

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
May 26, 2023**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana met May 26, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. in City Hall. Present were Mayor Murphy, Steve Poulos and Holly Howe. Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion: Holly Howe moved that the minutes of the May 12, 2023 meeting be approved. Seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved with a 3-0 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 3-0 vote.

Community Crossing Matching Grant 2023-1 Bid Opening

Max Rehlander advised there was a summation error on Rieth Riley's bid. There also was a quantity issue on Bid #1 that has been resolved. The corrected project total for Rieth Riley is \$3,045,116.964. The Engineering Department recommends the bid be awarded to Rieth Riley in the amount of \$3,045,116.94.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to award the bid for the Community Crossing Matching Grant 2023-1 to Rieth Riley in the amount of \$3,045,116.94. Seconded by Holly Howe and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Roosevelt Road at Canadian National RR Crossing -Street Closure

Mike Jabo presented a request to close Roosevelt for three days at the Canadian National RR Crossing to allow them to do repairs. It is his recommendation to approve this request.

Motion: Holly Howe moved to approve the street closure for three days at Roosevelt Road and the Canadian National RR Crossing. Seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Annual Operational Report for Local Roads & Streets & Bridges

Mike Jabo presented a report that has to be submitted to Altap annually. He is asking for approval to have the Mayor sign this document and Steve Poulos acting as the Street Superintendent for submittal to Altap.

Motion: Holly Howe moved to approve the Annual Operational Report for Local Roads and Streets and Bridges. Seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Elm Street – 25 mph Speed Limit

Mike Jabo reported the residents have expressed concern about excessive speed and/or statutory speed being too high on Elm Street between Morgan and Roosevelt. Concerns are:

Elm Street is a popular bypass between Morgan and Roosevelt. The street is made up of largely residential properties. There is an active playground located at the Banta Center facing Elm Street. There are no posted speed limit signs therefore the statutory speed limit is 30 mph. The Engineering Department recommends that the Board of Public Works and Safety approve the posting of a 25 mph speed limit on Elm Street.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to approve the posting of 25 mph speed limit on Elm Street as presented. Seconded by Holly Howe and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Revision of Intersection Control – Old Oak at Manchester

Mike Jabo reported that once the Brooks Development is open to traffic, the pattern at Old Oak and Manchester will change. It is the Engineering Department's recommendation that as the minor generator Manchester Drive should be Stop controlled and as the major generator Old Oak Drive should not be controlled. It is also recommended that Engineering Department continue to monitor the traffic at this intersection for a 6-month period after the official opening of Old Oak Drive.

Motion: Holly Howe moved to approve the revision of the intersection control as presented. Seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Unsafe Building Code Matter

253 Lincolnway

Attorney Estrada advised this case had been continued for 30 days. They have received bids for demolition and progress is being made. They will give another update in two weeks.

Property Maintenance Code Violation

Attorney Estrada presented the following addresses and recommendations:

804 Union Street

Attorney Estrada and Building Commissioner Vicki Thrasher will sit down with this property owner and prepare a list of issues with this building. They will then decide if more aggressive action should be taken.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to continue this matter to the June 23, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Holly Howe and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

808 Napoleon

The property owner is working on this and keeps them informed.

Motion: Holly Howe moved to continue this matter to the June 23, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

503 Institute

The outside of this building has been taken care of very well.

Motion: Holly Howe moved to dismiss this matter. Seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

303 Indiana

Motion: Holly Howe moved to continue this matter to the June 23, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

305 Brown

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to continue this matter to the June 23, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Holly Howe and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

900 Washington

Attorney Estrada advised currently there is litigation for eviction. He recommended continuing this matter until June 23, 2023.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to continue this matter to the June 23, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Holly Howe and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Request for Street Closures

- Hawthorne Block Party, July 2, 2023 5:00-10:00
- Lake Side Terrace Block Party, July 4, 2023 4:00-10:00
- Porter Starke Turkey Trot, November 23, 2023 6:00 – 10:00

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 3-0 vote.

Campbell and Brown Roadway Reconstruction

Max Rehlander presented a Change Order for roadway reconstruction on the TOD entryway, project bid package #1 has an increase of \$30,450.00. These changes were found after the fact. It will be funded by the RDC.

Motion: Holly Howe moved to approve Change Order for Campbell and Brown Roadway Reconstruction. Steve Poulos seconded the motion and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Smoketown Blues – Awning Proposal

Beth Shrader presented a proposal for Smoketown Blues to install an awning on the front of their building.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to approve the request to install an awning for Smoketown Blues. Holly Howe seconded the motion and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Calumet Avenue Pavement Repair

Mike Jabo asked for approval to have Milestone Contractors repair patches done by NIPSCO on Calumet Avenue. He also is going to have density tests done in the four spots where NIPSCO dug. NIPSCO has asked that the City fix this right and they will reimburse the City. The total cost and a contingency is \$55,500.00.

Motion: Holly Howe moved to approve having the road repaired correctly on Calumet Avenue and density testing done. Steve Poulos seconded the motion and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Public Comment: None

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