City of Franklin
Minutes of the Board of Works and Safety

City Hall
55 W. Madison St.
Franklin Indiana 46131

Tuesday January 15, 2002 @ 6:00 P.M.

Presiding Officer:	Mayor Norman P. Blankenship	
Members Present:	Stephen D. Hougland	
	Joseph R. Ault	
Non-Voting Members Present:	Mr. John Borges	Chief of Police
	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. Ault seconded by Mr. Hougland, made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2001 meeting as distributed. Motion carried. Mr. Ault seconded by Mr. Hougland, made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2001 meeting as distributed. Motion carried.

The Clerk Treasurer presented the following claims for approval:

Date	**Account**	**Description**	**Bank**	**Amount**
January 15, 2002	City	BOW Claims	Fifth Third	$306,744.88
January 21, 2002	City	BOW & Park Utility	Fifth Third	$8,845.24
January 29, 2002	Sewer	Claims	Heartland	$164,588.94
November 30, 2001	City	Payroll	Fifth Third	$194,916.99
	Sewer	Payroll	Heartland	$17,654.94
December 1, 2001	City	Longevity	Fifth Third	$128,597.27
December 14, 2001	City	Payroll	Fifth Third	$185,713.69
	Sewer	Payroll	Heartland	$17,425.55
December 26, 2001	City	Pension	Fifth Third	$42,821.34
December 28, 2001	City	Payroll	Fifth Third	$212,529.09
	Sewer	Payroll	Heartland	$24,854.92
			Docket Total	**$1,304,692.85***

** The BOW Claims date 1-15-02 included $14,014.68 which had been approved 12-11-01 reducing the docket total to $1,290,678.17*

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

Mayor Blankenship announced that he would be re-ordering the agenda to accommodate members of the audience. The Mayor asked the representatives from Rumpke to give their report.

Rumpke Report

Mr. Richard Leslie introduced himself and the truck route supervisor “Mike”. Mr. Leslie gave copies of the complaint call report and the December collection report and asked the Board if they had any questions or concerns. There were no questions asked.

OLD BUSINESS

Bid Acceptance and Award – Clarifier Equipment Installation

Mr. Jeffrey Ponist of Commonwealth Engineering and Mr. Rick Littleton reviewed the bids submitted. They asked the Board to approve Indiana Construction Corporation bid for $624,000.00. Mr. Ault seconded by Mr. Hougland made a motion to accept the bid offered by Indiana Construction Corporation and award Indiana Construction Corporation the bid for $624,000.00.

Mr. Ponist announced that the Biosolids Management Facility Project had been entered into a competition and has received a Merit Award from the Consulting Engineers of Indiana, Inc. Mr. Littleton and Mr. Ponist will attend a recognition banquet March 9, 2002 in Indianapolis to receive the award.

Cumberland Trails Drainage Issue & Mr. Larry Nun's Drainage Issue

Mr. Ott asked the Board to table these matters. Tabled.

Fire Station Issues – Proposed Special Meeting of the Board of Works

Mayor Blankenship asked the Board to give him dates for a special meeting the first week of February to hold a public meeting to discuss the proposed Fire Station.

Telecommunications Audit

Mr. Paul Johnson appeared before the Board concerning his proposal to review the City's telephone local & long distance expenses. At the last meeting the Board of Works requested that Mr. Johnson respond to their request for a "not to exceed" quotation. Mr. Johnson provided an agreement to the Board stating that the entire project would not exceed $17,500.00 and that reimbursable expenses would not exceed $250.00. Mr. Johnson stated that this was not an estimate of fees, just a cap. Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to approve the contract presented. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Request to approve hiring of two (2) new employees for the Street Department

Mr. Richard Hughes the Street Commission asked the Board to approve his selection of Earnest Sears and Michael Lorrance. Both individuals will be required to obtain and keep a CDL (Commercial Drivers License). Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Ault approved the hiring of Earnest Sears and Michael Lorrance.

Schoolhouse Road and North Main Street

Mr. Weir presented information concerning a citizen's request for a "No Left Turn" sign at this location. He reviewed possible alternatives and gave the staff recommendation that included installation of a "Do Not Block Intersection" sign on the north south corner and to contact INDOT to request that the Light Signals alternate to allow traffic to clear. Mr. Ault made a motion to approve the staff recommendation, seconded by Mr. Hougland. Motion carried.

Crossman Communities Request for Refund of Permit and Sewer Connection Fees

Mr. Weir presented the request of Crossman Communities. Mr. Jim Newman appeared on behalf of his company to request a refund for the permits and sewer connection fees paid for seven (7) lots located in the Franklin Lakes sub-division. Mr. Weir stated that after three months he would not normally refund building permits but he has no objection to refunding sewer connection fees. Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to deny the request for refund of building permits, and to approve the request for a refund of sewer connection fees totaling $14,000.00. Motion carried.

Request to designated the Alley behind 11 Martin Place One-Way (heading east).

Ms. Krista Beyer the Zoning Administrator for the Planning Department presented the request of Ms. Mitchell the homeowner. The Board asked Ms. Mitchell if she had spoken to her neighbors about this request. Ms. Mitchell responded that she had not spoken to her neighbors but she is willing to. Mr. Ault seconded by Mr. Hougland made a motion to table. Tabled to January 29, 2002.

Mallory Parkway Street Signage

Chief John Borges requested additional signage along Mallory Parkway. Mr. Ault seconded by Mr. Hougland made a motion to install three (3) new "No Parking", signs and to turn one (1) sign to face the flow of traffic. Motion carried.

Request to Authorize 20 Year Service Retirees To Retain Their Issued Service Weapon

Chief John Borges asked the Board on behalf of the policemen to allow Police Officers retiring after 20 or more years service to the City to keep their weapon. A discussion was held. Chief Borges stated that there is a state law that would allow this practice. The cost of the weapon to the Department is $360.00. Currently weapons are reissued to new officers upon the retirement of another. City Attorney Schafstall stated that this type of gift would likely be taxable. If approved the Mayor stated that he would want this to be in the form of a resolution. The Mayor asked the Chief of Police to contact other agencies with similar programs and request copies of their policies. Tabled to January 29, 2002.

Dura Builders – Request for Refund of Sewer Connection Fees

Mr. Craig Lintner of Dura Builders appears to request a refund for sewer connection fees totaling $11,000.00. Mr. Ott stated that there is a drainage issue in the Canary Creek subdivision and the City Engineer recommended that the City make their agreement contingent upon completion of the drainage work. Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to approve the refund of $11,000 to Dura Builders for Sewer Connection Fees contingent upon the satisfactory completion of the aforementioned drainage work. Mayor Blankenship asked Mr. Weir to put this agreement into a letter to Dura. Mr. Lintner agreed to the terms. Mr. Lintner also stated that Dura would be happy to assume the cost for the signage approved tonight for Mallory Parkway.

STAFF REPORTS

Planning Department – Mr. Weir

1. Informed the Board that at the next meeting Franklin College has requested an alley vacation in the 1st half block west of Forsythe Street.
2. There is still problem along Depot Street. The approved signage has not gone up. Chief Borges also stated that there are other problems developing in this area as well. He stressed that the signage needs to go up soon. This has been going on since April.

City Engineer – Mr. Ott

1. Branigin Blvd. – Initial road alignments are due by the end of the week.
2. Cumberland Trails Section I Phase III – He recommended the Board release the Performance Bonds for Earthwork – BE 0949760 for $29,800, Storm Sewers – BE 0949762 for $48,900, Sanitary Sewers - BE 0949761 for $82,800, Concrete Curbs - BE 0949764 for $18,700 & Street Signs - BE 0949767 for $3,000 (as listed on his report; City Engineer Status of Tasks January 15, 2002). He also asked the Board to reduce the Pavement Bond No BE 0949765 from $74,700.00 to $13,000.00 cover the remaining asphalt surface. Mayor Blankenship seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to release the bonds. Motion carried. Mayor Blankenship seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to reduce the pavement bond from $74,700 to $13,000. Motion carried.
3. Requested that the Board accept a check for $500.00 from DeWees Construction toward the construction of a storm sewer inlet along the west side of the new Heartland Community Bank building behind the Pizza Hut and Dairy Queen off U.S. 31. " Mr. Ott said, "This is a cooperative project between the County & the City – in exchange for that we have offered to allow the release of construction of 1200 feet sidewalk on the west side". Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve seconded by Mr. Ault. Motion carried.
4. Sidewalk Project Status update – The Mayor commented that he wants some thought given to the priority of requests and what the homeowners are told concerning when their walks will be built.

PETITIONS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Steve Cox of Cox's Tree Service asked to speak to the Board about two matters.

1. The condition of Simon Road is very poor.
2. He asked if his business could have the opportunity to quote on the City's tree jobs.

Clerk Treasurers Comments

The Clerk-Treasurer Janet Alexander asked the Board to approve the payment of two claims from Commonwealth Engineering to be submitted to SRF for payment. Invoice # 12178 for $3,075.00 & Invoice # 12179 for $7,584.55. Mayor Blankenship made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Hougland. Motion carried.

Mayor's Comments

The Mayor stated that the City received a nice thank you letter from "Meals on Wheels", recognizing the many employees of the City that assist that program weekly.

Chief Borges asked for a "No Parking Sign" across the street from 50 N. Hurricane St. Mayor Blankenship made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Ault. Motion carried.

Board Member's Comments

Mr. Ault reported that he spoke with Paul Barnett of South Bend Replicas last week and stated that cannon should be ready in four to five weeks. Mr. Ault will be delivering the real cannon to the State Museum and bring the replica back to Franklin. He suggested that now would be a good time to begin thinking about what we want the plaque (which will be at the State Museum) to say. He also stated that a decision about where to put the replica should be given some thought. The construction of the carriage may take longer because it is larger because our cannon is larger than most cannons. He will be going up to South Bend to watch the contouring process. He invited the other Board Members to join him on this trip.

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer
Secretary to the Board of Works and Safety
Enrolled Date: 1-14-02

Approved by Board of Works:

Date

Norman P. Blankenship, Jr. Mayor Date