

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
November 3, 2021**

Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag: Mr. Snedecor 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, 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 October 20, 2021 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Correspondence: Police Chief Zormier was present and requested an emergency hiring under Rule 3. The applicants must be academy graduates with 1 year of service. The applications will run for 3 weeks and stay on the list for 2 years. Chief Zormier also requested that the application fee be waived. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to authorize the emergency hiring and waive the application fee. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Phil Gralik, City Engineer announced that the City was awarded \$990,000.00 from Community Crossings Grant.

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: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to approve the agenda as presented. 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, met on the property with them today. Mr. Gralik stated that Mr. Tamayo has not seeded the slope and is in violation. Mr. Tamayo is re-grading the slope to make it flatter. Attorney Castro will be going out to the property today to check on the progress. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mrs. Longer to impose a \$500.00 fine and continue this matter for review at the November 17, 2021 meeting and Mr. Tamayo is ordered to appear. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Update/Review: Unsafe Building/Sidewalk: Cagney's, re: 236 Main St: No one from Cagney's was present. Phil Gralik, City Engineer, stated that the owner was to contact the Building Department, but that has not yet happened. Phil spoke to Nick and let him know that he needed to get the shoring done under the sidewalk so the cracks can be sealed before winter. Nick was also advised that he needed to get the rear corner of the building taken care of as well. The structural engineer is supposed to have plans and specs to Phil and Cagney's by Thanksgiving. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to continue this matter for review at the November 17, 2021 meeting with signed contracts for the front and rear of the building and Cagney's representatives are ordered to appear. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Update/Review: Unsafe Building: Tom Gielezyn, Master Guys, re: 512 E. 4th & 347/349 Main St.: No one was present for this matter. Mr. Lain and Mr. Snedecor stated that Tom is making great progress on the building, and it looks great so far. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to continue this matter for review at the November 17, 2021 Board meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Request to remove tree from easement: 9221 Norris Dr: Victoria Jostes: Mrs. Jostes was present telephonically. Mr. Snedecor stated that the best price to remove the tree Public Works received was \$900.00 from Cam's Tree Removal. He also said that he feels if the City helps out on this tree removal, the other residents will want the same done for them. Mrs. Jostes asked about the sidewalk repairs that she had already done and what can be done to help on this. Mr. Snedecor advised that the City will be participating in a 50/50 sidewalk program next year and she could apply for if need be. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve the removal of the tree at the owner's expense if she chooses to remove it. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Request to install sidewalk: re: South side of Cleveland Ave. between Delaware and Colorado St: Gene Matthews: Phil Gralik, City Engineer, stated that it is not a simple installation due to grading issues. It could be a possibility in the future when grants become available from Safe Routes to School. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to remove this item from the agenda for the time being to look for other funding sources. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Request to remove tree from easement: 133 N. Washington St.: Sarah Wolfe: Kelly Smith, Public Works Superintendent, stated that this tree will be removed in house by Public Works. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to approve Public Works to remove this tree when time permits. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Resolution 2021-07: A Resolution to Approve and Authorize the Execution of a Development Agreement between the City of Hobart and 2100 E. 69th Avenue Indiana, LLC. Real Property re: 2400 E. 69th Ave.: Paul Thurston was present in person. The Resolution was read. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve Resolution 2021-07 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Resolution 2021-08: A Resolution to Approve and Authorize the Execution of a Development Agreement between the City of Hobart and 2100 E. 69th Avenue, LLC. Personal Property re: 2400 E. 69th Ave.: Paul Thurston was present in person and Matt Hoffman was present telephonically. The Resolution was read. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve Resolution 2021-08 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Announcements:

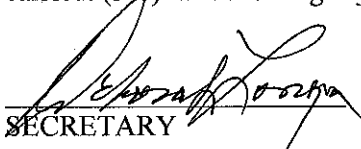
David Krueger: 7191 Mississippi St., stated his and Mr. Tamayo's property adjoin in the back. He stated that Mr. Tamayo is still digging trenches/ditches near the Wetlands. Mr. Krueger mentioned that Mr. Tamayo is also burning items that should not be burnt, like plastic. Mrs. Longer advised Mr. Krueger to call the proper authorities when he sees this happening. If it has to do with the Wetlands, he will need to contact DNR or the Army Corps.

Fire Chief Smith stated that an inspection was done at Wonderland, 1630 Southlake Mall, drive today and all matters were resolved. Jennifer Shannon, Project Manager for Wonderland, asked about removing the sticker off of the door, as permission was needed to do so. Chief Smith granted the permission to remove the sticker.

Fire Chief Smith stated that an inspection was done at 235 Main St.: Main St. Station and noted the stairs were unstable and must be repaired by a licensed contractor. Dana Rafain, Attorney for Heir, was present in this matter. Harold Killian, personal representative of Estate was also present. He stated he was a contractor and could do the work himself and he is more than happy to comply. He stated he is not a licensed contractor but would be willing to take the test and get the license to do the work.

Mr. Snedecor 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. (3-0) The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.


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