

City of Franklin Minutes of the Board of Works and Safety

City Hall
55 W. Madison St.
Franklin Indiana 46131

Tuesday April 9, 2002 @ 6:00 P.M.

Presiding Officer: Mayor Norman P. Blankenship

Members Present: Mr. Joseph R. Ault
Mr. Stephen D. Hougland

Non-Voting Members Present: Mr. Michael Lewis Assistant Fire Chief
Mr. Rick Littleton Superintendent Wastewater Treatment
Mr. David Weir Planning Director
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 from the Daily Journal were present at this meeting.

After the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2002 meeting as distributed. Motion carried. Mr. Ault seconded by Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2002 meeting as distributed. Motion carried. Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2002 meeting as distributed. Motion carried.

The Clerk Treasurer presented the following claims for approval:

Date	Account	Description	Bank	Amount
3-8-02	Civil City	Payroll	5 th / 3 rd	200,657.84
3-22-02	Civil City	Payroll	5 th / 3 rd	216,079.14
3-26-02	Civil City	Pension	5 th /3 rd	43,583.67
3-27-02	Civil City	Payroll – Canine Officer	5 th /3 rd	5,433.38
3-8-02	Sewer	Payroll	Heartland	18,373.58
3-22-02	Sewer	Payroll	Heartland	18,682.86
4-9-02	Combined Civil City	Vendor Claims #25443 – 25450	5 th /3 rd	4,663.52
3-31-02	Civil City	Manual Claim	5 th /3 rd	640.00
Total				508,113.99

Mr. Ault seconded by Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve the claims presented by the Clerk Treasurer. Motion carried.

Monthly Rumpke Report Mrs. Terri Littleton appears on behalf of Rumpke.

OLD BUSINESS

Bid Opening for the Ambulance Assistant Fire Chief Michael Lewis requested that this matter be tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Ault seconded by Mr. Hougland made a motion to table. Motion carried

Resolution 02-02 Of the Board of Works and Safety of the City of Franklin Indiana, Amending the Rules and Regulations for the Fire Department Mr. Robert H. Schafstall introduced the resolution. Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to read. Mr. Ault seconded by Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve the resolution. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Nicole's Ride for Spinal Cord Research Mrs. Donna Richards, Nicole Richard's mother asked the Board of Works to close Water Street between Jefferson St and Madison St. May 4th from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to approve. Motion carried.

Miles For Miracles – A 5 K Run Ms. Angie Mapes a representative of the Tri Delta Sorority at Franklin College asked the Board to allow them to host a 5K Run Walk on the City's Greenway Trail April 27, 2002. Mr. Ault seconded by Mr. Houglan made a motion to approve the resolution. Motion carried.

Bid Opening Front End Loader Mr. Hughes the Street Commissioner opened the bids. Bids were received from McAllister Machinery \$105,605.00 and Southeastern Equipment \$91,029.35 (many alternate bids). Brandeis Machinery declined to bid. Mr. Hughes asked to take the bids under advisement. Mr. Houglan seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to table. Motion carried.

Franklin Township Fire Protection Contract Mr. Houglan seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to table. Motion carried

Resolution Number 02-03 of the Board of Works and Safety of the City of Franklin, Indiana A Resolution Adopting Severe Weather Alert Procedures Mr. Houglan seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to read. Mr. Ault seconded by Mr. Houglan made a motion to approve the resolution. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Planning Department - Mr. David Weir gave the following reports

Concerning the request to install sidewalks on the property located in Paris Estates Section 5 Lot 143 – Mr. Weir contacted the homeowners, Mr. Lohman (Woody) and Vicky Atwood at the request of the Board. The homeowners were present and asked to speak. Mr. Atwood explained that when they constructed their home, they believed that their property belonged in the older part of Paris Estates that does not have sidewalks and they do not want a sidewalk installed. Further, he stated that they have recently planted a large number of trees in the front yard up to the street to reduce the noise from the interstate. He explained that they were unaware that they had planted in the City's easement. He pointed out that one large tree was in the easement when they purchased the property.

Mayor Blankenship asked about the Certificate of Occupancy. Mr. Weir stated that no Certificate of Occupancy was issued for this property. The Building Inspector identified three minor items and recommended changes and issued a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy but did not mention sidewalks.

Mr. Dan Paris of Hoosier State Developments and Paris Estates stated that many residents of Paris Estates had asked why the sidewalks were not installed. He said the Plat Plan for Section 5 included sidewalks. He also said he was concerned about safety on that curb. He also said that parking should not be allowed on the curb for safety..

Mayor Blankenship said that there were legal questions that would need to be considered. He stated that this matter would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.. Mr. Houglan seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to table this until the April 23rd meeting. Motion carried.

Political Signs - Mr. Weir reported that there have been complaints about the size of some of the campaign signs that have been posted in Franklin. According to the City's ordinance, passed in 1987, these signs may be put up 30 days before an election without a permit. The signs may not be any larger than six square feet in residential areas. Mr. Houglan made a motion to send a letter to the candidates requiring that they remove the signs which do not comply with the City's ordinance within 48 hours. Mr. Ault seconded this motion. Motion carried. If the signs are not removed the City will remove them.

Fairway Lakes Residents on Andrews Drive and Andrews Court have requested that the speed limit be reduced to 20 mph. Mr. Weir will bring this back to the Board April 23, 2002, after he contacts the Police Department and Fire Department to consider impact. The speed limit in the subdivision is 30 mph currently.

Central L & M Brownfield Grant Application Mr. Weir stated that the Indiana Finance Authority approved the grant request to conduct the site assessment study.

Ms. Krista Beyer the City's Zoning Administrator will be leaving our employment. Her last day will be April 17. Mr. Weir complimented Ms. Beyer's work. Mr. Weir stated that this would be the time to consider what the Board would like the Planning Office to accomplish and fill the position accordingly.

City Engineer Mr. Jerry Ott gave these reports:

Street Cut Permit and Road Closure by Milestone Mr. Ott introduced Mr. Phil Tapp of Milestone. Mr. Tapp informed the Board that his company would need to close a section of Hospital Road west of the Juvenile Detention Center to make a street cut. He has obtained the required bond and paid the permit fee to the Clerk Treasurer's Office. The road would need to be closed for 2 or 3 days. Mr. Ault made a motion to approve the request on the condition that the contractor gives the City 48 hours notice before closing the street, seconded by Mr. Houglan. Following the vote the Board Members discussed the confusion as to whether this section of road is the property of Johnson County Government or the City of Franklin. The Board suggested that Mr. Tapp contact County officials and obtain their permission as well. Mr. Tapp agreed to this request.

Branigin Boulevard On April 24th they will hold a utility coordination meeting.

Cumberland Trails Drainage Improvement Mr. Ott stated that he has received signed agreements from the homeowners including: Mr. & Mrs. Wooten, Ms. Jennifer Bennett, Mr. & Mrs. Dore, and the Wooten Crossman Agreement. He has also received a check from the Wooten's for \$4,000.00. We previously received a check from Crossman Communities for \$8,902.00. Mr. Ott recommended that the Board authorize M & M Development to proceed. Mr. Houglan made a motion to accept receipt of the monies and authorize the contracts to be signed, seconded by Mr. Ault. Motion carried. Mr. Houglan also made a motion accept the City Engineers recommendation to approve the proposal from M & M Development Corporation for \$18, 741.00 (to make the drainage improvements in Cumberland Trails), seconded by Mr. Ault. Motion carried.

Road School Topics Mr. Ott gave an overview of the issues discussed at this conference held at Purdue University.

MS4 Phase II Stormwater NPDES Permits Recommended that the City consider in an interlocal agreement between, Franklin, Johnson County, Greenwood, New Whiteland & Whiteland

Davis Drive Sanitary Sewer Property owners Daniel & Shirley Davis, Mark & Kim Kriech and Andy and Margie May have asked the City to allow them to connect to the City's sanitary sewer service. Mr. Davis's sanitary sewer has failed. Mr. Littleton stated that in the interest of public health the City has extended service outside our city limits to the adjacent lots on Brandon Court. Mr. Houglan made a motion authorizing the City Attorney to draft the required agreements to extend sewer service, Mr. Ault seconded. Motion carried.

2001 Paving Program Work has begun in Jefferson Meadows and Paris Estates – cross cutting the joints and making the repairs to stabilize the streets. Hudson Street should begin in May. North Main Street as well.

Mayor Blankenship asked when the signal would be installed at Knollwood. Mr. Ott said that the state usually turns these requests around in a year. The initial approval came through last September.

Mr. Houglan asked how to reduce the potential negative impact of the proposed entrances into the City View Farms apartment complex. Mr. Ott stated that he would work with INDOT and the developer on this issue.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Mr. Littleton stated that he, the Mayor, and the Clerk Treasurer have been discussing a possible service agreement with LanClass for computer network support. Mr. Littleton said that this would be brought to the Board.

Clerk Treasurer's Comment Mrs. Alexander asked the Board to approve two claims to be submitted to SRF 1. \$1699.00 and 2. \$559.38. Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Ault.

She informed the Board that Indiana American Water Co. has notified the City that there are 582 fire hydrants each billed at \$33.29 for total monthly charge of \$19,374.78 for hydrants.

The Clerk Treasurer also notified the Board that she would be out of the office the week of April 21, 2002 through April 26th, attending the Indiana League of Municipal Clerk Treasurer's Conference in Merrillville Indiana.

City Attorney's Comments Mr. Robert H. Schafstall informed the Board that he has received a check for \$35,0000 from Shelby Gravel as a settlement. Mr. Ault, seconded by Mr. Hougland made a motion to allow the Mayor to accept the check and sign the release documents. Motion carried.

Mayor's Comments The Mayor received a letter outlining concerns about Hurricane Road. He and Mr. Weir will investigate and will bring this issue to the Board in the near future.

The Mayor also reminded Mr. Hughes that mosquito season is coming up and he wants the public notified when the Street Department plans to spread mosquito fog.

Board Members Comments Mr. Ault asked Mr. Hughes to visit a home at 187 Lynhurst St. to investigate the residents concerns. In addition, Mr. Ault reported that the cannon and carriage are at his office.

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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

Enrolled Date: April 21, 2002

Approved by Board of Works: _____
Date

Norman P. Blankenship, Jr. Mayor _____
Date