

City of Franklin

55 W. Madison St., Franklin IN 46131

Minutes of the Board of Public Works & Safety

Tuesday, April 25, 2000

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

PLACE: City Council Room

Voting Members Present:

Norman P. Blankenship, Presiding	Mayor
Joseph Ault	Member
Stephen D. Houglan	Member

Voting Members Absent: None

Non-Voting Members Present:

Jeffrey R. Bergman	City Planner
Steve Hood	Asst. Police Chief
David Denslaw	City Attorney
Michael Herron	Fire Chief
Richard Hughes	Street Commissioner
Rick Littleton	Supt. W.W. Treatment Plant
Jerry Ott	City Engineer
Brenda Poe	Sewer Office Manager
Mark T. Webb	Supt. Greenlawn Cemetery
Janet P. Alexander	Secretary

Non-Voting Members Absent: None

No one from the media was present.

After the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Ault made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2000 meeting as distributed. Mr. Houglan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Mr. Houglan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ault, to approve the following claims: 2880 – 2914, 18012-18013, 18131-18262, & 90000 – 90019.

The Clerk-Treasurer asked for the Board's permission to pay ditch taxes and other miscellaneous assessments prior to the next meeting. Mr. Houglan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ault, to allow the Clerk-Treasurer to pay the taxes prior to the next meeting. The motion passed.

Mayor Blankenship presented Amanda Mails with a certificate pronouncing her Honorary Mayor for the Day. Amanda was spending the day with her Aunt Nikki Brewer, the Mayor's Executive Assistant, for "Take your daughter to work day".

OLD BUSINESS

Family Wealth Counseling: Building Improvements. Lease update by Dave Denslaw. Mr. Denslaw reported that he would have an encroachment agreement for the Board's consideration.

Report from Street Department re: David Buck – Request for sign "Do Not Block Driveway" at 180 Hurricane St. Police Department reports that no violations have been sited since. The item was removed from the agenda.

Railroad right-of-way at Province Street and Johnson Avenue: Jack Rogers and Jeff Ernest made a presentation to the Board concerning the property owned by the City of Franklin adjacent to Mr. Ernest's property. The item is removed from the agenda pending receipt of a proposal.

NEW BUSINESS

Penny Lovell, - Paving South Main Street: Ms. Penny Lovell, 767 S. Main Street requested that the Board look at a drainage problem on her property. Jerry Ott was directed by the Board to review the situation. The matter is tabled until the May 9, 2000 meeting.

Kay Poynter, Council Member from Ward Five (5): A property owner in her district requested that some abandoned vehicles be removed. Jeffrey Bergman asked Mrs. Poynter to have the property owner come to his office and sign an statement confirming that he has notified his tenants that their vehicles have been turned in to the police as abandoned and will be towed. Mrs. Poynter also reported a concern about an intersection in Cumberland Trails at Flamingo Way. The Planning Office and the Police Department will look at this intersection.

STAFF REPORTS

Brenda Poe, Sewer Office Manager: No report

Jeffrey R. Bergman, City Planner: Request from Larry Buck regarding the maintenance of the alley adjacent to his business. The Board requested that Mr. Ott look at the area.

Richard Hughes, Street Commissioner: No report.

Jerry Ott, City Engineer: Provided the Board with a copy of his bimonthly report titled *Franklin City Engineer's Status of Tasks Period Ending April 21, 2000*. Jerry Ott reviewed the status report provided to the Board. Discussed North Main Street intersection. The Mayor asked about lighting for Westview Drive between U.S. 31 and State Rd. 44. The Mayor invited Mr. Ott and the Board to attend a meeting with King Street homeowners, scheduled Friday April 28, 2000 at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Rick Littleton, Wastewater Treatment Plant: Mr. Littleton presented an advertisement requesting bids for the purchase of a Belt Press. Mr. Ault made the motion to allow bids to be opened on May 23, 2000; Mr. Hougland seconded the motion. The motion passed. The Mayor signed the advertisement.

Mr. Littleton reported on the newspaper article reporting the discovery of three properties on Kentucky St. which are not connected to the City's sanitary sewer system, yet the homeowners have been paying their sewer bills. Both Mr. Littleton and Mrs. Poe reported that this is not an uncommon occurrence. Mr. Hougland made a motion that the Board to authorize the Mayor to seek advice from the City Attorney as to the billing issue. Mr. Ault seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Michael Herron, Fire Chief: Air masks were received and are in service. The Deputy Chief and the Truck Committee went to Pennsylvania last week and the blue prints are ready to been sent out for signatures. The Chief reported that he anticipates delivery of the truck in August or September of this year.

Mark T. Webb, Greenlawn Cemetery: No report

Steven Hood, Assistant Police Chief: No report.

MAYOR AND/ OR BOARD COMMENTS

Mayor Blankenship states that he has been receiving calls about the 50/50 Sidewalk program. He asked the City Engineer to report on the matter.

The Mayor announced that the Boys Club asked for additional directional signage on Jefferson Street pointing out their location. The Mayor directed Mr. Hughes to handle this request.

The Mayor asked the Police Department to watch the streets around the parks, ball fields and Banta St. (when school lets out).

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Works, the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Norman P. Blankenship, Jr. Mayor

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

Enrolled: May 1, 2000

Approved: _____
By the Board of Works