

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
July 8, 2022**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana met July 8, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. in City Hall. Present were Mayor Murphy, Holly Howe, and Steve Poulos. Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion: Holly Howe moved that the minutes of the June 24, 2022 meeting be approved. Seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved.

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

Opening of Quotes for 2022 Crack Seal Program

Max Rehlander stated the City has accepted bids for the 2022 Crack Seal Program. Bids received were from:

National Industrial Maintenance	\$111,640.40
Pavement Solutions	\$125,729.00

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

Opening of Quotes for 2022 Full Depth Patching Program

Max Rehlander stated the City has accepted bids for the 2022 Full Depth Patching Program. Bids received were from:

Site Services	\$202,788.00
Milestone Contractors North	\$223,175.00
Rieth Riley	\$490,759.00

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

Opening of Quotes for 2022 Sidewalk Program – Neighborhood Package

Bill Laird stated the City has accepted bids for the 2022 Sidewalk Program – Neighborhood Package. Bids received were from:

Gariup Construction	\$243,200.00
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Bill asked that they be given time to review this bid. He asked that this matter be continued to the next Board of Works meeting when they will make a recommendation. Steve Poulos asked if the commitment is to have these done this year. Bill replied yes. Steve asked why it is not bid as one large

package. Bill explained they wanted it broken up so they could get more involvement from contractors and better pricing.

Unsafe Building Hearing – 1050 Horse Prairie Avenue

Attorney Patrick Lyp advised progress is being made. Vicki Thrasher requested this matter be continued to the July 22, 2022 meeting.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to continue the 1050 Horse Prairie Avenue Unsafe Building matter to the July 22, 2022 Board of Works meeting. Holly Howe seconded the motion and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Request for Street Closures

- Maple Creek Block Party, 2406 Eisenhower, Saturday August 13, 2022

This has been reviewed and approved by all impacted departments.

Motion: Holly Howe moved to approve the Request for Street Closure as presented. Steve Poulos seconded the motion so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Resolution No. 4 – 2022

A Resolution of the Valparaiso Board of Public Works and Safety to Establish Limitations for Public Access to City Hall and Council

Attorney Patrick Lyp requested approval of Resolution No. 4 – 2022. This Resolution sets limitations for public access to City Hall and Council Chambers. Due to security concerns, all guests to City Hall will check in with the receptionist before going into City Hall. Council Chambers will be locked and then opened to the public 15 minutes prior to any meeting. Upon completion of a meeting, City Hall will be closed and guests will be required to leave within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the meeting. Attorney Lyp has had this Resolution reviewed by the State Public Access Counselor.

Motion: Holly Howe moved to approve Resolution No. 4 – 2022. Steve Poulos seconded the motion and so approved.

Telamon-Solar Review

Steve Poulos requested approval to award the bid to Solar Energy Systems for \$780,403. This amount will be split between the Utilities and City. There will be three locations on the Utilities and two on the Civil City. They have 120 days to complete the project once the contract is signed. There will be 873 solar panels with a payback of a little over 8 years and accumulative savings based on the life of the panels of \$4.6 Million Dollars to the City. This does not include any credits that will be received from NIPSCO.

Motion: Steve Poulos moved to award the bid to Solar Energy Systems. Holly Howe seconded the motion and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Motion: Holly Howe moved to approve the installation contract with Solar Energy Solutions. Steve Poulos seconded the motion and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Dedication of Easement for Right-of-Way

Mike Jabo requested approval of a Dedication of Easement for Public Road Right-of-Way with the Porter County Conservation Club, Inc. This is in conjunction with the traffic signal to be installed at the intersection of Froberg Road and Highway 130.

Motion: Holly Howe moved to approve the Dedication of Easement for Right-of-Way with the Porter County Conservation Club. Steve Poulos seconded the motion and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Opening of Quotes for 2022 Sidewalk Program – Neighborhood Package

Bill Laird advised they have reviewed the quote from Gariup and they are a responsive and responsible bidder. He recommended that Gariup be awarded the Contract for the 2022 Sidewalk Program – Neighborhoods Package in the amount of \$243,200. This project will be funded by an annual grant received from the Redevelopment Commission.

Motion: Holly Howe moved that Gariup be awarded the Contract for the 2022 Sidewalk Program – Neighborhoods Package in the amount of \$243,200.

Public Comment

Barbara Domer – 614 Yellowstone. She asked for clarification from Attorney Lyp when he referred to the public as “guests” of City Hall. She takes exception to that. She is not a guest. She is a taxpayer. This is public space and she is entitled to enter, not as a guest. Attorney Lyp replied when the public comes to City Hall they are treated as guests. It was not meant that to imply that taxpayers are not owners of the building. He is sure she understood his intentions with using the word “guest”.

Her next concern is heavy equipment truck traffic on Yellowstone. She has learned that Yellowstone has been designated as a Truck Route since 2017. Yellowstone is not on the paving list even though it is full of holes from the heavy traffic. The road is shared with the County. The County says it did not approve this designation. She has been told the County approves truck traffic over the bridge on Campbell and they will not approve heavy equipment traffic over the bridge. Froberg is not used because of the poor geometry of the Froberg Road and SR 130 intersection. Yellowstone also intersects with 130. Yellowstone is the only one of the three that has residences on both sides of the street, has a section with no sidewalks, and has a school crossing zone. She wants the Truck Route designation to be removed from Yellowstone. Mayor Murphy suggested she talk with Mike Jabo who will give her the procedure to go before the Traffic and Safety Committee.

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