

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
August 11, 2023**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of Valparaiso, Indiana met August 11, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in City Hall. Present were Holly Howe, Steve Poulos and Mayor Murphy. Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion: Holly Howe moved that the minutes of the July 28, 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.

2023 Crack Seal Program

Max Rehlander addressed the Board. At the last meeting bids were opened for the 2023 Crack Seal Program. The lowest contractor was Pavement Solutions in the amount of \$92,800. The Engineering Department recommends awarding the contract to Pavement Solutions.

Motion: Holly Howe moved that Pavement Solutions be awarded the contract for the 2023 Crack Seal Program. Seconded by Steve Poulos and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Street Closure – Morgan Between Lincolnway and Jefferson

Max Rehlander addressed the Board. The Engineering Department and Tonn and Blank are requesting this closure. The request is for a maximum of two weeks beginning on or about September 18th. It is necessary for a crane to complete installation of the pre-cast structure. The City is coordinating with Tonn and Blank to post signage for the closure ahead of time.

Motion: Holly Howe moved to approve the street closure of Morgan between Lincolnway and Jefferson. Steve Poulos seconded the motion and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Waiver of Sidewalk Petition – 2311 Throughwoods Drive

Maxx Rehlander addressed the Board. This is in conjunction with a Site Permit for a sanitary sewer.

MOTION: Steve Poulos moved to approve the Waiver of Sidewalk Petition for 2311 Throughwoods Drive. Holly Howe seconded the motion and so approved with a 2-0 vote.

Iron Gate Subdivision – Reduction of Performance Bond

Bill Laird addressed the Board. Lennar is requesting this reduction for the portion of work concerning the sanitary sewer and storm sewer installation. The developer has completed the installation of the sanitary and storm sewer infrastructure. City Services has inspected and accepted the sanitary and storm sewers. The Valparaiso City Utilities Board accepted the infrastructure and a maintenance bond at the July 11th meeting. They are asking for a reduction in the amount of \$1,411,941.60. The remaining performance bond would be in the amount of \$3,296,876.55.

MOTION: Holly Howe moved to approve the reduction of Performance Bond for Iron Gate Subdivision. Steve Poulos seconded the motion and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Resolution No. 2, 2023 – Façade and Sign Improvement Program

Beth Shrader addressed the Board. She went through the document and pointed out changes that have been made. Major changes that have been made are: an architect must be involved in the project. The architect fees, which are reimbursable at 100%, have been pulled out of the total amount that is allowed for reimbursement. The amount per project is \$60,000. \$20,000 for removal and replacement of a non-conforming sign. \$7,500 for architectural services.

MOTION: Holly Howe moved to adopt Resolution No. 2, 2023 regarding the Façade and Sign Improvement Program. Steve Poulos seconded the motion and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Construction and Maintenance Agreement for Railroad Improvements for Barrel District Trail

Beth Shrader addressed the Board. This is with the Railroad that the Barrel District Trail has to cross. The Railroad tells you how much it will cost for engineering the improvements and construction of the improvements. Then the City agrees to pay for that. This will be paid for primarily through the Federal Aid grant received through NIRPC and the 20% match from the RDC.

Attorney Lyp explained he is still working with the Railroad on final details of the Agreement.

Beth Shrader added they are scheduled to let this project in February of 2024 and will be complete in 2025.

MOTION: Holly Howe moved to approve the Construction and Maintenance Agreement for railroad improvements for Barrel District Trail, subject to Attorney Lyp's review and approval. Steve Poulos seconded the motion and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Supplemental Agreement for Engineering Services for Barrel District Trail

Beth Shrader addressed the Board. INDOT is requiring a Phase 2 Environmental Investigation in the vicinity of the Barrel District Trail. DLZ has worked within their scope of services to adjust for the allowance of a Phase 2. The additional cost is \$2,100. At this point there are no Federal Funds allocated for that overage. The local match is \$750.00. RDC will pay for this.

MOTION: Steve Poulos moved to approve Supplemental Agreement for Engineering Services for Barrel District Trail with DLZ. Holly Howe seconded the motion and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Revised Waiver of Objection and Consent to Annexation

Attorney Patrick Lyp addressed the Board. He presented a revised Waiver of Objection and Consent to Annexation. When the City provides utilities or other services to properties not within the City, they are required to sign a Waiver of Objection and Consent to Annexation.

MOTION: Holly Howe moved to approve the revised Waiver of Objection and Consent to Annexation. Steve Poulos seconded the motion and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Unsafe Building Code Matters

306 Indiana

Attorney Christian Bartholomew recommended this matter be continued to the September 8th meeting. The property owner is negotiating demolition of the property with his insurance company.

MOTION: Steve Poulos moved to continue the demolition hearing to the September 8th meeting. Holly Howe seconded the motion and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

753 Dove Drive

Attorney Christian Bartholomew recommended this matter be continued to the September 8th meeting. The property owner has hired G. E. Marshall to do the demolition work.

MOTION: Steve Poulos moved to continue the above case to the September 8th meeting. Holly Howe seconded the motion and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

906 Washington

Attorney Christian Bartholomew advised this building has been demolished and recommended dismissal.

MOTION: Holly Howe moved to dismiss the above case. Steve Poulos seconded the motion and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

1400 Institute

Attorney Christian Bartholomew advised the City Utilities has moved forward with demolition. No vote is needed on this matter. The demolition cost is under \$10,000.

Request for Street Closures

- Greenfield Creek Block Party, Saturday, September 2, 2023, 9:10 pm to 10:00 pm.
- Valpo Parks Popcorn Panic Race, Saturday, September 9, 2023.
- Pepper Ridge Block Party, Saturday, September 23, 2023 3:00-8:00 pm.
- Porter County Library Fall Fest, Wednesday, October 4, 2023 3:00-8:00 pm.
- Valpo Events Annual Autumn Promenade, Saturday, October 7, 2023.

These have been reviewed and approved by all impacted departments.

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

2023 Eastport Centre Paving Improvements

Max Rehlander addressed the Board. The RDC opened bids for the 2023 Eastport Centre Paving Improvements. Two bids were received:

Milestone Contractors	\$532,729.00
Rieth-Riley Construction	\$582,419.50

Both bid packages were complete, and the Engineering Department recommends awarding the bid to the low bidder – Milestone Contractors North in the amount of \$532,729.00.

MOTION: Steve Poulos moved to award the bid for Eastport Centre Paving to Milestone Contractors North in the amount of \$532,728.00. Holly Howe seconded the motion and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Horseprairie Closure

Max Rehlander addressed the Board. He requested the closure of Horseprairie at nighttime only for two weeks beginning August 20th. This is for sanitary sewer manhole lining.

MOTION: Holly Howe moved to approve closing Horseprairie at nighttime only for two weeks beginning August 20th. Holl Howe seconded the motion and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

West Street Closure

Max Rehlander addressed the Board. He requested the closure of West Street for two weeks from August 10 to August 20th. This is for a sanitary sewer line extension.

MOTION: Steve Poulos moved to approve closing West Street for two weeks beginning August 10th to August 20th. Holly Howe seconded the motion and so approved with a 3-0 vote.

Public Comment

None

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