recommendation for this amendment contingent on compliance with the Industrial Pretreatment Program and the permit for this has been issued. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve and sign the mylars as presented for the 5<sup>th</sup> Amended Development Plan for St. Mary Medical Center at 1500 S. Lake Park Ave. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Consideration of a Professional Design Engineering Contract: First Group Engineering re: LaSalle St. & 49<sup>th</sup> Ave., from the W side of Driftwood Drive to 3<sup>rd</sup> St.:** City Engineer Gralik recommended this contract be approved and City Attorney McCarthy stated that all is in order. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the Design Engineering Contract with First Group for the Community Crossings project on LaSalle St. & 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$180,665 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**UNSAFE BUILDING AUTHORITY BUSINESS:**

**Order to Appear: Update on Unsafe Building: re: 4035 Missouri St.: Indiana Land Trust Co.:** Mr. Yoldash was present and stated the last of the compliance issues has been completed. The Fire Chief will verify that the gas has been turned on as Mr. Yoldash could only provide a photo of the NIPSCO tag. Discussion followed as to the \$1,000 in fines and Mr. Yoldash requested relief in that he is trying to put his resources into completing the necessary inside repairs to finish the home. Building Official Karen Hansen stated an occupancy permit will need to be applied for once all the inside repairs and inspections are complete. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Snedecor, to show the property in substantial compliance once the gas is verified to be functioning, to reduce the fines to \$500 to be paid by 12/31/2023, and to waive the fine completely if an occupancy permit is obtained by no later than December 1, 2023. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) *Note: Fire Chief Smith verified after the meeting that the gas meter has been turned on and is functioning.*

**Announcements:** Mr. Snedecor reminded the public that Hobart Lakefront Fest runs from August 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> at Festival Park.

City Engineer Phil Gralik stated the US30 and Colorado St. project is moving forward. Frontier will complete their relocates within 2 weeks and the north side is proceeding with the storm sewers in the ground and NIPSCO has moved out of the way. The plan now is once the north side is complete the south side will have a full closure to get it done to have the project completed before the holiday shopping season begins.

As to the SR51 culvert replacement project at Laura Lane, the work has stopped because of utility relocate issues and work will resume once the utilities complete their work.

Mr. Lain questioned the Wisconsin St. bridge project and Mr. Gralik stated it is scheduled to bid this winter and the overburdening can begin which will need to sit for 6-8 months to settle the causeway. Construction would begin late spring/early summer with the hope it would open by Thanksgiving next year.

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

**Adjournment:** Motion by Ms. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) The meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

  
SECRETARY

  
PRESIDING OFFICER

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