

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
September 15, 2021**

Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag: Mr. Snedecor called the meeting to order at 3:33 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 September 1, 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: Mr. Snedecor requested that the sidewalk in front of Cagney's on Main St. be added as well as the request from Public Works for the addition of a rear loader garbage truck. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the agenda as amended. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Tabled: Discussion: re: HPD General Order 19: Chief Zormier: This item will remain on the table.

Review/Update: Property Maintenance & Other Violations: re: 7197 Mississippi St., Marco Tamayo, Attorney Carrie Castro: Mr. Tamayo was present in person and Attorney Castro was present telephonically. Phil Gralik, City Engineer stated that he had not yet been to the property to check on the progress but has a site check scheduled for Friday at 10:30 am. Phil does think that this matter can be wrapped up by this winter. Attorney Castro advised that she would provide photos for the next meeting. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to continue this matter for review at the October 6, 2021 meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Continued: Code Violation: Operation of Commercial Animal Establishment or Kennel: Julie & Derie Patton, re: 493 Quail Ct. Mr. and Mrs. Patton were present in person and stated that they have recently moved out of Hobart and into unincorporated Lake County. Their previous residence will be put on the market very soon. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain to close this matter out as it has been resolved. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Update/Review: Unsafe Building: Tom Gielezyn, Master Guys, re: 512 E. 4th & 347/349 Main St.: Ross Pietrzak, City Planner stated that the Historic Preservation Board has approved the changes that were requested by Mr. Gielezyn. Ross stated that permits have been pulled and compliance is being met. Mr. Gielezyn has the materials ordered to move forward. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to continue this matter for review at the October 6, 2021 Board meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for tree assessment/removal: re: 903 Lake St.: Amy Brown: Amy Brown was present telephonically. Amy has lived at the residence for 16 years and has issues with the Black Walnut tree off the alley. The City did assess the tree and stated that it was not on City property. Nipsco did come out

and trim the branches around the power lines. Kelly Smith, Director of Public Works stated that per the GIS, it does show that the tree is located on the owner's property. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mrs. Longer that the homeowner can move forward with the trimming and maintenance of the tree at her own expense. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Request to plant Native tree in City easement: re: 1205 Lincoln St.: Jake Cseke: Mr. Cseke was present in person. He stated that he is wanting to plant trees in the City easement between 12th and Lincoln to 13th and Lincoln. Mr. Cseke is getting the trees from a non-profit called the Student Conservation Association as well as the US Forest Service. The trees are likely to be planted in the beginning of November pending the Board's approval. Mr. Cseke advised that 811 would be called before any planting happened to locate any utilities. Jake will be coming back to the Board with addresses of the participating neighbors. Kelly Smith, Public Works Director, recommended that Mr. Cseke also consult with the City Arborist on the types of trees that will be planted. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to continue this matter to the October 20, 2021 Board meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Signing of Mylars: 1-lot subdivision (Final Amended Plat of the 2nd Plat of Correction of Brother's Subdivision) located on the SE corner of 37th Avenue and Colorado St., zoned B-3, 3.2 acres: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to approve the signing of mylars for the 1-lot subdivision (Final Amended Plat of the 2nd Plat of Correction of Brother's Subdivision) as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Signing of Mylars: Plat of Vacation: to Vacate 85.5' of platted median in West Rand Steet, Cressmoor Estates, zoned PUD, 0.021 acres.: Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve the signing of the mylars to Vacate 85.5' of platted median in West Rand Steet. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)


Cagney's 236 Main St.: Sidewalk Closed: Phil Gralik, City Engineer has stated that the sidewalk is unsafe until the structural support is fixed in the basement of the building. Phil has sent emails to the owner of Cagney's with no response. This is a dangerous matter that needs to be resolved. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to authorize hiring a structural engineer to come out to assess the situation to help get this resolved with the owners. If the building is determined to be structurally unsound the City may need to take steps to close access until repaired. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

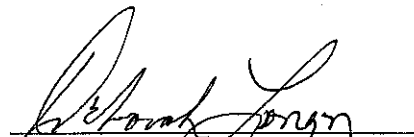
Public Works: Addition of rear loader garbage truck: Kelly Smith, Public Works Director advised that the City has approximately 85 commercial accounts and our trucks are down needing repairs. Johnny VanVleet, City Mechanic advised that parts are back ordered 25-30 days. A used truck was found for \$71,000.00 with 30,000 miles. Johnny will be going to inspect the truck tomorrow. In the meantime, Kelly will be working to find any rentals or loaner trucks that the City can use or assist the City with until our trucks are either back up and running or the purchase is made. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to allow the Mayor to move forward with a decision pending the updates from Kelly and Johnny to arrange for the trash to get picked up. 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 4:32p.m


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