

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY  
VALPARAISO, INDIANA  
February 14, 2020**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana met February 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in City Hall. Present were Mayor Murphy, Bill Oeding and Steve Poulos. Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Steve Poulos moved that the minutes of the February 3, 2019 Special Meeting be approved, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved. Steve Poulos moved that the minutes of the January 24, 2020 meeting be approved, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

Steve Poulos moved that the claims be approved for payment subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Mayor Murphy and so approved. Bill Oeding recused himself from voting.

**1425 Glendale Blvd. Unsafe Building Hearing**

Alfredo Estrada explained this is the incomplete medical site on Glendale cross from ValPlayso. Legal Notice has been published and lien holders have been notified of this hearing. The owner is TRK Valparaiso LLC.

TRK attorney, Tara Tauber, addressed the Board. The owner is hospitalized in Missouri. The site manager, Tim Collins, will start cleanup on Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Work will proceed from there. The delay in work is due in large part to the illness of the owner.

Steve Poulos asked if subcontractors are owed money. Tim Collins replied yes. However, they are working on getting them paid. Bill Oeding stated the site has been unsightly for quite some time. His real concern is that it is unsafe. There is a church next door and a playground across the street. The site manager replied he would investigate the situation.

Alfredo Estrada requested if allowed to continue work, that it be contingent on Building Director, Vicki Thrasher, being allowed access to the site for inspection. He also requested this be put on the March 13, 2020 Agenda to report what progress has been made. Mayor Murphy requested that the site be secured to Vicki Thrasher's satisfaction by tomorrow.

Bill Oeding moved to continue the hearing on the building commissioners notice of demolition to the March 13, 2020 Board of Works meeting. The site will be secured by tomorrow. An update will be given at the February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Building Director Vicki Thrasher will be given access to the site for inspection. The motion seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

**454 Locust – Approval of Unsafe Building Hearing**

Alfredo Estrada addressed the Board. At the last Board of Works meeting the Board moved and approved to affirm the Building Commissioner's recommendation to demolish the building. 5/3 Bank

was given 30 days to demolish or repair the building. To date there has been no action or contact from the Bank.

Bill Oeding moved to continue to the March 13, 2020 meeting where they will hear a recommendation to award the bid for demolition of the building, seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

### **Ransom Road Safety Improvements, Change Orders #1 and #2**

Don McGinley requested approval of Change Orders #1 and #2. Change Order #1 is related to time extension due to Indiana Bat Law. This change is no cost. Change Order #2 is related to service point relocation/fiber optic cable switch. This change is at a cost of \$59,158.52 and will require a “minimum” LPA participation of an additional 10% matching dollar totaling \$5,915.80.

Steve Poulos moved to approve, seconded by Mayor Murphy and so approved.

### **Service Agreement with Thomas & Associates**

Brandon Dickinson requested approval to sign the contract with Thomas & Associates LLC regarding the Grant Application on behalf of the Porter County Public Library. This appoints Mary Jane Thomas as the Grant Administrator. The contract has been approved by the RDC.

Bill Oeding moved to approve, seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

### **Utility Board Members Conflict of Interest Disclosure**

Alina Hahn requested approval of a Conflict of Interest Disclosure for Utility Board Members Mike Sur and David Bengs.

Bill Oeding moved to approve, seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

### **Citizen Requests**

- Patti Setzler requested approval for the annual Soap Box Derby taking place on Saturday, June 20, 2020 from 6 a.m. until the end of the race with the requested street closures and use of barricades and cones.

Bill Oeding moved to approve, seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

- Patti Setzler requested approval for the use of the sidewalk in front of the courthouse on Monday, April 20, 2020 from 4-5 p.m. regarding awareness of the use of marijuana.

Steve Poulos moved to approve, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

- Patti Setzler requested approval for Prevent Child Abuse 5K run taking place on Saturday April 11, 2020 beginning at 9:30 a.m. This is the same route of the VPD canine run.

Bill Oeding moved to approve, seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

- Patti Setzler requested approval for the annual St Paul's Spirit Run taking place on Saturday April 18, 2020 starting at 8:30 a.m. with a request for police traffic control. There was discussion regarding the construction on Harrison. It was determined this Run will not go into that area.

Bill Oeding moved to approve, seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

#### **Crew Car Wash – Secondary Plat**

Eric Hellmuth requested acceptance of the secondary plat and signatures for Crew Car Wash located at Silhavy and Laporte.

Steve Poulos moved to approve, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

#### **Del Vista Project Road Closures**

Eric Hellmuth requested approval for closing Del Vista Drive from Harrison north to Northview. There will be driveway access.

Bill Oeding moved to approve, seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.