

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
January 10, 2025**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana met January 10, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. in City Hall. Present were Mayor Costas, Bill Oeding and Katrina Spence. Mayor Costas called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion: Mayor Costas moved that the minutes of the December 27, 2024 Board of Works meeting minutes be approved. Seconded by Katrina Spence and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Motion: Mayor Costas moved that the claims be approved for payment subject to appropriation balances. Seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Blanket Bonds

Clerk-Treasurer Taylor presented Public Official Bonds for Clerk-Treasurer Deputies, Mayor, City Administrator, Transportation Director, Fire Pension Secretary and Police Pension Secretary. This is an annual process.

MOTION: Bill Oeding moved to approve Public Official Bonds. Seconded by Katrina Spence and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

**Waiver of Objection and Consent to Annexation
Lot 88/296 Holst Lane and – Lot 59/306 Apple Grove Lane**

The Engineering Department recommends acceptance of a Waiver of Objection and Consent to Annexation for Lot 88/296 Holst Lane and Lot 59/306 Apple Grove Lane. This area is served by City Utilities, but is outside City Limits.

Motion: Mayor Costas moved to accept the Waiver of Objection and Consent to Annexations as presented. Seconded by Katrina Spence and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Grant Application INDOT 2025-1 Community Crossings Matching Grant Program

The Engineering Dept requests approval for the 2025-1 grant application to the INDOT Community Crossings program to fund road improvements throughout the City in 2025. Engineering department staff have reviewed roads and recommend improvements to the streets as shown on the provided list for a total project amount of about \$3 million. This is a 50/50 grant program so we will apply for the annual maximum of \$1.5 million with the other 50% being funded with local funds.

Max introduced Daniela Martins, the new Deputy Engineer in his office.

Motion: Mayor Costas moved to accept the Grant Application INDOT 2025-1 Community Crossings Matching Grant Program. Seconded by Katrina Spence and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Case Guard Redaction Software Subscription

Chief McIntyre requested approval to enter into an agreement with Case Guard Studio for advanced media editing and redaction. Body Camera footage, reports and other items need to be redacted. Currently it is all done manually. This is time consuming. This software will save a lot of time. Attorney Lyp has reviewed and approved the contract.

Motion: Mayor Costas moved to authorize entering into an agreement with Case Guard Redaction Software subscription in the amount of \$6,091.20. Seconded by Katrina Spence and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Deed Transfer of Property on Kinsey Street

Attorney Patrick Lyp presented a Deed transferring property from the City to Paradise Homes. The property is located on Kinsey Street. It will be used to build attainable houses.

Motion: Mayor Costas moved to authorize executing a Deed transferring property on Kinsey Street to Paradise Homes. Katrina Spence seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 2-0 voice vote. Bill Oeding recused himself since he is involved with Paradise Homes.

Request for Street Closures

- Ringing In Spring 5k Race, April 5, 2025
- Valparaiso Police K9 Unit 5K-9 and 1 Mile Dog Walk, May 16, 2025

This has been reviewed and approved by all impacted departments.

Motion: Mayor Costas moved to approve the Request for Street Closure. Each event is required to post their event in the neighborhood at least one week before the event. Bill Oeding seconded the motion and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Brian Wilson -3104 Saddlebrook Crossing. He missed the last meeting and the discussion regarding the connector road in Keystone Commons. Traffic is speeding through the development. Keystone has been active in the Traffic and Safety meetings. They need speed humps installed to slow down traffic.

Jake Keith – POA. On GPS going through Keystone Commons is shown as the shortest route. Drivers run the stop sign. Speed humps are necessary.

Katrina Spence – It should be kept in mind that emergency vehicles need safe and easy access on the roads also. Having the roads too narrow could affect their ability to get to a citizen. That is a safety issue also.

There was no further business, and the meeting adjourned.