

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

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

March 13, 2020

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana met March 13, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in City Hall. Present were Mayor Murphy, Bill Oeding, Steve Poulos and Attorney Patrick Lyp. Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Murphy moved that the minutes of the February 28, 2020 meeting be approved, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

Mayor Murphy moved that the claims be approved for payment and subject to appropriation balances, seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

Resolution 2, 2020

Patrick Lyp requested Resolution 2, 2020 be adopted concerning the issuance and use of City credit cards.

Bill Oeding moved to approve Resolution 2, 2020, accepting the issuance and use of City credit cards. Seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

Resolution 3, 2020

Patrick Lyp requested approval of Resolution 3, 2020 accepting the Tax Sales Certificate from the Porter County Commissioners.

Bill Oeding moved to approve Resolution 3, 2020, accepting the Tax Sales Certificate from the Porter County Commissioners. Seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

Certification of Financial Capacity and Local Share Availability

Beth Shrader requested approval of the Certification of Financial Capacity and Local Share Availability. This is in conjunction with NIRPC. It certifies the City is compliant and can provide their share of matching funds.

Steve Poulos moved to approve Certification of Financial Capacity and Local Share Availability. Seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

Unsafe Building Hearing – 1425 Glendale Blvd

Attorney Estrada advised the only work to date on this property was temporary fencing. It is his opinion along with Vicki Thrasher that this matter move on to the unsafe building hearing. TRK's attorney addressed the board. The property owner has been ill over the last few months and is in the hospital now. There is no one in charge to have the project move forward. They hope to be at the property next

week working on the project. The attorney for a group of physicians who have a case against TRK spoke to the board. He feels the project should be encouraged to move forward. The utility bill was paid yesterday. Attorney Estrada stated he wants to know the property is safe and not hazardous to citizens. TRK is asking for another 30 days to show they are going to get this project done.

Mayor Murphy said he does not feel there is much progress being made despite commitments to do so. Bill Oeding asked what they will get accomplished in 30 days. TRK said they would get contractors and sub-contractors on the property working on the project.

Attorney Estrada on behalf of Vicki Thrasher, submitted her Notice of Violation, Order for Demolition, report, pictures, inspection, title memorandum and Proof of Service, all marked as Exhibit 1. The attorney for TRK asked for comments on behalf of the respondent be added to the record as well

Bill Oeding moved to accept Exhibit 1 as presented by Attorney Estrada. Seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

Attorney Estrada questioned Vicki Thrasher on her involvement with this property to date. She still feels the property is a public nuisance, health hazard, safety hazard, vacant and abandoned. Work has not been performed on the property since late last summer.

The attorney for TRK requested a stay for 30 days to allow them to show to the board they intend to continue with this project.

Bill Oeding moved to adopt the Order to Demolish with a 30 day stay. On March 27th TRK will advise the City what has been done and what will be done in the next two weeks. Seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

Demolition Contractor – 454 Locust Street

Attorney Estrada requested approval to award the demolition contract to GE Marshall Inc. The amount is \$16,000.

Bill Oeding moved to award the demolition contract for 454 Locust Street to GE Marshall, Inc. Seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

Demolition Contractor 502 Union Street

Attorney Estrada requested approval to award the demolition contract to GE Marshall Inc. The amount is \$31,000.

Bill Oeding moved to award the demolition contract for 502 Union Street to GE Marshall, Inc. Seconded by Steve Poulos.

The property owner addressed the Board. He had a person interested in rehabbing the building. No one could come to terms with the Settlement Agreement. He still has someone who is interested in the property.

Attorney Estrada advised the property is not zoned to allow a 6-unit building. The negotiations have all been rejected so he requested the demolition contract be awarded.

The motion to award the contract was approved.

Right of Way Dedication 2700 Evans Avenue

Mike Jabo requested approval of the Right of Way dedication for 2700 Evans Avenue.

Steve Poulos moved to approve the right of way dedication for 2700 Evans Avenue. Bill Oeding seconded the motion and so approved.

Lake Mead Surety Bond

Mike Jabo requested approval of the Lake Mead Surety Bond.

Bill Oeding moved to approve the Lake Mead Surety Bond. Seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

Andover and Bedford Road Closure

Mike Jabo requested approval to close Andover and Bedford Roads.

Bill Oeding moved to approve the road closure of Andover and Bedford Roads. Seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

Silhavy/LaPorte Roundabout Change Orders 4 and 8

Don McGinley requested review, approval and signatures for INDOT project R-35979 – Change orders 4 and 8. The changes total \$48,482.47. This project is under budget by \$216,000. Therefore, no additional funds are required.

Bill Oeding moved to approve Change order 4 and 8 of INDOT project R-35979 – Silhavy/LaPorte Roundabout. Steve Poulos second the motion and so approved.

Agreement with Bakertilly

Chad Dutz requested approval to enter into an Agreement with Bakertilly.

Bill Oeding moved to approve the agreement with Bakertilly. Steve Poulos second the motion and so approved.

Citizen Requests

- Approval for Bri's Race to be held downtown.
- Approval for VNA Stroll to be held downtown.

Bill Oeding moved to deny Bri's Race request and approve VNA Stroll request. Steve Poulos second the

motion and so approved.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.