



Board of Works Meeting – Minutes from January 23, 2023

Board of Works Members in Attendance: Mayor Phil Jenkins, Wayne Scheumann, Rod Stump Jr.

Also Present: **City Attorney** Brian Hoffer, **Clerk-Treasurer** Jeff Knight, 9 guests (9 IP) and one members of the press (IP).

- Call to order: Mayor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.
- Roll call: All members were in attendance as stated above.
- Approval of the Minutes from January 9, 2023: Mr. Stump motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Scheumann seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Petitions or Comments from Citizens: There were three sewer bill adjustment requests. Mayor Jenkins presented each request. Utility Superintendent Gerber recommended approval. The requests were for:
 - 751 Locke Street: Mr. Stump motioned to approve the request. Mr. Scheumann seconded. The request was approved unanimously by voice vote.
 - 501 W. Market Street: Mayor Jenkins motioned to approve the request. Mr. Scheumann seconded. The request was approved unanimously by voice vote.
 - 452 E. Centennial Street: Mr. Scheumann motioned to approve the request. Mr. Stump seconded. The request was approved unanimously by voice vote.
- There were no reports of committees, boards, or commissions and there was no unfinished business.
- New Business
 - Approve ABATE Blessing of the Bikes Event – April 16, 2023: Mayor Jenkins presented the request. The event will utilize the Pavilion, Clark Street, Lincoln Street, and the Apple Festival stage. Mr. Moneyheffer said they will bring in portable toilets. Mr. Moneyheffer noted that this is the 45th year of doing this event. Mr. Scheumann asked if Street Superintendent Warren had reviewed the request. Superintendent Warren said yes. Mr. Scheumann motioned to approve ABATE blessing of the bikes event. Mr. Stump seconded. The request to hold the event was approved unanimously by voice vote.
 - Accept Dedication of Utilities at Tomahawk Trail/CR101: Mayor Jenkins introduced Mr. Adam Maxwell (InTech) and then proceeded to describe the documents that were presented, including a letter of agreement pertaining to some of the work that still needs to be completed. City Attorney Hoffer discussed the need for performance and maintenance



bonds. He also reiterated that it was always the goal to have the City utilities serve InTech. Mr. Maxwell commented that the process of getting the bonds has been initiated. Mayor Jenkins stated that once the bonds have been issued, all of the documents will be signed. Mayor Jenkins motioned to accept the dedication of utilities contingent upon receipt of the performance and maintenance bonds. Mr. Scheumann seconded. Acceptance of the dedication of utilities contingent upon receipt of the performance and maintenance bonds was approved unanimously by voice vote.

- Troyer Group – Memo Regarding Oakland Trail Change Proposals: Mr. Mike Reese (Troyer Group) presented the proposals. One of the requests is to extend the mound at the north end of the creek bed towards the restroom building. This would keep the buffer going between the trail and the golf course. This cost would be \$1,940. The second request is to remove some concrete pieces that are located on the north shore of the pond. Most of the concrete pieces are not exposed too much and would be covered by the topsoil and seed, but it would be best to remove some of it. The cost would be \$950. Along with this is a request for an additional two days to complete the work. Mr. Scheumann motioned to accept the change proposals and extend the contract two days (one day per proposal). Mayor Jenkins seconded. The proposals, including a two-day extension, were accepted unanimously by voice vote.
- Declare Emergency and Repair Interceptor at Clark Street: Utility Supervisor Gerber presented the request. Pieces of concrete pipe and rocks were found in the manhole. The new camera was used to find a two-foot piece on top of the sewer main completely missing. The has since been repaired by Beer and Slabaugh. This is the City’s main sewer. During this repair process a pipe plug was put in west of Clark Street. The pipe plug subsequently exploded. This was repaired also. No one was hurt. No price was presented at the time of the request. Mayor Jenkins asked if this was a situation where the City was able to use its new camera system. Superintendent Gerber said yes. Mayor Jenkins motioned to declare an emergency and repair the interceptor at Clark Street. Mr. Scheumann seconded. The declaration of an emergency and repairing of the interceptor at Clark Street was approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Removal of Trees on Woodview Drive: Street Superintendent Warren presented the request. There are 14 trees that need to be removed along the eastern third of Woodview Drive prior to the re-letting of the Woodview Drive project on March 15th. The cost is \$7,500 from Trees Unlimited Two who is already under contract with the City for regular tree maintenance and removal. The intent is to have this completed prior to April 1st. The need for the trees to be down by April 1st is due to the Indiana Bat habitat that cannot be



destroyed. Mr. Scheumann motioned to approve the tree removal request. Mr. Stump seconded. The tree removal request was approved unanimously by voice vote.

- Approve Sewer Connection Applications:
 - 703 W. Market: Mayor Jenkins motioned to approve the request. Mr. Stump seconded. The request was approved unanimously by voice vote.
 - Wa-Nee Transportation Building: Mr. Stump motioned to approve the request. Mr. Scheumann seconded. The request was approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers:
 - Mr. Stump motioned to approve the 2023 Water APV's Totaling \$338,562.72 and 2023 WWTP APV's Totaling \$94,622.90. Mr. Scheumann seconded. The APV's were approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Reports of City Officers:
 - Street Superintendent Warren: NIPSCO starting gas line relocation in the next week along Woodview Dr. The school district has been notified.
 - Utility Superintendent Gerber: Gave an update on the completion of the repair work done relating to the water line break at the Water plant. The insurance covered the cost without any deductible needing to be paid.
 - Fire Chief Lehman: The ladder truck has been repaired and is back at the fire station. They are waiting for hydraulic fluid to be delivered so they can get the truck back in use.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Mr. Scheumann motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Mayor Jenkins seconded. Adjournment was agreed to by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 3:52 pm.

Phil Jenkins, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jeff Knight, Clerk of Board of Works