

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
November 2, 2022**

Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag: Mrs. Longer called the meeting to order at 3:30 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 October 19, 2022 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Correspondence: Addition of new K-9: Police Chief Ciszewski announced that K-9 Butch is ready to retire, and K-9 Draco is eager to get to work. Corporal Garber was Butch's handler and will now be the handler of Draco. Chief Ciszewski thanked Luke Oil as they sponsored and paid for both Butch and Draco. Commander Gresser stated that HPD is part of American Police Canine Association and Butch is the only dog that has received the American Police Canine Uncommon Valor in the line of duty award. Butch apprehended a suspect that was shooting at the police which earned him this award. Butch has won several Sniff Offs and won the American Legion Officer of the Year. Butch has made numerous drug arrests and criminal apprehensions. Commander Gresser stated that Draco will be a narcotics and patrol dog. Corporal Garber picked Draco up from Canada and did training while he was there. Commander Gresser mentioned that Corporal Garber reached the status of Master Trainer through the APCA. Draco is in training right now and should be on the road by the beginning of the year. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to accept the retirement of Butch and the addition of Draco to the K-9 unit. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

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: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to approve the agenda as presented. 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 has not received any signed contracts and they have not fulfilled any requirements of the N.O.V. as well as no excavation or stabilization to the pond. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to increase the fine to \$1,000.00 and require a signed contract at the November 16, 2022 meeting and have the temporary excavation and stabilization done by November 30, 2022. 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: No one was present for this matter. Building Official Karen Hansen stated that the permit to do the vault area under the sidewalk was obtained today. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to continue this to the November 16, 2022 meeting for an update and issue an order to appear at that time. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Order to Appear for Update/Status: Unsafe Building: re: 215 East St.: Attorney Bouwer was present telephonically. Building Official Karen Hansen stated that she received an asbestos report by an inspector hired to do the inspection which was done on October 20, 2022. The City was not notified nor present when this was done which did not comply with the order. Karen stated that there is a note on the door stating that no one is to enter the building without the authorization from the City. Attorney Bouwer had no explanation as to why the City was not contacted to coordinate the meeting with the asbestos inspector. He stated that he can coordinate a meeting with the Building Official and the inspector to walk through the property together. Karen is requesting that the original order be followed and the asbestos inspector and Building Official walk through the building together for the inspection. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to continue this for review at the November 16, 2022 meeting and by that date have the meeting scheduled with the Building Official and the asbestos inspector. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Continued: Update/Status: Unsafe Building: re: 235 Main St.: No one was present for this matter. Building Official Karen Hansen stated she has had no communication with anyone for this matter nor has she received any written estimates from contractors. City Planner Ross Pietrzak stated that he has had no communication for this matter at all. He stated that the deadline was missed for the Historic Preservation meeting to discuss the exterior of the building. The deadline to file for the December 20, 2022 meeting is December 6, 2022. Ross stated that work can be done to the interior of the building but will need to wait on the Historic Preservation to work on the exterior. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer for an order to appear at the November 16, 2022 meeting with the understanding of obligations with the Historic Preservation Committee, provide written estimates as well as imposing a \$500.00 fine. All aye, motion carried (2-0)

Tabled: Consideration for Bond Reduction: Cressmoor Estates, Phase 1: Randy Hall: This item will remain on the table.

Continued: Request for Parking Exemption: re: 2793 Cypress Lane, Hunter Penzato: Mr. Penzato was present in person. He presented the Board with a list of names of neighbors that are okay with him parking his truck on the street. Mr. Lain stated that the Board received an email from the HOA as to why they are opposed to him parking his truck on the street. Mr. Lain stated that this Board has no authority to waive a City Ordinance. Mrs. Longer advised that if he wishes to move forward with this, he will need to speak to his Councilman and see if they will be willing to amend the Ordinance. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to **deny** the request for a parking exemption. All aye, motion carried. (2-0) This request is **denied**.

New Business:

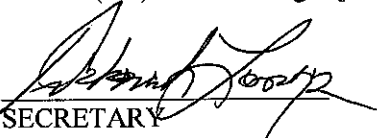
Request for Tree Removal: re: 3700 73Rd Ave.: Dragivore Zivanovic: No one was present for this matter. Per the City Arborist, they are okay with the homeowner cutting the trees down at their own expense. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to allow the homeowner to remove the trees at their own expense by a licensed and bonded contractor. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

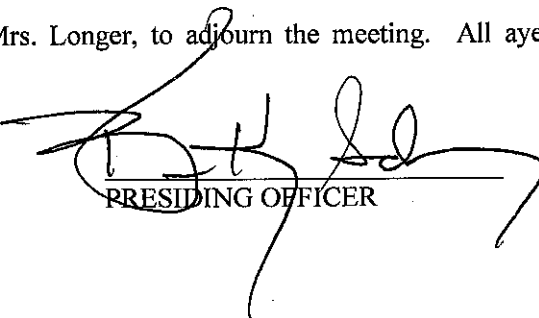
Acceptance of Dedication of Public Right-of-Way: re: 1014 E. 6th St.: Earl and Pamela Freimuth: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to accept the Dedication of Public Right-of-Way at 1014 E. 6th St. as presented and authorize the Mayor to sign the paperwork upon his return. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Consideration of Reconstruction Design Contract: 3rd St. from Ash St. to E. Park St.: First Group Engineering: Phil Gralik: Attorney McCarthy stated that she received a message from City Engineer Phil Gralik that there need to be revisions made to the contract and ask that this be continued. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to set this over for review at the November 16, 2022 meeting. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Announcements: Mrs. Longer 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. (2-0) The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.


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