City of Franklin
Minutes of the Board of Works and Safety

City Hall
55 W. Madison St.
Franklin Indiana 46131

Tuesday July 23, 2002 @ 6:00 P.M.

Presiding Officer: Mayor Norman P. Blankenship

Members Present:	Stephen D. Hougland	
Members Absent:	Joseph R. Ault	
Non-Voting Members Present:	Mr. Michael Herron	Fire Chief
	Mr. Richard Hughes	Street Commissioner
	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, and Mrs. Holly Yoakum a reporter for the Daily Journal were present at this meeting.

After the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Blankenship stated that due to Mr. Ault's absence they would not consider approval of the minutes of the prior meeting. The Clerk Treasurer presented the following claims for approval.

Date	Account	Description	Bank	Amount
7-23-02	Civil City	BOW Claims 26144 –26214	5th / 3rd	695,568.11
7-23-02	Civil City	Ind. Fire & Police Pension 2nd Qtr.	5th / 3rd	247,876.70
7-23-02	Civil City	Ind. Fire & Police Pension 1st Qtr.	5th / 3rd	191,623.91
7-23-02	Sewer	Vendor Claims 4849-48510	Heartland	62,719.28
7-23-02	Sewer	WWTP Claims 4852-4910	Heartland	238,405.60
		Total		**$1,436,193.60**

Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve the claims as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Blankenship, Approved.

OLD BUSINESS

FIRE STATION LOCATION

Chief Michael Herron reviewed the recommendations and research prepared by ACE Consulting for the placement of the third fire station. Chief Herron stated that additional land adjacent to the third fire station location would be ideal for training purposes, however he thought that it might be cost prohibitive along U.S. 31. Discussion held. Mayor Blankenship asked if anyone from the public wished to comment. No one asked to speak. The Mayor and Board discussed reducing the recommendation into a draft resolution for the City Council to consider. Mr. Hougland seconded by Mayor Blankenship made a motion to prepare a resolution stating that a fire station will be built on the north side, and to remodel the current Fire Department Headquarters located on North Main Street which will continue to serve as the headquarters and maintain the station on the eastside, with the long term conceptual agreement to move this station further east at some time in the future.

4-Way Stop Sign at Charles and Cumberland Drive

Tabled to August 13, 2002

Speed Limit on East King Street

Mayor Blankenship made a motion to reduce the speed limit along E. King Street to 20 mph between Edwards Street west to North Main Street, seconded by Mr. Hougland.

No Parking Signs and Speed Limit Signs at the Legends

Ms. Glenda Williams gave the Board a petition signed by twelve residents of the 15 households in the addition. Mr. Hougland made a motion to install additional no parking signs to be paid for by the homeowners association, and to post speed limit at 20 mph. Mayor Blankenship seconded this motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Crossman Communities

Mr. Brad Ott with Main Street Consulting and Mr. Joe VanValer representing Crossman Community concerning area of Kelsey Farms and Norton Farms appear to asking for recommendations for installation of a lift station for this development. The Kelsey property is within the City limits. Norton Farms is not in City limits. Mr. Littleton stated that a study should be completed before the City makes any recommendation. Discussion held. The Board asked Mr. Ott to prepare a cost estimate. This matter was tabled until August 27, 2003.

Street Department Request to Hire New Employees

Mr. Hughes stated that he has two openings in his department. He asked the Board to approve the hiring of Mr. Jason Wilson and Mr. Terry Julian. Mr. Hougland made a motion to accept the Street Commissioners recommendation to hire Mr. Wilson and Mr. Julian with the requirement that the one individual obtain his Commercial Drivers License within the probationary period. Motion carried.

Street Striping Agreement – Mr. Hughes presented an agreement for street striping for approximately $15,000. Mr. Hougland asked Mr. Hughes to get for more information from the contractor explaining why the various roads are priced differently. Mayor Blankenship asked whether or not there are different types of paint used by other towns. The Mayor also pointed out that the Northwood School crosswalk needs to be painted.

Lighting on Westview Drive for Whispering Ponds

Mrs. Dorothy Rainey and Mr. Bob Koble appear representing the Whispering Ponds. The residents are concerned about the lighting configuration at the entrance of the addition making it difficult to find at night. Discussion held. Tabled to August 12, 2002.

STAFF REPORTS

City Engineer – Mr. Jerry Ott

Mr. Ott reviewed his report titled City Engineer Status of Tasks – July 23, 2002

Branigin Boulevard -Mr. Mr. Doug Decker and Mr. Matt Taylor of Congdon Engineering with the final construction plan for Branigin Boulevard. Discussion held. This matter is set for Special Meeting to be held July 30, 2002 at 5:30 p.m.

Wal-Mart Plaza – National City Bank issued a modified letter of credit July 11, 2002 for Wal-Mart Plaza extending the deadline to July 15, 2003. Mr. Hougland seconded by Mayor Blankenship made a motion to accept the Amendment to Letter of Credit No SCL006741. Mr. Hougland requested that a letter to the developer that if they fail to comply we will redeem the letter of credit.

2002 Paving Project – Tabled to July 30, 2002

Meadows at Simon Farms, Section 3 – Request to release a letter of credit issued by Irwin Union Bank May 1, 2002 for $88,500 and to accept two maintenance bonds Maintenance Bond # 400SR4045-02 from Grady Brothers for $6, 150.00, and Karns Inc. Bond No. Q89 6470114 for $5,384.55. Mr. Hougland made a motion to accept the Bonds presented. Motion carried.

City Attorney – Robert H. Schafstall

Mr. Schafstall notified the Board that he has received a tort claims notice from Mr. Don Garcia to be forwarded to Franklin Insurance

City Clerk Treasurer –Janet P. Alexander

Street Sweeping Contract State of Indiana – A three-year agreement for $528.75 per quarter from July 2002 to July 2005. Annually $2,115.00. Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve, seconded by Mayor Blankenship. Motion carried.
SRF Claim - Request to approve an SRF Claim for $1,195.00 for Commonwealth Engineering. Approved.

Mayor's Comments

1. Asked the Board to Approve unpaid leave for Firefighter James Reese July 22, 2002 – July 26, 2002. Approved.

2. Announced that Camp Atterbury is interest in purchasing the Tanker

3. Cumberland Trails Drainage project will begin Thursday this week.

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Works, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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

Enrolled August 13, 2002

Approved by the Board of Works: *August 13, 2002*
Date

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Norman P. Blankenship, Jr. Mayor Date