

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
August 17, 2022**

Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag: Mr. 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, Ms. Longer, and Mr. Snedecor. Also present: City Attorney McCarthy.

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

Correspondence: Mr. Snedecor reminded the public that LakeFront Fest begins tomorrow afternoon and runs through Sunday, August 21st.

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 requested the addition of a discussion regarding the parking lot at Pennsy Depot. Motion by Ms. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve the agenda with the addition. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Unfinished Business:

Tabled: Signing of Mylars, Plat of Vacation of Right-of-Way: 262' x 50' unimproved section of Illinois Street, zoned R-2: Matthew Pomales: Motion by Ms. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to remove this item from the table. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) Mr. Snedecor noted the Council approved the Ordinance to Vacate this property with a unanimous vote. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve and sign the mylars for the plat of vacation of the right-of-way as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Continued: Consideration for Bond Reduction: Cressmoor Estates, Phase 1: Randy Hall: Mr. Hall was not present. Motion by Ms. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to continue this item until the September 21, 2022 meeting of the Board of Works. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Continued: Update/Review of Property issues: Cagney's and NW corner of Third and Main St. re: 236 Main St., Nick Karounos: John Pappas, representing Cagney's was present telephonically. He noted that permits have been applied for and they are still waiting for supplies. Building Official Karen Hansen stated the Building Department is working with the contractor to move the project along and she will continue to update the Board. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Ms. Longer, to set this item for Review at the September 21, 2022 meeting of the Board of Works. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

New Business:

Signing of Mylars, 2-Lot Subdivision (Replat of Lots 1 & 2 of Sandilla Manor: 150' west of the SW corner of Lake Park Avenue & 8th St, zoned R-2, 2.5 acres +/-: Joe and Barbara Sandilla: The Plan Commission has recommended approval of this 2-lot subdivision. Motion by Ms. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve and

sign the mylars for the 2-lot subdivision, a replat of Lots 1 & 2 of Sandilla Manor, as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Veteran's Elementary School Zone Safety: Caleb Verduzco, a W. 3rd St. resident, was present and requested signage and crosswalks across Wisconsin St. for the children walking to Veteran's Elementary School. Police Chief Ciszewski stated the crosswalks were not originally put in because the school did not want children crossing Wisconsin Street and the schools provided bus service to those living on the east side of Wisconsin. Mr. Verduzco stated that the pandemic changed things and more children are walking to school rather than riding the bus and a crosswalk at Cleveland St. and school zone signs are needed. Chief Ciszewski stated he would work with Public Works to get signage up in the area. Mr. Snedecor also asked that school safety grants be sought out for a flashing school crossing sign in the area. The Board thanked Mr. Verduzco for bringing this issue to their attention.

Request to Remove Trees in Barrington Ridge Subdivision: re: 1561 Lake St., Reinaldo Rayo-Correa: Public Works Director Kelly Smith has requested this item be continued as she has talked with the owner and wants time to allow further discussion. Motion by Ms. Longer, seconded by Mr. Snedecor, to continue this item until the September 7, 2022 Board of Works meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Public Hearing: Unsafe Building: re: 235 Main St.: Mr. Snedecor opened the public hearing. Aaron Robbins, Attorney for the Andrew Batalis Estate, who stated this property has been part of the estate and they now have an offer to purchase the property, approved by the Probate Court, from Jimmy Batalis, son of Andrew Batalis, who plans on rehabilitating the building. Dana Rafai, Attorney for the new owner of the property, stated there are some contractors lined up to start work on the building now that the Court's have cleared the way for the sale to Jimmy Batalis. There being no additional public comments offered, the public hearing was closed. Building Official Karen Hansen stated the building had a structurally unsound staircase, deteriorating brick & mortar, rotting wood, damaged fascia & soffit, broken and missing windows and no water or sewer service. She recommends approval to demolish the building but noted the building is within the Historic District and the Historic Preservation Commission would have to approve a demolition. Discussion followed. Attorney Rafai requested 60 days to start the rehab process with proper applications for permits being submitted. Ms. Hanson requested that a structural engineering report be completed and requested that she be permitted to walk through the building with the inspector. Further discussion was held about the need to secure the entire building, restricting any public access. Motion by Ms. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to continue this matter to the September 21, 2022 meeting of the Board of Works with an update to the Board from the Building Official at the September 7, 2022 meeting if available and the owner is to secure the building and obtain a structural engineering report and to provide a timeline for the planned rehabilitation. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Approval for Bid Solicitation: re: Bathroom Addition at Festival Park: Kelly Goodpaster was present and requested the Board approve the bid solicitation for the addition to the community center of a restroom pavilion. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Ms. Longer, to approve the bid solicitation for the Festival Park Restroom Pavilion as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

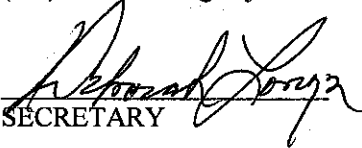
Consideration of Amendment to Agreement: Humane Society of Hobart: Jennifer Webber: Mr. Snedecor stated he had talked with Ms. Webber and the current contract is for \$4,200 per month with snow removal and domestic garbage pickup included. She has requested an increase to \$4,800 per month. He would like the opportunity to have further discussions with the Humane Society. Motion by Ms. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to continue this matter until the September 21, 2022 Board of Works meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

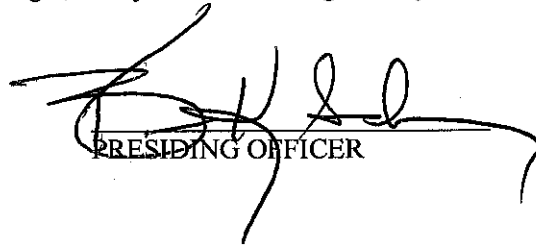
Discussion re: Pennsy Depot public parking lot: Mr. Snedecor stated there has been an increase in overnight parking and parking of what appears to be commercial/business vehicles in the lot. Police Chief Ciszewski stated Code Enforcement has been looking to tag the vehicles but there are no limitations on parking posted in

the lot. Discussion followed regarding posting similar signage to what is in the Center St. parking lot and not to allow overnight parking and suggesting that Code Enforcement talk to the individual parking the commercial trucks and equipment to request he remove them from the lot. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Ms. Longer, to continue this item until the September 7, 2022 meeting of the Board for an update from Code Enforcement. 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 Ms. Longer, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.


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