

**Board of Public Works and Safety  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
June 4, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 5:15 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Joseph E. McGuinness presiding. Board members Stephen Barnett and Bob Swinehamer answered roll call.

Chief of Police Tim O'Sullivan, Fire Chief John Henderson, Parks Department Superintendent Chip Orner, Sewer Billing Office Manager Sherry Phillips, DPW Superintendent Rick Littleton, Planning Director Krista Linke, Street Commissioner Ron Collins, Clerk Treasurer Janet Alexander, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, and City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also in attendance.

Mr. Barnett offered an invocation immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Announcements & Presentations**

There were no announcements or presentations at this time.

**Public Comments**

No one asked to speak.

**Consent Agenda**

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

1. Approval of Minutes from meeting held May 21, 2012
2. Board of Works Claims.
  - Pension Payroll in the amount of \$56,588.07
  - Regular Payroll in the amount of \$309,686.82
  - #052612 Sewer Utilities in the amount of \$247.50
  - #052512 BOW Utilities in the amount of \$13,968.06
  - Old Police Longevity in the amount of \$85,722.99
  - Old Fire Longevity in the amount of \$69,681.18
  - Payroll in the amount of \$327.50
  - Payroll in the amount of \$315,819.07
  - #060412 BOW Meeting in the amount of \$44,220.50
  - #060512 BOW Sewer Utility in the amount of \$35,399.55
  - #060612 RDC-TIF in the amount of \$135,199.95
  - #060312 Sewer Utilities in the amount of \$4,450.18
  - #060112 BOW Utilities in the amount of \$49,252.67
  - Payroll in the amount of \$56.00
  - Payroll in the amount of \$305.20

Mr. Barnett made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Swinehamer. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

### **Old Business**

**Proposal to Vacate East-West Alley South of 425 Center Street & North of 427 Center Street** Senior Planner Joanna Myers stated that she had another meeting with the homeowners, and would like to request this matter be dropped. Mr. Barnett made a motion to reject this proposal, seconded by Mayor McGuinness. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion was approved, and the proposal was rejected.

### **New Business**

Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander introduced the proposal from **Midwest Deferred Compensation Specialists, LLC - 457 Plan Proposal**. Ms. Amy Hauptert, President of Midwest Deferred Comp Specialists explained the benefits of a 457 plan for employees and some of the features of the plan provided by One America of Indianapolis. She explained that 457's are pre-tax savings plan similar to a 401k. A discussion was held. Clerk-Treasurer, Janet P. Alexander told the Board that some city employees have 457 accounts administered by MetLife. A discussion was held. The City Attorney requested that Ms. Hauptert provide a copy of the contract with One America prior to the next meeting. Mr. Swinehamer made a motion to table, seconded by Mr. Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion was tabled.

**Request Speed Limit Change from 30 to 40 mph Graham Road at area of Arvin Road Intersection** - Police Chief Tim O'Sullivan requested a speed limit increase from 30 to 40 mph from Arvin Road to the Franklin Christian Church. A discussion was held. Mr. Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Swinehamer. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

**Discussion of City Streets in Flood Buy-Out Area** – Mr. Barnett stated that he would like to know what the timeline is for turning over the flood buyout properties to the Parks Department. Ms. Myers stated that after the alleys are vacated the asphalt can be removed and the remaining areas graded and seeded. Mr. Barnett asked Parks Superintendent Chip Orner what the Parks Board plans to do with the area upon taking possession. He responded that this is going to be discussed at the Parks Board meeting June 21<sup>st</sup>. A discussion was held. Mr. Orner stated that existing roads may be needed to travel through the new park in this area as well as for parking.

### **Other Business**

**Approval of Credit Application with Sherwin-Williams for MVH** - Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander asked the Board to consider approval of a credit application with Sherwin-Williams in Franklin. Mayor McGuinness made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Mr. Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

## **Department Reports / Staff Reports**

Parks Superintendent Chip Orner stated that there would be a Parks Board meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 p.m. to discuss uses for the flood area.

Chief O'Sullivan gave an incident report. Chief O'Sullivan also told the Board that he wanted to give special recognition to Detective Ray Tice. A letter of recognition addressed to Detective Ray Tice dated May 30, 2012 was read stating; *"Lieutenant Summers has brought to my attention that you have conducted yourself in a manner worthy of special recognition. I would like to commend you on a job well done in your investigation of Incident #12041007F. While other detectives were out of town in training, you assumed the lead role in this case, worked with the FBI and the Trafalgar Police Department on a similar bank robbery in which their suspect was apprehended, and in the end learned it was the same individual who committed the bank robbery at First National Bank in Franklin. Your exemplary work, ambition and diligence on this case are to be commended. I appreciate your professionalism and dedication to duty. Keep up the good work. Respectfully, Tim O'Sullivan Chief of Police"*.

Fire Chief John Henderson reported on classes the firemen had recently completed.

Planning Director Krista Linke asked the Board to approve payment of \$39,750.00 to D & D Hunt for the demolition of the Red Carpet Inn. A discussion was held. Mayor McGuinness made a motion that the Clerk's office prepare a check to be released to the contractor upon the approval by Rhoni Oliver, seconded by Mr. Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

Ms. Linke also stated that an open house was held at Beeson Hall to talk about downtown improvements that were taking place.

Street Commissioner Ron Collins stated that he had an invoice for \$6,500 from Stan Brown for the installation of a sidewalk along Westview Drive to the foot bridge. Mr. Swinehamer made a motion to approve payment of \$6,500.00 for sidewalk on Westview Drive, seconded by Mr. Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

He also stated that work on the King Street speed hump will entail some road closures at different times and dates. Mr. Swinehamer made a motion to authorize Mr. Collins to close King Street for this project when needed subject to notifying the Police and Fire Departments, seconded by Mr. Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

City Attorney Lynn Gray stated that she has been working on the proposed lease agreement between the City of Franklin and Franklin College for the use of part of City Hall. Ms. Gray said that she intends to bring the lease forward for review by the Board at the next regular meeting.

Mr. Barnett asked DPW Superintendent Littleton who is responsible for removal of debris under the bridge on South Street. Mr. Littleton stated that the main issue in this area is log jams. A discussion was held.

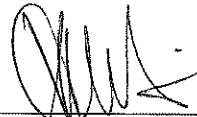
Mr. Swinehamer commented on the City Hall roof repair project. Clerk-Treasurer Alexander stated that three estimates from roofing companies have been received. These quotes will be forwarded to the members for review. She explained that she requested estimates for both shingle and commercial steel. A discussion was held.

**Adjournment**

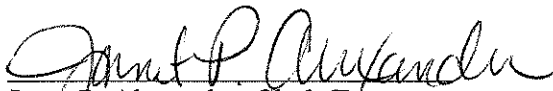
As there was no further business to come before the Board of Works a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer  
Enrolled: 6/12/2012

  
Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:

  
Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer