

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
January 10, 2020**

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

Mayor Murphy moved that the minutes of the December 13, 2019 meeting be approved, seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

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

Landscape Architect Agreement-Shive Hattery

Stu Summers requested approval to sign a Landscape Architect Agreement with Shive Hattery for the Library Learning Plaza. The Library has received a \$500,000 grant. The City is the recipient of the funds. The process for this project will be the Library Board will make a recommendation, the RDC will approve and then it will come to the Board of Works for approval and payment. All contracts will be approved by the City as well. The contract amount is \$73,500.

Bill Oeding moved to approve, seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

454 Locust – Approval of Unsafe Building Hearing

Alfredo Estrada presented documentation supporting the request for demolition of the property located at 454 Locust Street.

Bill Oeding moved to accept the documents as evidence as presented, seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

The attorney for 5/3 Bank, Lenore Heavey, requested a continuance of the hearing for one month. Attorney Estrada requested an Order be entered today. This would still give 5/3 a time period of 30 days to fix or demolish the property.

Bill Oeding moved to deny the request to continue, seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

Alfredo Estrada called Building Commissioner, Vicki Thrasher, to testify. She has inspected this property and finds it in very poor condition. She listed the numerous unsafe issues with this building. This is based on an inspection of the building from the exterior. She has not been given access to the interior of the building. The building is unoccupied. It was just secured today for safety. It is a hazard to health, welfare and safety of the City. Her office has received two complaints. She recommends demolition.

Alfredo Estrada presented a proposed Order for demolition. This Order gives 5/3 Bank thirty days to demolish or repair the building.

Steve Poulos moved to affirm the Building Commissioner's recommendation to demolish, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

Frontier Communications Permit

Eric Hellmuth requested approval of a Permit for Frontier Communications. This work is on Industrial Drive and Montdale.

Bill Oeding moved to approve, seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

Comcast Cable Permit

Eric Hellmuth requested approval of the Comcast Cable Permit. The work is on 4104 Crown Road/Hawthorne North Subdivision. The Engineer's office will monitor the work.

Steve Poulos moved to approve, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

Silhavy Road Widening Project

Eric Hellmuth requested approval of the Construction Engineering Contract for the Silhavy Road Widening Project. The contract is with DLZ for construction services. There is an 80/20 split with RDC/Federal Highway Administration. This has been approved by the RDC. This project is from John Howell Drive to north of Evans.

Bill Oeding moved to approve, seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

Deed of Dedication of Public Right of Way

2701 and 2703 Vale Park Road

Lauren Orchard requested approval to sign Deed of Dedication of Public Right of Way for 2701 and 2703 Vale Park Road. This is for a pathway connection. There are eight parcels involved and the cost is \$26 per lineal foot.

Bill Oeding moved to approve, seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

2020 Annual Bids for Products and Services Award Recommendations

Brent Dickson has reviewed the bids opened on December 13, 2019. He presented the recommendations for awards of those bids. Regarding the "No bids" he can ask for bids again or if it is under the threshold, he can just go ahead and purchase. This list of awards will be shared with all the Departments.

Steve Poulos moved to approve, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

Public Official Bonds

Holly Taylor requested approval to sign Public Official Bonds for Mayor, Clerk-Treasurer, Planning/Transit Director, Transit Manager, Administrative Assistant Planning, Police Pension Secretary, Fire Pension Secretary, Blanket Bond for Clerk-Treasurer deputies and City Administrator.

Bill Oeding moved to approve, seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

Conflict of Interest

Holly Taylor requested approval to sign a Conflict of Interest form submitted by a firefighter who also does business with the City.

Bill Oeding moved to approve, seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

Citizen Requests

- Request approval for annual YMCA Ringing in Spring run taking place on Saturday April 4, 2020 starting at 9:00 a.m.

Bill Oeding moved to approve, seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

- Request approval for road closures for the Mimosa Crawl event taking place on Saturday June 13 from 10 am – 4 pm with street closure on Friday June 12th at 5 pm. This request comes from Aster & Gray.

Steve Poulos moved to continue this request to the next meeting, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

- Request for approval for annual VHS Valentine run taking place on Sunday February 9, 2020 starting at 9 am.

Bill Oeding moved to approve, seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

- Request approval for NWI Cross Country one-mile Challenge taking place on Thursday July 9, 2020 from 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm with request for road closure.

Steve Poulos moved to approve, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

- Request approval for annual Chalk the Walk event taking place on Saturday June 13, 2020 from 6 am-1pm (alternate time 1 pm-6pm)

Steve Poulos moved to continue this request to the next meeting, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

Silhavy/LaPorte Roundabout

Patrick Lyp requested approval to accept Deed to City from the State for State owned property at the Silhavy/LaPorte Roundabout.

Steve Poulos moved to approve, seconded by Bill Oeding and so approved.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.