

# CITY OF FRANKLIN

55 W. Madison Street, Franklin IN 46131

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## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF WORKS

Tuesday September 26, 2000

**Time:** 6:00 P.M. **Place:** City Council Room

**Presiding:** Norman P. Blankenship, Jr., Mayor

**Present:** Stephen D. Hougland, Board Member

Joseph R. Ault, Board Member

### Non Voting Members Present

Mr. Jeffery R. Bergman

Ms. Brenda Poe

Asst. Chief Steven Hood

Asst. Chief Russell Irving

Mr. Mark Webb

Ms. Janet P. Alexander, Secretary

Mr. Richard Hughes

Mr. David A. Denslaw, Attorney

Mr. Rick Littleton

Mr. Jerry Ott, Engineer

**Media:** Karen Bridges from 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 September 12, 2000 meeting as presented; Mr. Ault seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Clerk Treasurer presented the following claims for approval: 90000 – 90006, 90000 – 90016 (Payroll) 20324 & 20443 – 20570 Fifth Third Bank, & 3343 – 3352. Mr. Ault made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Mr. Hougland seconded this motion. The motion passed.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Genesis of Johnson County:** Mrs. Janet McDuffey, Director of Genesis Johnson County appears to request the Board of Works write a letter in support of an application for a transitional housing project grant. The grant will be used to purchase a house behind Walgreen's drug store on Morton Street. Franklin Township Trustee Cecilia Campbell spoke against the request. She asked for a one-year study to review the needs of the community. Mayor Blankenship made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Ault. The motion passed. The Board directed the City Attorney to draft a letter from the Board of Works in support of this project.

**Sidewalk Improvement Program:** Mr. Ott requests that this item be tabled. Mr. Ault, seconded by Mr. Hougland, moved to table this item. Motion carried. Tabled

**Cemetery Cannon Restoration:** - Mr. R. Dale Ogden, Curator of Americana at the Indiana State Museum gave a presentation to the Board of Works describing a planned exhibit at the new White River Park Museum which will include a cannon. Mr. Ogden stated that because Stedman cannon was built in Indiana and was used in the Civil War it is of particular historical importance and would be ideal for their exhibit. He stated that if the City would loan the cannon to the museum a plaque would be placed with it stating that it was on loan from the City of Franklin. He also pointed out that thousands of people especially school children from all over Indiana would have the opportunity to see the cannon. The Board tabled this matter until a presentation is given to the City Council to obtain their input at the October 23, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. This will also be scheduled for the Board of Works meeting October 24, 2000 at 6:00 p.m.

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**Kawneer - Alcoa: Notice of Intent to Exercise Option:** City Attorney David A. Denslaw reports on behalf of Robert H. Schafstall that Kawneer Alcoa has agreed to pay for the survey of the property. Tabled.

**Dakota / Pelican Drive Review:** Mayor Blankenship spoke with the homeowner who would be adversely affected by changing the two way street into a one-way street. Tabled.

**Municipal Parking Lot Improvement:** Mr. Bergman and Mr. Ott reported that the drawings and concept have been approved and are ready. This project will be referred to Milestone this fall. The plantings will be completed next spring. This item removed from the agenda.

**Lighting Improvements to Cemetery Intersection:**

Janet P. Alexander presented a proposal from Cinergy that adds a light on South Street to improve the visibility. Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve the installation of a light at this location pursuant to the proposal; Mr. Ault seconded this motion. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Oakleaf Manor Bond Issue:** Tabled.

**Rank Vegetation Ordinance Review:** Draft Ordinance to be forwarded to the City Council. The proposed ordinance will replace Ordinance 82-31. Mr. Bergman explained his rationale for the fees included in the ordinance, Mr. Bergman wants to bill offending owners at 2.5 times the hourly rate of the employees involved in correcting the problem. This is intended to cover the cost of administration, use of equipment etc. The ordinance allows for an appeal process. The City Attorney asked whether the Planning Director believes the fees and penalties are defensible. Mr. Bergman stated that he believes that the fees are reasonable and will act as a deterrent for violators. Mr. Hougland made a motion to send this to the City Council, seconded by Mr. Ault. Motion carried. This matter will be placed on the City Council Agenda October 23, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

**Fire Hydrant Placement on Arvin Drive:** Letter received from James Reese, Chief Inspector, Franklin Fire Department requesting the installation of a fire hydrant on Arvin Road. Mr. Hougland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ault to approve the installation

**Canary Creek Shopping Center Re-plat Final Plat:** Mr. Bergman recommended that the Board approve the site plan. Mr. Ault made a motion to approve the plat, seconded by Mr. Hougland. Motion carried.

**Edgar Coverdale Alley Vacation Request:** Mr. Bergman requested a continuance until October 10, 2000. Mr. Hougland made a motion to table, seconded by Mr. Ault. Motion passed. Tabled.

City Attorney Mr. David A. Denslaw pointed out a concern he has in regard to the procedure to vacate alleys. Indiana Statute states that within 30 days of presentation of the petition to the Common Council the petition must be acted upon. In the event that a petitioner comes directly to the Common Council, the City would have to act according to the statute.

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### **STAFF REPORTS**

#### **Assistant Chief Steven Hood:**

Reports that due to recent incidents of vandalism in the restrooms of the Police Department, the inner lobby will now be closed after hours. The lobby will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Wednesday evening for City Court, and every second Thursday for a Community Corrections meeting in the Courtroom.

#### **Mr. Rick Littleton:**

Gave information to the Board about available federal grants known as TEA –21 Grant opportunities for improvement of roads and sidewalks. These are 80% federal monies and 20% local monies. Mr. Littleton has copies of the handbook he received at a recent conference. The City of Franklin has never applied and therefore has never received any of these grants.

#### **Mr. Jerry Ott:**

Oak Leaf Manor, Black Oak Court – Mr. Ott has spoken with the developer and there are funds available through the homeowners association.

#### **Mr. Richard Hughes:**

Received a complaint from Glen Ferguson, a citizen with property in Windstar who is concerned about the erosion control issues on Nineveh Road. This matter is tabled until October 10, 2000 at 6:00 P.M. The Clerk is asked to research the existence of a bond. Mr. Ott will contact the property owner.

He also received a question from a representative of the School Corporation concerning no parking on one-side of streets in new additions. The Mayor directed Mr. Bergman to contact the individual concerning this question.

#### **Mr. Jeffrey Bergman**

Reported that the Building Inspector, David Parsley is back to work.

### **MAYORS COMMENTS**

Mayor reports that he received a complaint from Oakleaf Manor about builder's trucks not observing stop signs in the neighborhood. Mr. Bergman is asked to contact the contractors. Asst. Chief Hood is asked to increase police patrols.

The Mayor has received a report that a resident on 14<sup>th</sup> St is raising pigs. He asked that an inspector from the Planning Department investigate this complaint.

The Mayor proposed that the City of Franklin explore the establishment of a Telecommunications Board. This Board could be modeled after the City of Bloomington. The Mayor provided packets to the members of the Board.

The Mayor repeated that he wants to improve the brackets on the light poles to increase the promotional opportunities available to the City. He wants to meet with the parties concerned.

### **CLERK TREASURERS COMMENTS**

Requested that the Board allow the Mayor to sign the Komputrol agreements after approval by Mr. Denslaw. Hougland made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign the agreement. Mr. Ault seconded this motion. Motion carried.

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The Clerk Treasurer requested that the Board approve claims against the SRF. The Board approved the submission of a claim from the bond counsel Ice Miller and from local Counsel David A. Denslaw. Mr. Hougland made a motion approve the submittal of these claims, Mr. Ault seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Denslaw has spoken with Fifth Third and expects to receive an addendum to the contracts from them shortly.

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Works, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Enrolled 6/29/11

Approved by the Board of Works \_\_\_\_\_

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Norman P. Blankenship, Jr., Mayor