

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
May 12, 2023**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana met May 12, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. in City Hall. Present were Steve Poulos and Holly Howe. Mayor Murphy was absent. Steve Poulos called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion: Holly Howe moved that the minutes of the April 28, 2023 meeting be approved. Seconded by Seve Poulos and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

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

Community Crossing Matching Grant 2023-1 Bid Opening

Max Rehlander advised they have received two bids for the Community Crossing Matching Grant 2023-1. Bids received were:

Milestone	\$3,138,101.00
Rieth Riley	\$3,113,915.24

Max requested these bids be taken under advisement and he will come back at the next meeting with a recommendation for award. The Engineering Estimate is \$3.47 Million Dollars.

Amendment to Agreement with American Structurepoint – Lincoln Highway Garage and Linc

Mike Jabo advised American Structurepoint has an Agreement with the City for the design of downtown infrastructure work in conjunction with the Lincoln Highway Garage and the Linc. During the course of design, the Engineering Department and Valparaiso City Services discovered opportunities to improve some of the underground City utilities. These opportunities include: separation of combined sewers in this area, and replacement of the aging section of combined sewer. American Structurepoint has submitted Amendment No. 1 for this additional work which will increase the contract from \$186,250 to \$269,350 which is an increase of \$83,100. The additional cost will be provided by the 2017 Stormwater Bond and Sewer Capital Funds. Subject to the approval for the use of funds by the VCU Board, it is the recommendation of the Engineering Department that American Structurepoint, Inc. Amendment No. 1 be approved by the Board of Public Works and Safety. This will be bid this winter and work will begin late winter or early spring. This is an RDC project.

Motion: Holly Howe moved to approve American Structurepoint, Inc. Amendment No. 1. Seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

Street Closure – Lincolnway at Valparaiso Street

Valparaiso City Services wishes to recover a combined sewer manhole located in the westbound lane of Lincolnway at the Valparaiso Street intersection. This combined sewer has a 60" diameter. Recovering this manhole will require the closure of both directions of Lincolnway as well as access to/from Valparaiso Street from Lincolnway to provide adequate equipment workspace to complete the work. It is recommended that this work be done between 10:00 pm to 6:00 am. This is scheduled to occur on May 16, 2023. Official detour using Morgan, Calumet, Evans and Roosevelt Road will be utilized. The Engineering Department recommends that the Board of Public Works and Safety approve the Lincolnway street closure as presented.

Motion: Holly Howe moved to approve the Lincolnway street closure as presented. Seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

Tower Road Closure

Matt Zurbriggen advised Olthoff Homes is planning to pour curbs along Tower Road at Westwind Development. They are requesting that the road will be closed ½ day on May 16th and full day on May 17th. Detour signage will be provided. The Engineering Department, VCU and PMO have met to discuss the road closure and recommend approval of the request.

Motion: Holly Howe moved to approve the closure of Tower Road for 1/2 day on May 16th and full day on May 17th as presented. Seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

Second Amendment to Amended and Restated Interlocal Cooperation Agreement

Center Township Advisory Board, Center Township Trustee, and the City of Valparaiso – Board of Works and Park Board have an agreement. This amendment allows \$150,000 to be allocated and spent toward the City skate park project and \$200,00 to be allocated and spent toward the City ACE project. \$85,000 will be paid annually in perpetuity for infrastructure projects.

Unsafe Building Code Matters

906 Washington Street

Attorney Estrada advised they are seeking bids to demolish the property on their own. His recommendation is to continue this matter for 30 days until June 23, 2023.

Motion: Holly Howe moved to continue 906 Washington for 30 days until June 23, 2023. Seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

2010 Yorktowne Drive

Attorney Estrada advised this property has been transferred via tax sale and deed. There has been no communication with the City. The HOA attorney, Nathan Viss addressed the Board.

This is three homes that have been placed together. There are two shared walls. The house in question is at the end. There was a water leak. The owner has been placed in a home. There has been no way to contact her. He has had contact with her attorney. They are a tax sale buyer that is moving into this area and LaPorte area. He has advised the attorney that they need to provide verification they are pulling a permit and if not the HOA will file legal action. He will work with Attorney Estrada.

Attorney Estrada's recommendation is to continue this matter for 30 days until June 23, 2023 with an evidentiary hearing for demolition.

Attorney Viss stated he would rather see fixing the problem be from the inside out rather than tearing the building down.

Attorney Estrada advised this Board does not have authority to grant them access to the inside of the building which is why they will have to seek Court intervention.

Motion: Holly Howe moved to continue this case for 30 days until June 23, 2023 with an evidentiary hearing for demolition. Seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

253 Lincolnway

Pat McGinley advised they have received two bids. The higher of the two can complete the job in May or June. The lower of the two bids will not be able to provide a time frame until next week. The difference between the two is \$17,000. The contractor is C Lee. It is Attorney Estrada's recommendation to continue this matter until June 23, 2023.

Motion: Holly Howe moved to continue this case for 30 days until June 23, 2023. Seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

1701 Lincolnway

Attorney Estrada needs additional time to gather evidence. It is Attorney Estrada's recommendation to continue this matter until June 23, 2023. He has spoken to their attorney and he is aware this will be continued.

Motion: Holly Howe moved to continue this case for 30 days until June 23, 2023. Seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

1425 Glendale

There is ongoing litigation. There is a pending Unsafe/Demolition hearing. The hospital has filed a Motion to Continue the May 30th hearing. Attorney Estrada will give an update in two weeks.

Comcast

Paul Pryor presented an Agreement with Comcast. As the City is growing it needs better and more stable products.

Motion: Holly Howe moved to approve the Agreement with Comcast. Seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

Request for Street Closures

- Megan and Tim Branham, Birthday Party, May 28, 2023. Berkley Drive between Sheffield and Somerset 11 am to 7 pm
- Touch—Truck, June 11, 2023 Indiana from Napoleon to the Amphitheatre 9 am to 2 pm
- Lakeshore Paws Pup Crawl, June 17, 2023

These have been reviewed and approved by all impacted departments.

Motion: Holly Howe moved to approve the Requests for Street Closures as presented. Steve Poulos seconded the motion and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

Deed of Dedication - Currie Motors

Beth Shrader presented a Right of Way Deed of Dedication for Currie Motors. Once it is signed it will be recorded. Then it will be the City's and they can use Federal Funds on it and other things.

Motion: Holly Howe moved to approve the Deed of Dedication with Currie Motors. Steve Poulos seconded the motion and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

4th of July Real Estate Rental Agreement

Cristina Darr presented a Real Estate Rental Agreement with Urschel Development to rent the land on Vale Park Road for the 4th of July celebration.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to approve the Real Estate Rental Agreement with Urschel Development. Holly Howe seconded the motion and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

Road Closures for the 4th of July Festivities

Christina Darr presented a request for street closure for Vale Park Road from Valparaiso Street to Cumberland Drive on July 4th from 10:00 am until 11:30 pm. She also requested the streets be monitored on July 1, 2023 from 7:30 am until 9:45 for the Fourth of July Blast 5K and 2K lit'l Firecracker fun run.

Public Comment: None

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