

City of Franklin

Minutes of the Board of Works and Safety

City Hall
55 W. Madison St.
Franklin Indiana 46131

Tuesday March 12, 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. John Borges	Chief of Police
	Mr. Steven Hood	Assistant Police Chief
	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 Holly Yoakum a staff reporter for the Daily Journal were present at this meeting.

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

The Clerk Treasurer did not submit any claims for approval at this meeting.

Rumpke Report - The Mayor re-ordered the agenda to allow Mrs. Terri Littleton, the representative from Rumpke to update the Board on collections and recycling. At the conclusion of Mrs. Littleton's report last month, Mr. Hougland asked her to find out when the permanent "Quick Drop" was placed at the former Wal-Mart Store location and whether or not that affected the curbside collection of recyclables. Mrs. Littleton reported that that Quick Drop station was added in December 2000 and that the reduction in curbside garbage and recyclables began to occur in January and February 2001. Also last month Mrs. Littleton stated that they would be conducting a house count in February, which did not occur due to staff changes. This will be done in March.

OLD BUSINESS

Boiler Repair / Replacement – The Mayor stated that he would wait to request acceptance of a bid for a replacement as we have received contradictory reports about the condition of the boiler. He did however present an agreement between the City of Franklin and Franklin Heating and Cooling to conduct an engineering survey of City Hall heating and cooling systems. Mayor Blankenship made a motion to accept the agreement between Franklin Heating and Cooling, seconded by Mr. Ault. Motion carried.

City Hall Roof Issues – Mayor Blankenship stated that he has received numerous quotes and various proposals for repair of the roof, ranging from \$3,800 - \$19,000.00. Mayor Blankenship suggested that the contractors come to the next meeting and present their proposals to the Board directly. Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Guy Knaus's Request to Designate Handicapped Parking space at 3982 Tamara Way – Mr. Knaus did not appear. Mr. Hougland made a motion to strike this matter from the agenda. Mr. Ault seconded. Motion carried.

Contract Renewal – Stuart Fire Protection – Mr. Stuart Bridges came and explained the maintenance and re-fill pricing for the fire extinguishers he provides to the City. Mr. Hougland, seconded by Mr. Ault, made a motion to accept the services of Stuart Fire Protection for 2002 through the end of February 2003. Motion carried.

Ornamental Street Lights for Wilson Overlook - Mr. Fred Paris appeared and informed the Board that he was withdrawing his request for the installation of City street lighting. Mr. Paris foresees moving other homes into the addition and was concerned that permanent street lighting might have to be moved frequently to accommodate these additions. Rather he will include decorative lights inside the lots and the homeowners will own, pay and maintain them. Mr. Paris asked the Board to consider another issue concerning a homeowner in Paris Estates that not install sidewalks and has planted trees in the easement where the sidewalks were required. Mr. Paris told the Board that as the developer he would pay for the installation of the sidewalks but he asked the City to require the resident to comply. Mr. Weir stated that the Occupancy Permit was issued so the City has no recourse. Mr. Paris asked whether or not the trees could be removed. The Mayor asked David Weir the Planning Department Director to research this matter and put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Monitoring Alarms for Private Industry – In January Chief Borges informed the Board that during the Police Departments’ conversion to the countywide radio system he began to question the liability and practicality of monitoring security for individual companies. For many years a Honeywell alarm panel has been located in the Police Dispatch area connected by special circuits to various companies and agencies throughout the City. When an alarm sounds it is very loud making it difficult for the dispatchers to hear or be heard over the radio system. Chief John Borges and Mayor Blankenship informed the Board that letters were sent on behalf of the Board of Works to seventeen companies whose private security / fire alarms sound in the Police dispatch area asking what impact they would experience if removed from direct monitoring by the City. Six (6) companies responded to the Mayor’s letter. A second letter was sent out March 7th to follow-up with the companies who did not respond to the first letter. The Mayor shared these responses with the Board:

1. One respondent stated that to their knowledge they had never been connected to the City and had been paying a private monitoring company for this service.
2. Mutual Bank responded that the change would cost the bank \$3,500.00 and they would require up to 60 days to arrange and convert to an alternative system.
3. The Franklin United Methodist Community reported that they were already in the process of converting to a private system.

Mr. Ault made a motion to send a letter to all of the companies involved except the Parks Department and the Franklin Senior Center informing them that the City would not continue to maintain these monitoring systems and that they should make other arrangements within 90 days. Mr. Hougland seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Proposed Speed Zones on U.S. 31 South - INDOT - The City received a letter from INDOT dated February 18th proposing changing the speed zones along U.S. 31. The changes included: Reduce speed from 50 mph to 45 from Nineveh Road to Hospital Road, establish 40 mph as the limit from Hospital Road to the Wal-Mart / Matlock Ford signal & establish 50 mph as the allowed speed from Simon Road to Whiteland Road. Neither the Planning Director nor City Engineer had any objections to this proposal. Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to approve. Motion carried. Approved

Request to Close Alley – South of Artcraft on 3-22-02 – Chief Borges stated that the Police Department had received a request to close the alley south of the Artcraft theater on March 22, due to a concert featuring a well known and popular blue grass musician, Ralph Stanley. Mr. Ault, seconded by Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve this request. Approved

Amend HVAC Agreement w/ Perfection Inc. – Assistant Police Chief Steven Hood requested that he Board modify the agreement between the City of Franklin and Perfection (HVAC systems maintenance firm) by allowing the company to bill for their services semi-annually. Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to modify the contract from monthly payments to semi annually for the total amount of \$8,090.00. Motion carried. Mr. Hood informed the Board that Perfection has obtained the construction “as built” drawings of the building.

Mr. Hood also asked to discuss the Statewide tornado siren test ran last Wednesday. During the test, the alarm on the tower located at Franklin College did not sound. There is some confusion as to who is responsible for the maintenance of the alarm located on the tower. Pursuant to the agreement between the College and the City installed the alarm but the College agreed to pay for any maintenance. Mayor Blankenship stated that he wants the Police Department to arrange for the repair of the siren and to inform Franklin College officials that they will be asked to share the cost. The Mayor also asked that the responsibilities for notification and activation of the tornado siren between the Police Department and the Fire Department be put into a resolution. The Mayor stated that the departments should meet with Johnson County Sheriff's Department and bring this back to the Board of Works.

Bid Opening for Ambulance – Tabled to March 26, 2002

Simon Farms Commercial Plat: Acceptance of Maintenance Bonds and Reduction of Performance Bonds – Mr. Ott reported that the developer of the Simon Farms Commercial Plat located at the corner of Simon Road and U.S. 31 S. has completed the majority of the public improvements with the exception of erosion control and a concrete swale within the Simon Road right-of-way. The developer provided the City with a maintenance bond in the amount of \$2,000 from Milestone Contractors for the sanitary sewers and the drainage improvements and a Letter Of Credit for \$5,000 from Union Federal Bank # 3518459949644866601 replacing the Letter Of Credit # 3518459949644834000 issued June 8, 2001 for \$40,000 presented in exchange. Mr. Ault seconded by Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve this exchange subject to the City Attorney and Planning Director confirming that the surety company issuing the maintenance bond is listed on the U.S. Circular 570. Motion carried. Approved.

Deer Village Section 1 Plat Approval - Petitioner Mr. Max Cooper of Projects Plus introduced himself. The Planning Office has not received an original plat. Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Ault, made a motion to table. Tabled to March 26, 2002.

STAFF REPORTS

Engineering

Mr. Ott reviewed his report titled City Engineer Status of Tasks March 12, 2002:

Item #1 Branigin Boulevard – Mr. Ott stated that Doug Decker of Congdon Engineering has come to review the overall design of the boulevard. Mr. Ott also discussed a memorandum he gave the Board dated March 12, 2002 reviewing the balance of the Branigin Way Fund, expenses to date and anticipated costs. The preliminary estimates of expenses put the project over budget by \$200,000.00. Mr. Decker presented the anticipated budget for the project. Discussion held. The Mayor reminded Mr. Ott that all costs for this project must come from the Branigin Way Fund. No other City money will be spent on this project. Mr. Schafstall asked whether or not a restriction was placed on the project capping engineering cost at a percentage of the total project? The City Attorney asked the Clerk to research this question.

Item # 2 a. – Cumberland Trails – Mr. Ott has received three signed agreements. b. He and Mr. Weir will attend a cooperative meeting March 14, 2002 regarding MS4 Storm Water Regulations with Johnson County, Greenwood, Whiteland, & New Whiteland officials.

Item # 9 a. – Knollwood Farms & U.S. 31 – INDOT – Preliminary Construction plans have been received.

Mayor's Comments

The Mayor stated that he received a letter from the Lions Club requesting to use the City parking lot October 4th & 5th 2002 from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Mr. Ault, Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve this request. Motion carried.

Special Meeting of the Board of Works will be held tomorrow evening to discuss the Fire Station question.

Mr. Ault stated that both cannons – the original Stedman and the replica are back in Franklin. The carriage should be completed and delivered by the end of the month from Wisconsin.

Chief John Borges reported that the WAN network collapsed two weeks ago cutting off e-mail and internet access for that period of time. The Chief suggested that the City should consider appointing someone to manage this network and to establish a protocol for the maintenance of the system. These functions are now falling to the Police Department where the server is located and most of the costs associated with the management of the system are paid for from the Police Department budget. Mayor Blankenship stated that the Telecommunications Commission would look at this problem.

Mr. Hougland asked about the notice from IDEM permitting the City to market the bio-solids produced at the Wastewater Management Plant. The Mayor stated that initially the plan is to give the fertilizer away rather than sell it.

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

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

Enrolled Date: 3-22-02

Approved by Board of Works: _____
Date

Norman P. Blankenship, Jr. Mayor

Date