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BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY

Tuesday, March 14, 2000

MINUTES

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

PLACE: City Council Room

Voting Members Present:

Norman P. Blankenship, Presiding	Mayor
Stephen D. Hougland	Member

Voting Members Absent

Joseph Ault	Member
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Non-Voting Members Present:

Jeffrey R. Bergman	City Planner
Steven 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
Mark T. Webb	Supt. Greenlawn Cemetery

Non-Voting Members Absent: None

John Borges	Police Chief
Brenda Poe	Sewer Office Manager

No one from the media was present.

After the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The Clerk requested that an amendment to the minutes be allowed, as an error had been made in the recital of claims presented at the last meeting. The claims presented at February 29th meeting are amended to read 17188 – 17452. Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mayor Blankenship seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve the minutes of the February 29, 2000 meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

A motion was made by Mayor Blankenship, seconded by Mr. Hougland, and passed unanimously to approve claims 2781- 2787, 17453 – 17610 and 90000 - 90006.

NEW BUSINESS

Angela Jennings: The owner of the property at 4126 Beachwood Court in Knollwood addition appeared to request the Board's assistance. Jerry Ott presents information to the Board regarding a drainage problem at this property. The drainage problem is believed to be the result of changes made by the neighbors. The City Attorney is directed to send a letter to the neighbors, directing them to correct the problem by May 1, 2000. Jerry Ott will provide information to the City Attorney. A motion was made by Mayor Blankenship, seconded by Mr. Hougland, and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Family Wealth Counseling: Jeff Bergman met with a company representative regarding the lease of area in the parking lot. Dave Denslaw requested that the Board of Works allow Jeff Bergman and Jerry Ott to work with the City Attorney to determine the terms of the lease agreement. The purchase price of the Key Bank parking lot divided by the number of spaces in the lot will be considered in the determination of the lease charges. The Mayor Blankenship made a motion to allow Mr. Bergman, Mr. Denslaw and Mr. Ott to draft a lease agreement. Mr. Hougland seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Corner of William Ave. and Christian Blvd. (Knollwood Addition. Mr. Bergman reported that the Daily Journal moved the newspaper box. He has contacted the Post Office about moving the mailbox. He has not received a response from the Post Office. Richard Hughes reported that a sign was placed at the location "no parking from here to the corner", in front of the driveway by the Street Dept. They will paint the curb yellow when the weather permits.

Cancellation of Equipment Purchase: The Mayor reports that a bill had been received for the purchase of a piece of equipment for the Street Department. The purchase was not budgeted nor had it been bid according to State and/or local guidelines. Mayor Blankenship made a motion to refuse delivery of the equipment from the vendor Deeds Equipment. Mr. Hougland seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Stuart Fire Prevention: Stuart Bridges presented the annual fire extinguisher maintenance contract for the City of Franklin. The current contract will expire in two weeks. Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve the contract; Mayor Blankenship seconded the motion. The agreement was accepted and signed by the Mayor.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement: Stuart Bridges submitted a Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement. Steven Hood also submitted a Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement. The Mayor and Mr. Hougland acknowledged the receipt of the statements.

Dennis Capozzi: A request to share the cost of tornado sirens with the Town of Whiteland. The Board considered sharing the cost of sirens with the town of Whiteland as the coverage area includes the entire area of Knollwood. The topic is tabled until the next Board of Works meeting scheduled March 28, 2000.

Jeff Bergman and Jerry Ott: Street light report. (US 31 Corridor and Mallory Parkway and US 31. Mr. Ott contacted Cinergy. Tabled.

STAFF REPORTS

Richard Hughes, Street Commissioner: \$100 check received from Greenwood Machine for signage on Highway 31. A fire seriously damaged the company's building last weekend. The Clerk will contact the company to determine if the sign is still needed. Richard Hughes: Reported that he has been asked by citizens about the "no right on red" sign at Main Street and Circle Drive. Mr. Ott will look at this area and report back to the Board. The Mayor asked Mr. Hughes to look at the double stop signs at Eastview and Upper Shelbyville Road. He also asked him to look at the sidewalk in front of American Trophy and east Jefferson St.

Jerry Ott, City Engineer: Provided the Board with a copy of a bimonthly report titled Franklin City Engineer's Status of Tasks Period Ending March 10, 2000. Met recently with Johnson County regarding the King Street bridge. Also met with homeowners from Oak Leaf Manor. The Board directed Mr. Ott to contact the developer about the homeowners concerns.

Rick Littleton, Treatment Plant: Reported that the contract between the City and Commonwealth Engineering may be ready for the Board to consider at the next meeting. The purchase agreement between Thermal Process Systems for the purchase of the Biofilter has been signed. The lagoons have been drained by Merrill Bros. and during the recent warm spell – plant staff “land applied” 900,000 gallons.

Michael Herron, Fire Chief: Reported that he has hired a firefighter, Michael G. Hodge who will begin working March 27, 2000. CBS Evening News is preparing a feature story about firefighter deaths in Massachusetts and our departments use of thermal imaging equipment.

Jeffrey R. Bergman, Planner: No report

Mark T. Webb, Cemetery: Mr. Webb reported that they are looking at restoring the podium area in the cemetery. Also researching changing the lighting fixtures. The Mayor is looking into a Memorial Day ceremony in the cemetery.

Mr. Hood, Assistant Police Chief: No report

Other Comments: The Clerk announced that dog tags are still required by City Ordinance. Dog tags are available in the Clerks Office.

Rick Littleton asked for the Board's permission to meet with the Clerk Treasurer to advertise the request for bids for the purchase of a combination sewer-cleaning machine. The item is budgeted. Mayor Blankenship made a motion to allow Mr. Littleton to bid the sewer-cleaning machine. Mr. Hougland seconded this motion. The motion passed.

The Mayor stated that guidelines are coming regarding deadlines for submitting requests for additional appropriations.

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

Norman P. Blankenship, Jr.
Mayor

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