

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
June 13, 2022**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana met June 13, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. in City Hall. Present were Mayor Murphy and Steve Poulos. 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 May 27, 2022 meeting be approved. Seconded by Mayor Murphy and so approved.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved that the claims be approved for payment and subject to appropriation balances. Seconded by Mayor Murphy and so approved.

Bid Opening for 2022-1 Community Crossings Road Improvement Project

Max Rehlander stated the City has accepted bids for the 2022-1 Community Crossings Road Improvement Project. Bids received were from:

Milestone Contractors	\$2,596,555.70
Rieth Riley	\$2,638,773.95

Max asked that they be given time to review these bids. He asked that this matter be continued to the end of the meeting when they will make a recommendation.

Bid Opening for Signal Installation Project – Froberg Rd and SR 130

Mike Jabo stated the City has accepted bids for the signal installation at Froberg Road and SR 130. Bids received were from:

Midwestern Electric	\$154,578.17
Hawk Enterprises	\$160,885.50

Mike asked that they be given time to review these bids. He asked that this matter be continued to the end of the meeting when they will make a recommendation.

Quotes for the Morgan Blvd Parking Lot Rehabilitation 2022 Project

Mike Jabo stated the City has requested quotes for rehabilitation of the Morgan Blvd parking lot. This would involve clean, patch repair, seal the cracks, replace the bumper blocks and painting the parking lot. The lowest quote received was from Boyd Asphalt. They presented two options. One is for \$11,500 where they will clean up the parking lot and asphalt it. The second is for \$35,900 where they will take all out and replace with 3" of asphalt. It is the recommendation of the Engineering Department that this second option is the best value. This will be paid out of LIT.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to approve Boyd Asphalt quote for \$35,900. Mayor Murphy seconded the motion and so approved.

Waiver of Liability – Calkin’s Hill

Brent Dickson requested approval of a Waiver of Liability. Attorney Patrick Lyp prepared the form. Its purpose is to release the City from possible liability concerns arising from any damage to the private road and/or landscaping while providing service. This is a requirement in the Ordinance.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to approve the Waiver of Liability to be signed by Calkin’s Hill. Mayor Murphy seconded the motion and so approved.

Payment in Lieu of Sidewalk Construction Along Coolwood Right of Way – 2352 Morthland Dr.

Beth Shrader requested approval of payment from Aldi’s in lieu of sidewalk construction. This is along Coolwood on the east side of their property. It is an easement property right now. They are dedicating part of their property that will be right of way. The payment amount is \$11,200.00. This has been reviewed by the Engineering Department and will be brought before the Park Board for their approval.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to approve payment of \$11,200 in lieu of sidewalk construction along the Coolwood Right of Way. Mayor Murphy seconded the motion and so approved.

Plat Approval – 3526 Lake Mead Circle

Beth Shrader requested approval of the plat for 3526 Lake Mead Circle. This is a one lot subdivision. It is within the Lakes of Valparaiso PUD. This went through the Plan Commission and notice was then sent to all the neighbors. There were no appeals filed.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to approve the plat for 3526 Lake Mead Circle. Mayor Murphy seconded the motion and so approved.

Right of Way and Utility Easement Dedications – 803 Brown Street

Beth Shrader requested approval of a Right of Way and Utility Easement Dedication for 803 Brown Street. This is the fraternity property. This will be dedicated fee simple. It will bring it in line with neighboring properties. They are within the vicinity of a sewer main. This will allow access in the future for maintenance of the sewer line that is already there. Both were drawn up by the Engineering Department. Beth recommends approval of both.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to approve the Right of Way and Utility Easement Dedications for 803 Brown Street. Mayor Murphy seconded the motion and so approved.

Right of Way Dedication – 2352 Morthland

Beth Shrader requested approval of a Right of Way Dedication for 2352 Morthland. This is along West Street which is the south side of Aldi and along Coolwood which is the east side of Aldi. They have prepared the documents in accordance with the existing right of way lines of surrounding properties and in compliance with the UDO.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to approve the Right of Way Dedications for 2352 Morthland. Mayor Murphy seconded the motion and so approved.

Unsafe Building Hearing – 1050 Horse Prairie Avenue (Zao Island)

Attorney Alfredo Estrada advised the Board there have been meetings with the City and the property owner. Attorney Todd Leeth advised they were given the names of two engineering firms that could do an internal review of the property. The one they decided to go with advised them on Friday they could not represent the property owner. Attorney Leeth has contacted the second firm and they are anticipating an answer on Wednesday.

Attorney Estrada recommended that this matter be continued.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to continue the Unsafe Building Hearing on 1050 Horse Prairie Avenue. The motion was seconded by Mayor Murphy and so approved.

Request for Street Closures

- Lakeshore Paws Pup Crawl, June 18, 2022
- Valpo Parks 4th of July 5k Blast & 2K Fun Run, July 4, 2022
- Greenfield Creek Neighborhood Fireworks, July 16, 2022
- Popcorn Festival, September 10, 2022
- Valpo Fire Helmet Hustle & Dalmatian Dash, October 2, 2022
- Porter Starke Turkey Trot 5k, November 24, 2022

These have been reviewed and approved by all impacted departments.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to approve the Request for Street Closures as presented. Seconded by Mayor Murphy and so approved.

Bid Solicitation to Sell a Fire Truck

John Daly stated the City has accepted bids for the sale of a fire truck. Bids received were from:

Brindle Mountain Fire Apparatus	\$125,000
Allied Fire Sales	\$130,002

He feels the bids are on target for what they expected to get. This truck has been replaced.

John requested this matter be continued to the next meeting when they will make a recommendation.

RFP to Solicit Bids for a CMc for the Sports Complex

Attorney Patrick Lyp requested approval to publish an RFP to solicit bids for a CMc for the Sports Complex.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to approve the request to publish an RFP to solicit bids for a CMC for the Sports Complex.

Bid Opening for 2022-1 Community Crossings Road Improvement Project

Max Rehlander stated the Engineering Department has reviewed bids received for the 2022-1 Community Crossings Road Improvement Project. Their recommendation is to accept the bid from Milestone Contractors in the amount of \$2,596,555.70 subject to review by the City Attorney.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to accept the bid from Milestone Contractors in the amount of \$2,596,555.70 for the 2022-1 Community Crossings Road Improvement project subject to review by the City Attorney. Mayor Murphy seconded the motion and so approved.

Bid Opening for Signal Installation Project – Froberg Rd and SR 130

Mike Jabo stated the Engineering Department has reviewed bids received for the signal installation at Froberg Road and SR 130. Their recommendation is to accept the bid from Midwestern Electric in the amount of \$154,578.17. The pricing on these projects has gone crazy.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to accept the bid from Midwestern Electric in the amount of \$154,578.17 for the signal installation project at Froberg Road and SR 130 subject to review by the City Attorney. Mayor Murphy seconded the motion and so approved.

2022 Annual Sidewalk Program Package #3 and Downtown

Mike Jabo stated the Engineering Department had received bids for the 2022 Annual Sidewalk Program Package #3 and Downtown. He advised that the bids received from Rex Construction were late coming in. After discussion with the City Attorney, it was decided that bid would be rejected. They talked with the remaining contractor, Gariup who agreed to reduce their amount by \$50,000 if the completion time allowed is extended. The Downtown old amount was \$397,500 and the new amount is \$370,000. Bid Package #3 was \$247,500 and is now \$225,000. The contract gave them 75 days from the date of Notice to Proceed to get the work done. If they give the Notice to Proceed on June 20th they will have 120 calendar days to get the work done. The recommendation is to award the bid to Gariup at the reduced amount with an extension of time to complete the project.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to award the bid to Gariup in the amount of \$370,000 and \$225,000 for the 2022 Annual Sidewalk Program Package #3 and Downtown and the extension of time. Mayor Murphy seconded the motion and so approved.

Public Comment - None

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