

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

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

April 25, 2025

The Board of Public Works and Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana met April 25, 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: Bill Oeding moved to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2025 meeting. 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 Katrina Spence and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Bond For Notary – Patti Setzler

Nicole Richardson presented a Bond for City Employee Patti Setzler's Notary.

MOTION: Bill Oeding moved to approve the Bond for Patti Setzler's Notary. Seconded by Katrina Spence and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Property Maintenance Code/Rental Housing Code Violation Matters

Building & Code Enforcement Director, Vicki Thrasher, presented the addresses she is working with for Property Maintenance and Code Violation matters. She asked that all matters be continued to the June 27, 2025 meeting.

- a. 453 West St
- b. 604 Monroe St
- c. 554 Campbell St
- d. 352 Locust St
- e. 1115 Institute St
- f. 1308 Institute St
- g. 407 Morgan Blvd
- h. 809 ½ Oak St

MOTION: Mayor Costas moved to approve continuing all cases as presented by Vicki Thrasher, to the June 27, 2025 BOW meeting. Seconded by Katrina Spence and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Bid Opening 2025 Annual Sidewalk Program – Package 2

Bill Laird addressed the Board. The Engineering Department advertised for bid the 2025 Annual Sidewalk Program – Package 2 starting April 4th. The project consists of replacing and installing approximately 6,000 SQ YD (54,000 SQ FT) of pathways throughout the City of Valparaiso. The Engineer's Estimate is \$620,000.

Bids Received Were:

Rieth Riley	\$983,541.75
Davis Concrete	\$871,329.00
New Tech	\$652,406.00
Milestone	\$733,101.00
Gariup	\$979,500.00

Bill Laird asked to take the bids under advisement and make a recommendation at the following meeting.

Bid Opening 2025 Local Road Improvements Project

Daniela Martins addressed the Board. The Engineering Department advertised for bid the 2025 Local Road Improvements Project on April 11th and 18th, with bids scheduled to open on April 25th. The Engineers' cost estimate for the project is \$3,278,219.10.

Bids Received Were:

Rieth Riley	\$3,114,416.00
Milestone	\$2,896,190.00

Daniela Martins asked to take the bids under advisement and make a recommendation at the following meeting.

Bid Opening 2025 – 1 Community Crossings

Daniela Martins addressed the Board. The Engineering Department advertised for bid the 2025-1 Community Crossings Project on April 11th and 18th, with bids scheduled to open on April 25th. The Engineers' cost estimate for the project is \$3,616,303.34.

Bids Received Were:

Rieth Riley	\$3,287,230.96
Milestone	\$3,335,400.00

Daniela Martins asked to take the bids under advisement and make a recommendation at the following meeting.

Bartz Road/Hayes Leonard Road MOU with County for Reimbursement

Max Rehlander addressed the Board. Hayes Leonard Road and Bartz Road both have sections under County jurisdiction and part under City jurisdiction. Max presented an MOU with the County for reimbursement to the City for the County's share of the repair work.

Hayes Leonard Road – Reimburse to City - \$44,947.50

Bartz Road - Reimburse to City - \$220,323.90

MOTION: Mayor Costas moved to approve the MOU with the County for reimbursement to the City for repairs on Hayes Leonard Road and Bartz Road. Seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Mayor Costas – He asked Max about Silhavy Road from the roundabout to 500. He asked who's responsibility that road is.

Max Rehlander - That also is both County and City. The City portion is in fairly good shape and the County portion not so much.

Street Closures

- Valpo Parks Touch a Truck – June 8, 2025
- Lake Side Terrace Block Party – July 4, 2025
- Shirley Heintz Land Trust Event – May 3, 2025

These have been reviewed and approved by all impacted departments.

MOTION: Mayor Costas moved to approve the requests for street closure as presented. Seconded by Katrina Spence and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Public Assembly Request

Attorney Patrick Lyp - This request is made by Deb McLeod. The NWI Activists/NWI NOW group is assembling in support of Laqw Day Protest. They are requesting to organize on the southwest and southeast corner of Courthouse Square on May 1, 2025 from 12:00pm – 2:00pm. They expect 150 participants. This has been confirmed with Valparaiso Police Department. The Group will not go into the street; will not block pedestrian traffic; and will not create any unsafe conditions. Any signs, banners, or displays must be carried and not placed on sidewalk or against traffic light pole. Given the close proximity of the public assembly to a busy intersection, no microphones/ other amplifying devices are allowed. Groups will not encourage cars to honk their horns and will abide by the quiet zone policy. If number of participants changes to more than expected, Applicant will notify VPD. The County has approved this request.

Motion: Mayor Costas moved to approve the request for Public Assembly on May 1, 2025. Seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Blue & Co Agreement for Medicaid Reimbursement

Chief Dutz addressed the Board. Blue & Co will provide services focusing on assisting with the review of the Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System instrument, preparation of the MGADCS instrument, and submission of the MGADCS instrument via CMS's portal. They have been preparing this for the last 12 years.

MOTION: Mayor Costas moved to approve the Agreement for Medicaid Reimbursement with Blue & Co. Bill Oeding seconded the motion and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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No Public Comments.

There was no further business, and the meeting adjourned.