

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY**

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

FEBRUARY 14, 2025

The Board of Public Works and Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana met February 14, 2025, 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 January 24, 2025 Board of Works meeting minutes be approved. Seconded by Bill Oeding and 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.

### **Public Official Bond for Clerk-Treasurer**

Holly Taylor presented a bond for her through Western Surety. The insurance agent prepared it. She is asking for approval so she can take it to the County and get it recorded.

### **Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement – Steindler Signs**

Holly Taylor presented a Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement for Tom Steindler for Steindler Signs.

**MOTION:** Mayor Costas moved to approve the Public Official Bond for Clerk-Treasurer and Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement for Tom Steindler. Seconded by Katrina Spence and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

### **Bid Opening - 2025 Annual Sidewalk Program, Package 1**

Bids Received:

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| Reith Riley    | \$968,558.00 |
| Milestone      | \$458,223.50 |
| Davis Concrete | \$617,855.00 |
| H3 Concrete    | \$495,457.00 |
| NuTech         | \$427,209.00 |
| Gariup         | \$507,700.00 |

Bill Laird asked to take the bids under advisement and make a recommendation at the following meeting. The Engineer's Estimate is \$580,000.00.

### **Bid Opening – Goodrich Road**

Engineer's Estimate for this project is \$694,000.00

Bids Received:

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| Reith Riley   | \$682,415.00 |
| Egolf Coates  | \$525,820.00 |
| Milestone     | \$541,274.50 |
| Gough         | \$562,857.83 |
| Site Services | \$619,080.00 |
| G.E. Marshall | \$613,201.03 |
| Gariup        | \$757,500.00 |

Max Rehlander asked to take the bids under advisement and make a recommendation at the following meeting.

### **Bid Opening – 2024-2 Community Crossings**

Engineer's Estimate for this project is \$1.26 Million Dollars

Bids Received:

|             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| Reith Riley | \$1,154,105.91 |
| Milestone   | \$1,054,532.06 |

This information has to be submitted to INDOT. He asked that his staff review and come back at the end of the meeting to recommend an award.

### **Institute Street Professional Services Agreement – V3**

The Engineering Dept is requesting approval for the Institute Street Improvements that will be designed and built along with the Kirchoff Park Improvement project. The Valpo Parks Board will pay majority of the project with the Engineering – Professional Services budget to cover the costs associated only with Institute Street Improvements. City staff request approval of an amount not to exceed \$53,700 for V3 to perform this design work. The Park Board previously approved V3 agreement that covers the Kirchoff Park portion.

**MOTION:** Mayor Costas moved to approve the V3 Professional Services Agreement. Seconded by Katrina Spence and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

### **USEPA Storm Sewer Separation Project Grant Application**

The Engineering Department is retroactively requesting grant application approval for the USEPA Community Funding Grant. City staff had applied for \$2.5M in March 2023 based on notification from Congressman Mrvan's office. Following that, the City was informed the project had been selected but at a reduced amount of \$959,000.00 for stormwater quality improvements. This project will allow separation of combined sewers within the Weston Street area. This stormwater improvement will support long-term water quality by providing capacity for runoff and convey it directly to a low lying ground with the TOD area where it will be filtered before conveying onto Salt Creek.

**MOTION:** Mayor Costas moved to approve the Grant Application for the USEPA Storm Sewer separation packet. Seconded by Katrina Spence and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

### **Request for Street Closure**

- St. Paul Spirit Run, April 12, 2025

This has been reviewed and approved by all impacted departments.

**MOTION:** Mayor Costas moved to approve the St. Paul Spirit Run. Seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

### **First Amendment MOU for Valpo Police Department**

Chief McIntyre presented an Amendment to the MOU with VCS regarding the School Resource Officers. In March 2023, VPD and VCS entered into a Memorandum of Understanding between Valparaiso Police Department and Valparaiso School Corporation concerning School Resource Officers. The parties have been satisfied with the terms of the 2023 Agreement, but agree that a slight modification is warranted. The parties agree the following changes shall be made to the 2023 Agreement. Section 1(A) shall read as follows: VCS shall contribute \$75,000 annually towards the cost of each School Resource Officer ("SRO") assigned to VCS. 2. Except as otherwise noted in this Amendment, all other provisions of the 2023 Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

This Agreement has been reviewed and approved by Attorney Lyp and Superintendent McCall.

**MOTION:** Mayor Costas moved to approve the First Amendment to the MOU for Valpo Police Department and VCS. Seconded by Katrina Spence and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

### **Public Assembly Request**

Attorney Lyp presented a request from Mr. Harker to meet on the sidewalk portion of the northeast side of the Courthouse square on Monday February 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 to Noon. He

went through the standard requests and recommended approval. Mayor Costas added that groups are asked to not encourage passing vehicles to honk their horns.

**MOTION:** Mayor Costas moved to approve the Public Assembly Request. Seconded by Katrina Spence and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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No one.

There was no further business, and the meeting adjourned.