

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY  
VALPARAISO, INDIANA  
May 8, 2020**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana met May 8, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. by teleconference. Present were Mayor Murphy, Steve Poulos, and Holly Howe. Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order.

Steve Poulos moved that the minutes of the April 24, 2020 meeting be approved. Seconded by Holly Howe and so approved.

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

**Central Neighborhood Sign Topper**

Maggie Clifton requested approval for placement of 42 street sign toppers in the Central Neighborhood. This has been reviewed and approved at Traffic and Safety. The toppers were paid for through a 2019 grant through the Redevelopment Commission.

Holly Howe moved to approve placement of 42 street sign toppers. Seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

**Banta Neighborhood Intersection Art**

Maggie Clifton requested approval for the Intersection Art Locations, Materials and Road Closures in the Banta Neighborhood. This project is being paid for with a 2019 RDC Neighborhood grant. Traffic and Safety has reviewed and approved this project. Public Works will put up the barricades the day the work is to be done. This will be at the intersection of Locust and Erie and intersection of Garfield and Chicago. The RDC will pay the artist \$5,000 for this project which is to be used to purchase the supplies. The Banta Neighborhood maintains the mural. The material is skid resistant. The art is not expected to be a safety concern such as a distraction for drivers. Public Works will prep the street before the artist begins. There are no City road projects anticipated in this area and the intersections are already ADA.

Steve Poulos moved to approve the location and project and the payment of \$5,000 to the artist by the RDC. Seconded by Holly Howe and so approved.

### **MapleNet Wireless, Inc.**

Mike Jabo requested approval of three site work applications submitted by MapleNet Wireless for the installation of fiber optic cable within the right of way of various roadways within the City. MapleNet is under contract with the school system to have fiber optics to all of their facilities. When available they will use the Valpo Net system. There will be a pre-construction meeting.

This request approved with a unanimous 3-0 roll call vote of Matt Murphy, Steve Poulos and Holly Howe, and so approved.

### **NITCO Fiber Optic Site Work Application**

Mike Jabo requested approval of a site work application submitted by NITCO for fiber optic cable within the right of way on Clark Drive.

This request approved with a unanimous 3-0 roll call vote of Matt Murphy, Steve Poulos and Holly Howe, and so approved.

### **Burlington Beach Road Closure May 11, 20120**

Mike Jabo requested approval to close Burlington Beach Road on May 11-15, 2020. This is requested for a storm water project. Residents will be notified.

Steve Poulos moved to approve the closure of Burlington Beach Road. Holly Howe seconded the motion and so approved.

### **1425 Glendale Boulevard – Bids for Demolition**

Vicki Thrasher and Dale Brewer opened bids received for the demolition of 1425 Glendale Boulevard. There were five bids received. The bids were from:

G.E. Marshall, Inc	\$132,850.00
Ryan Construction	\$170,000.00
KLF Enterprises	\$262,000.00
Gariup Construction	\$286,500.00
C. Lee Construction Svc	\$239,280.00

Vicki requested approval to review and make a recommendation at the May 22, 2020 Board of Works meeting.

Holly Howe moved to take all bids under advisement. Steve Poulos seconded the motion and so approved.

### **VHS Virtual Graduation**

John Seibert requested approval to allow ACE Pyro to work with the Valparaiso Community Schools and have a virtual graduation with fireworks on May 31<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m. They expect to be set up at three locations. The Police and Fire Departments have approved this request.

Steve Poulos moved to approve. Holly Howe seconded the motion and so approved.

Clerk-Treasurer Holly Taylor advised there is a Facebook page set up to adopt a VHS Senior. Since there will not be a graduation ceremony this year, this is a program where Seniors are adopted by others to help make them feel special.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.