

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY  
VALPARAISO, INDIANA  
May 22, 2020**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana met May 22, 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 May 8, 2020 meeting be approved. Seconded by Holly Howe and so approved.

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

**1425 Glendale TRK Bid Consideration**

Attorney Estrada reported substantial work has been completed at 1425 Glendale. He has received numerous letters of support from sub-contractors to let the project continue.

Rhett Tauber, Attorney for TRK, requested the Board refrain from awarding the bid for demolition. In the last two weeks they have paid the Valparaiso Utilities \$12,308.89. They have paid three subcontractors \$100,000 each. He has letters of support to continue the work and not demolish from C & S Concrete, McAllister Excavating, Adams Masonry, C & C Iron, Collector Interior Systems, Circle R and EMCOR Hyre Electric. They have reimbursed the City the amount of \$3,048.22 for attorney fees paid in regard to the unsafe building matter. Tomorrow they are pouring the second-floor structural deck. Within the next thirty days they will clean up, install sewer tap, finish the second-floor tower, sweep daily. TRK is moving forward and will continue in a diligent manner. He requested that the Board not award the bid and allow TRK to continue with the project.

Holly Howe asked Attorney Tauber about the plan going forward for completion of the project. He replied construction will continue into the fall. The owner will resume talking to potential tenants in June.

Attorney Alfredo Estrada recommended the Board not award the bid today and continue the matter to the June 12, 2020 Board of Works meeting.

Steve Poulos moved to continue this matter to the June 12, 2020 Board of Works meeting. Seconded by Holly Howe and so approved

**301 Morthland Notice to Demolish**

Attorney Estrada reported the property owner has filed for a permit to demolish. They have been slow to move on this demolition. He recommended they continue this case to the June 12, 2020 meeting with the Owner being advised they are to continue work and demolition is expected to be complete by the June 12, 2020 meeting.

Steve Poulos moved to continue this case to the June 12, 2020 Board of Works meeting. Seconded by Holly Howe and so approved.

#### **Unsafe Building Status 553 Factory Street and 552 Boundary Street**

Attorney Estrada advised the work to date on both properties has been substantial. He recommended continuing this matter to the June 26, 2020 Board of Works meeting.

George Lepeniotis, representative of the property owner, stated his client has been working on remedying this situation. COVID-19 and weather have prevented the tuckpointing from being done. His client is committed to doing that work and will as soon as able.

Holly Howe moved to continue this matter to the June 26, 2020 Board of Works meeting. Seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

#### **Unsafe Building Status 756 Franklin Street**

Attorney Estrada advised this matter has been ongoing since last year. He recommended that due to the lack of work, Vicki Thrasher be allowed to determine if the City can demolish this structure or if it will have to be re-bid.

Steve Poulos moved to proceed with the Order to Demolish and have Vicki Thrasher review and make a determination if the City can demolish and if not, to re-bid the project. Seconded by Holly Howe and so approved.

#### **CALEA Approved Policies and Procedures**

Chief Balon requested Board approval of the CALEA approved policies and procedures. Every four years CALEA does an on-site review of the department's policies and procedures. Every year they do a 25% review of the policies and procedures used by the Department. What he is presenting is the result of the four year on-site review by CALEA. Chief Balon recommended Board approval of the policies and procedures approved by CALEA.

Holly Howe moved to accept the CALEA Policies and Procedures. Seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

#### **Library Plaza Project - Bids**

Five Bids were received for the Library Plaza Project. Stu Summers and Dale Brewer opened the bids:

Berglund Construction - \$663,500  
Gariup Construction - \$673,500  
Hasse Construction - \$665,000  
Larson Danielson Construction - \$864,821  
Gough Construction - \$717,500

Stu Summers recommended that Shive Hatterly be allowed to review the bids received and make a recommendation at the next Board of Works meeting.

#### **City Demolition Projects – Waive Permit Fees**

Mike Jabo requested approval to waive permit fees for City demolition projects. The Department Heads have met and all agree this is reasonable. They will go before the VCU Board to ask for their approval also.

Steve Poulos moved to approve waiving the permit fee for City demolition projects under the Unsafe Building Ordinance. Holly Howe seconded the motion and so approved.

#### **PirTano Construction – Comcast Site Work Permit – 2650 Barley Road**

Mike Jabo requested approval of a site work permit for Pir Tano Construction on behalf of Comcast. The installation of cable is within the City right of way by directional boring for 2650 Barley Road.

Holly Howe moved to approve the Site Work Permit for PirTano. Seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

#### **Maintenance Bond – Center Street Valpo partners LLC**

Mike Jabo requested approval and acceptance of a Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$15,863.40 for a period of one year. This is for Center Street Valpo Partners for the extension of Center Street.

Steve Poulos moved to approve the Maintenance Bond for Center Street Valpo Partners LLC. Seconded by Holly Howe and so approved.

#### **2020 Community Crossing Grant Project**

Mike Jabo requested approval of plans and invitation to bid for the 2020 Community Crossing Grant Project. This involves resurfacing of various streets within the City. The City has received \$1 Million from INDOT for crossings and the City has the responsibility to match 50%. He

requested that Invitations to Bid be sent out and bids be accepted and opened at the June 12, 2020 meeting.

Holly Howe moved to approve the plans and invitation to bid for the 2020 Community Crossing Grant Project. Seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

#### **PPE Decontamination Service Agreement**

Chief Dutz requested approval to enter into an agreement for PPE Decontamination. Attorney Patrick Lyp has reviewed the contract and finds it ok. The service will decontaminate N95 masks. This is a free service.

Steve Poulos moved to approve the Agreement for PPE Decontamination. Holly Howe seconded the motion and so approved.

#### **V-Line Service**

Don Lorntzen requested approval to make changes to two V-line routes. He is recommending suspending the Purple line. This was intended to serve the VU students. He recommended adding Sunday service to the Red line. This is the route that goes to the South Shore Station.

Holly Howe moved to approve the V-Line route changes. Steve Poulos seconded the motion and so approved.

#### **Banta Intersection Art**

Maggie Clifton requested approval to modify the road closure request for installation of Banta Intersection Art at Locust-Erie and Garfield-Chicago. Due to the amount of rain the intersection art project has not been done. The modification requested is a blanket consecutive two days during the time period of June 1-26, 2020.

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

#### **Hawthorne East**

Beth Shrader requested approval of the final plat for Hawthorne East. The Plan Commission approved the plat at their May 12, 2020 meeting.

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

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.