City of Franklin
Minutes of the Board of Works and Safety

City Hall
55 W. Madison St.
Franklin Indiana 46131

Tuesday August 13, 2002 @ 6:00 P.M.

Presiding Officer: Mayor Norman P. Blankenship

Members Present:	Stephen D. Hougland	
	Joseph R. Ault	
Non-Voting Members Present:	Mr. Rick Littleton	Wastewater Utility Superintendent
	Mr. David Weir	Planning Director
	Mr. Jerry Ott	City Engineer
	Mr. Robert H. Schafstall	City Attorney
	Mrs. Janet P. Alexander	Clerk Treasurer

Mrs. Karen Bridges a correspondent for the Indianapolis Star was present at this meeting.

After the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2003 meeting, seconded by Mayor Blankenship. Mr. Ault abstained.

Clerk Treasurer Alexander presented the following claims for approval.

Date	Account	Description	Bank	Amount
7-26-02	Civil City	Manual Payroll	Fifth Third	284.51
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7-12-02	Civil City	Payroll	Fifth Third	229,614.14
7-26-02	Civil City	Payroll	Fifth Third	228,550.25
7-26-02	Civil City	Pension	Fifth Third	43,868.41
7-26-02	Sewer	Payroll	Heartland Bank	24,685.80
7-12-02	Sewer	Payroll	Heartland Bank	19,398.14
8-13-02	Civil City	Utilities	Fifth Third	55,780.25
		Total		602,525.29

Mr. Ault made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Mr. Hougland seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

4-Way Stop Sign at Charles Drive and Cumberland Drive - Mr. David Weir recommended that the Board approve this request. Mr. Ault made a motion to approve seconded by Mr. Hougland. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Westview Drive Lighting (Whispering Ponds) – Mrs. Dorothy Rainey a resident of Whispering Ponds reported that the neighborhood association has decided to handle the lighting issue themselves and do not request any action by the Board of Works. Mayor Blankenship suggested that the association could consider iridescent paint to improve curb visibility at night. Removed

Sewer Service Agreement With Waiver of Rights to Remonstrate Against Annexation for Apostolic Gospel Church, Inc. - WWTP Director Rick Littleton recommended that the Board accept the agreement. Mr. Ault made a motion to approve seconded by Mr. Hougland. Approved.

Rumpke Report – Ms. Terri Littleton the City's account representative reviewed garbage collection and recycling during the month of July. Ms. Littleton suggested the Board consider special garbage cans called "toters" for use along Jefferson St.

REPORTS

Planning Department - Mr. David Weir

1. Unkempt Property and Unsafe Structure Enforcement Issues – Mr. Weir asked for Board direction concerning enforcement of the Unkempt Property and Unsafe Structure Ordinances. Mr. Hougland suggested that the Planning Office send two letters rather than three, to speed up the process. The Mayor, City Attorney and Planning Director will meet to discuss other options.

2. Unsafe Structure located in Deer Run – Mr. Joe Csikos explained that Jacob & Riley Builders began building a home last summer on Terrino Court that has not been completed and the property is unsafe. Mr. Csikos reported the following: the home is not secure, there is significant soil erosion causing large holes on the building lot, soil has spilled into the street, and the garage doors are broken and ajar. The Planning Office sent two certified receipt letters requesting that the builders comply with City ordinances, however the builder has not replied. The builder was notified that this issue would be discussed this evening and they were invited to attend (no one from Jacob & Riley was present). Mr. Hougland stated that the immediate problems should be addressed particularly the erosion and the broken garage doors. Mr. Hougland made a motion "directing City Attorney Robert Schafstall, the Mayor, and the Planning Department to take whatever legal steps necessary to resolve this problem including boarding up the building and to abate the erosion problems. Further Mr. Hougland stated that all costs incurred by the City would be the responsibility of the property owner". Mr. Ault seconded this motion. Discussion was held and the Board agreed that any contractor hired by the City for this project will be paid from the Board of Works budget and the property owner will be required to reimburse the City for these expenses.

City Engineer – Mr. Jerry Ott

1. Reported that the Branigin Boulevard Construction bid opening will be held next week.

2. The Cumberland Trails drainage improvement project will be completed next week.

3. Requested that the bid committee meet September 3, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. to receive bids for the 2002 Paving Program. Mr. Ott estimates that it will cost $230,000 to complete the project. Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to set the bid opening for the 2002 Paving Project September 3, 2002.

Waste Water Treatment Plant – Mr. Rick Littleton

Reported that the Board Members are in receipt of a letter from his employee Montie Dunn requesting that the Board of Works reinstate his seniority. Mr. Dunn was hired full time January 27, 1997 and employed until May 21, 1999. He resigned and moved out of state but returned and was rehired into his original position on August 24, 1999. The Board tabled this request. This issue will be placed under Staff Reports.

City Attorney – Mr. Robert Schafstall

Reported that he received a copy of a lawsuit filed against Prince Alexander Architects, Inc. by a contractor that worked on the Franklin Law Enforcement Facility named AMS America, Inc. The City of Franklin has also been named in the complaint. Mr. Hougland made a motion authorizing the City Attorney to defend the City's interests vigorously, seconded by Mr. Ault. Approved.

Mayor Blankenship's Comments

The Mayor asked the Board to authorize the Clerk Treasurer to pay Ott Engineering $1,100.00 P.O. 11252 and $9,400.00 P.O. 10595 for services. Mr. Ault made the motion to allow payment, seconded by Mr. Hougland. Approved. The Clerk stated that the checks would be processed with the Friday claims.

The Mayor reminded the Board that that the City Attorney is drafting a resolution concerning the fire station building project.

Mayor Blankenship announced that the Fire Chief received an offer to purchase the 1984 3/D Ford Pumper Truck with ground ladders for $1,550.00 from Cox Emergency Service from Taylor Michigan. The Mayor stated that he would invite Chief Herron to the next meeting to talk about this offer.

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Works, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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Janet P. Alexander
Clerk Treasurer
Secretary to the Board of Works and Safety

Enrolled August 22, 2002

Approved by the Board of Works: ____________
Date

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Norman P. Blankenship, Jr. Mayor Date