

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
October 5, 2022**

Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag: Mrs. Longer 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 and Mrs. Longer. Absent: Mayor 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 21, 2022 All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Approval of Register of Claims and Payroll Claims: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to accept and sign the register of claims and payroll claims as presented. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Approval of Agenda: Mrs. Longer requested that HPD General Order 3 for items 10 and 11 be added. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to approve the agenda as amended. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Unfinished Business:

Update on Compliance of Property Violations: Safe Haven, 7931 Iowa St.: No one was present for this matter. MS4 Coordinator Tim Kingsland stated that he spoke with the engineer today and was told they have a contractor in place but has not seen a signed contract. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to continue this for status update at the October 19, 2022 meeting with Safe Haven having a contract in place and if not, fines will be imposed. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Continued: Update/Review of Property issues: Cagney's and NW corner of Third and Main St. re: 236 Main St., Nick Karounos: Nick Karounos was present telephonically and stated that he is still waiting on the electrical components to come in. Nick mentioned that the masonry work was being prepped. He also said that he submitted paperwork for a permit for Cagney's. City Engineer Phil Gralik stated that if the sidewalk isn't taken care of within the next 4-5 weeks it will be blocked off for the 2nd winter as it will be unsafe. Nick stated that the work should be completed for the sidewalk within 4 weeks with a targeted completion date of November 16, 2022. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to continue this matter for an update and completion date for Cagney's at the October 19, 2022 meeting. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Continued: Award of Bid: re: Festival Park Bathrooms: Kelly Goodpaster: Parks Director Kelly Goodpaster stated that they received 3 bids for this project, and they chose the lowest bidder which was Holliday Construction with a bid of \$1,375,000.00. Working with the Parks Director, a change order was also submitted from Holliday Construction for a deduction of \$139,679.00 from the original bid which brought the total amount to \$1,235,321.00. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to award the bid to Holliday Construction and approve Change Order 1 for the new amount of \$1,235,321.00. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Continued: Award of Bid: re: 82nd Ave. Construction: Phil Gralik: City Engineer Phil Gralik was present and stated that they still haven't received signatures for the right-of-way parcel and requests that this be tabled. A special meeting can be held if necessary once the parcel is acquired. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr.

Lain to table this item until the October 19, 2022 meeting and to also Table Consideration of 82nd St. Construction Observation Contract listed under New Business. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

New Business:

Request for No Truck Sign: re: 69th & Colorado St.: Patricia Corey: The petitioner was present in person. She stated that she would like the "No Truck Sign" put back up along Colorado St. as it was taken down when the roundabout was put in place. City Engineer Phil Gralik stated that the roundabout was designed to handle truck traffic. Ms. Corey also mentioned that there is a "No Truck" sign going North on Colorado by Sam's Club. Public Works Director Kelly Smith stated that she would need some more time to look into this matter. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to continue this to the October 19, 2022 so our Public Works Director can provide any recommendations after her research. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Request to Remove Trees: re: 8911 Norris Dr.: Dawn Duncan / George Rainey, HOA Representative: Ms. Duncan was present in person along with HOA Representative George Rainey. Ms. Duncan stated that the tree roots are raising her sidewalk and are growing toward her garage. Per the City Arborist, the tree is not dead nor dying and doesn't meet the criteria to be removed. The Arborist did state that the tree can be removed at the owner's expense. Ms. Duncan also asked if a new tree could be planted, and the Board stated that the tree would need to be on the list of approved trees. Mr. Rainey stated that if Ms. Duncan decided to plant a new tree, the HOA would give \$100.00 towards the purchase. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to allow the homeowner to remove the tree at their own expense and to allow a new tree to be planted from the approved tree list. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Request to Put Small Fence on Easement: re: 759 E. 8th St.: Lisa Egan: Mr. Egan was present in person. He stated that his concern was the neighbors driving on his property and it was damaging the lateral for his sewer line. Mr. Egan mentioned that he has asked the neighbors several times to not drive on his property and they refused to do so, therefore he put the fence up. Mr. Egan did receive a letter from the Building Official stating that obstructions are not allowed in the City's easement and the fence would need to be removed. Mr. Egan stated that he will park his car in that area. Mr. Lain stated that he cannot park his car on an unimproved easement. Mr. Egan stated that he will improve it. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to deny the request for the fence on the easement. All aye, motion carried. (2-0) The request is **denied**.

Request for Traffic Study: re: Hickory Dr. & Gurney St.: Ross Pietrzak: City Engineer Phil Gralik stated that the barricades were removed that were blocking the connection between Eagle Creek and Deep River Estates. The Plan Commission stated that speed would be a concern in that area. Phil stated that if there is a need to slow vehicles down, a speed table could possibly be a solution. He is requesting a study by the Police Department be done in that area and provide any recommendations. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to ask the Hobart Police Department to conduct a traffic study and provide any feedback and recommendations at the October 19, 2022 meeting. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Acceptance of Dedication of Public Right-of-Way: re: 3823 E. Lincoln Highway, United Pentecostal Church of Hobart: Attorney Richard Anderson: No one was present for this matter. There was a favorable recommendation from the BZA. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve the Dedication of Public Right-of-Way contingent on the approval of the Plan Commission. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Consideration of Final Tracings for 61st Ave. & Marcella Blvd.: Butler, Fairman & Seufert: Jake Dammarell: Mrs. Longer stated that this is the title sheet that goes to INDOT for this project. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve and sign the final tracings for the 61st Ave. & Marcella Blvd. as presented. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Consideration of 82nd St. Construction Observation Contract: Nies Engineering, Inc.: Phil Gralik: Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to table this item to the October 19, 2022 meeting. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

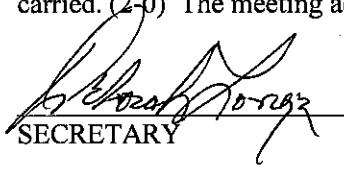
Consideration of HPD General Order 3: Mrs. Longer stated that the only changes to this order were that the lateral applicants may be waived from the physical agility test and written exam phase at the discretion of the Chief of Police provided they are a graduate from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy or an out of state equivalent. Part time officers may be waived from completing any phase of the hiring process all at the discretion of the Chief of Police. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to approve the changes made to General Order 3 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

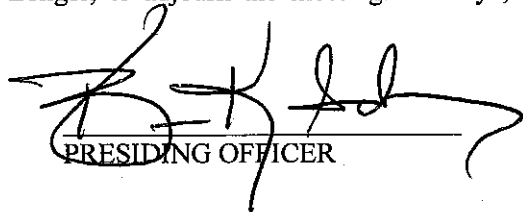
Announcements: Melissa Petraitis came forward requesting the status of a dog that attacked her dog. She stated that she has been in contact with the Mayor, Police Chief, and Animal Control. Melissa stated that this animal has had 6 attacks on other animals and only 3 of them have been reported because the owner of the dog is a police officer, and they didn't feel comfortable coming forward. There are several residents that do not feel safe in the neighborhood anymore because of said dog. It was also stated that the dog is not current with its vaccinations. HPD Captain Gonzalez stated that Commander Gresser has issued an ordinance citation to the owner, and it will be going to court. Attorney McCarthy told Melissa that it is best to communicate with her and her assistant in this matter as she will be handling the judicial side of this case. Melissa said she is just trying to prevent this from happening again.

Mike Salazar who resides at 808 S. Linda. St. came forward and thanked the Board for denying the request by Mr. Egan. He stated that the fence that was put up does cause an obstruction.

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

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (2-0) The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.


SECRETARY


PRESIDING OFFICER