

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
September 8, 2023**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana met September 8, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in City Hall. Present were Steve Poulos and Mayor Murphy. Holly Howe was absent. Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved that the minutes of the August 25, 2023 meeting be approved. Seconded by Mayor Murphy and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved that the claims be approved for payment subject to appropriation balances. Seconded by Mayor Murphy and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

2023 Patching & Alley Paving Quote Opening

Max Rehlander addressed the Board. The Engineering Department sent out a request for quotes for the 2023 Patching and Alley Paving Program. Bids received were:

Site Services - \$165,330

Milestone - \$148,180

Reith Riley - \$185,875

Max Rehlander advised these will be taken under advisement and an award recommended at the next Board of Works meeting. The Engineering Estimate is \$134,270.

All-Way Stop Control – Vale Park/Windsor Trail/Saddlebrook Crossing Intersection

Max Rehlander addressed the Board. The above key location has been identified as a location for improvement as part of the 2023 Community Crossing Paving Project. Residents were engaged and generally supported all-way stop control to allow for a safe pedestrian crossing on the west side of their subdivision.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to approve an all-way stop at the intersection of Vale Park/Windsor Trail/Saddlebrook Crossing. Seconded by Mayor Murphy and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

School Zone along Vale Park Road from Foggy Glen Dr. to Campbell

Max Rehlander addressed the Board. The Engineering Department recommends implementing a school zone along Vale Park Rd near the High School from Foggy Glen Drive to Campbell. A school zone is recommended due to the proximity of the school and access for pedestrians. Residents were engaged and generally supported a school zone in this area.

Chief McIntyre stated that fines are higher during school hours in a School Zone.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to approve a School Zone along Vale Park Road from Foggy Glen Drive to Campbell. Seconded by Mayor Murphy and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

Waiver of Sidewalk Requirement – 1756 Sherwood Court

Max Rehlander addressed the Board. The Engineering Department recommends approval of a Waiver of Sidewalk requirements for 1756 Sherwood Court. This is for new construction.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to approve the Waiver of Sidewalk Requirements. Seconded by Mayor Murphy and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

Brooks Change Order #1

Matt Zurbruggen presented Change Order #1 for additional reimbursement of unanticipated and unknowable increases in the scope and cost of work related to the Public Improvements. The total amount of Change Order #1 is \$824,493. The City side of this is \$385,114. He recommends approval of Change Order #1. The sewer connections are 100% online.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to approve the Civil City's portion of Brooks Change Order #1 in the amount of \$385,114. Seconded by Mayor Murphy and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

Internet for Fire Station 1

Paul Pryor addressed the Board and recommended the installation of an internet connection at Fire Station 1 to facilitate a direct connection to Fire Station 2. Currently Fire Station 1 is sharing a connection with City Hall. This will allow Fire 1 and Fire 2 to communicate directly. The monthly service charge is \$169.90.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to approve an internet connection at Fire Station 1. Seconded by Mayor Murphy and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

Renewal of Internet for Fire Station 3

Paul Pryor addressed the Board. He recommended renewal of the Internet for Fire Station 3. The current contract has expired and renewing it will move it from a residential 50-megabit connection to a business internet connection allowing an upgrade of the speed to 250 megabit, unify billing and support under an SLA.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to approve renewal of the contract for internet for Fire Station 3. Seconded by Mayor Murphy and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

Second Amendment to MOU, Fire Training Academy

Attorney Patrick Lyp addressed the Board. He presented an amendment to the MOU with the MAAC Foundation. The purpose of this amendment is to expand the scope to include additional property.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to approve the Second Amendment to MOU, Fire Training Academy. Seconded by Mayor Murphy and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

Property Use Agreement for 406 Don Hovey Facility

Don Lorntzen addressed the Board. He presented an agreement between Royal and the City of Valparaiso for them using the property at 406 Don Hovey Drive.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to approve The Property Use Agreement for 406 Don Hovey Facility. Seconded by Mayor Murphy and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

Unsafe Building Code Violation Matters

306 Indiana Avenue

Building & Code Enforcement Director Vicki Thrasher recommended continuing this matter to the October 13, 2023 meeting. This nine unit building burnt earlier this year. They are looking into being able to rebuild. This is the last continuance they will be granted.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to approve continuing this matter to the October 13, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Mayor Murphy and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

753 Dove Drive

Building & Code Enforcement Director Vicki Thrasher recommended continuing this matter to the October 13, 2023 meeting. The owner has agreed to demolish this building on their own.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to approve continuing this matter to the October 13, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Mayor Murphy and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

Request for Street Closure, Use of Sidewalk or Use of Alley.

- 156 S. Washington Rear Brick Replacement and Restoration, Use of Alleyway Starting September 11, 2023.
- Valpo High School Homecoming Parade, September 29, 2023
- Valpo Events Downtown Trick-of-Treat, October 13, 2023
- Porter County Elections, October 23, 2023 – November 8, 2023

These have been reviewed and approved by all impacted departments.

MOTION: Steve Poulos moved to approve the Request for Street Closure as presented. Mayor Murphy seconded the motion and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

Secondary Plat – Wise Guys

Beth Shrader presented a Secondary Plat for Wise Guys property. The Plan Commission reviewed this secondary plat. They approved removing conditions. She recommended the Board of Works approve and certify the Plat. The restrictions had to do with storm water. Changes have been made in the area and the Engineering Department has agreed the changes are no longer needed.

MOTION: Steve Poulos moved to approve the secondary plat for Wise Guys. Mayor Murphy seconded the motion and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

Street Closure – Valparaiso Street North of Lincolnway

Max Rehlander addressed the Board. He requested the Board approve closing Valparaiso Street, north of Lincolnway for two weeks starting September 18, 2023. This is for installation of sanitary and storm lateral. The Engineering Department recommends this request.

MOTION: Steve Poulos moved to approve closing Valparaiso Street north of Lincolnway for a period of two weeks beginning September 18, 2023. Mayor Murphy seconded the motion and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

Street Closure – Lincolnway between Michigan and Morgan

Max Rehlander addressed the Board. He requested approval to close Lincolnway between Michigan and Morgan on Sunday September 17, 2023 from Midnight to noon. Business along this area will be under a boil advisory for 48 hours.

MOTION: Steve Poulos moved to approve closing Lincolnway from Michigan to Morgan on Sunday September 17, 2023 from midnight to noon. Mayor Murphy seconded the motion and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

Public Comment

None

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned.