

**CITY OF FRANKLIN
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**

Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2003

Opening:

Stephen D. Hougland called the regular meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety to order at 6:02 p.m. on February 25, 2003 in City Hall.

Present:

Member Mr. Stephen D. Hougland and Mr. Joseph Ault were present. Also present were Deputy Clerk Treasurer Sue Midkiff, City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall, Police Chief John Borges, City Engineer Mike Buening, Street Commissioner Richard Hughes, Fire Chief Mike Herron, Wastewater Utility Superintendent Rick Littleton, and Planning Department Director David Weir.

Mayor Norman P. Blankenship was absent.

Mrs. Karen Bridges a correspondent from the Indianapolis Star attended.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

Approval of Claims

The following claim was presented and approved for payment.

2-25-03 Civil City 4th Quarter Indiana Fire and Police Pension \$250,542.63

Old Business

Johnson Industrial Park Lift Station

City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall proposed to write a letter to the landowners using the lift station requesting that they pay the fees owed to Mr. Johnson. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Hougland, seconded by Mr. Ault, and carried. This matter will be on the agenda March 25, 2003.

Unsafe Structures @ 248 N. Water St. and 425 E. Jefferson St.

Ms. Krista Linke, the City Staff Planner and Zoning Administrator reported on two properties that she has determined to be Unsafe Structures according to Indiana Code and City of Franklin ordinances. Mr. Gerald and Martha Harrison own the two properties. Final action by the Board was postponed until the property owners' may attend a meeting. They will be requested to appear at the March 25th Board of Works meeting

Branigin Woods Final Plat Acceptance and Bond Acceptance

Mr. Steve Williams of Franklin Engineering presented the final plat on behalf of the developer Crossman Communities doing business as Beazer Homes Investment Corporation. The Board accepted the seven bonds listed below

Bond #	Date	Issued by:	Purpose	Amount
929283302	02-03-03	The Continental Insurance Co.	Earthwork	30,589.00
929279999	02-03-03	The Continental Insurance Co.	Deceleration Lane	10,000.00
929283301	02-03-03	The Continental Insurance Co.	Street Surface	16,339.00
929283300	02-03-03	The Continental Insurance Co.	Erosion Control	25,645.00
*5942927	02-11-03	Ohio Farmers Insurance Co.	Stone Base & Asphalt	5,721.60

		Westfield Group	Binder	
8672957	01-28-03	Tobias Insurance Group / Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland	Sanitary Sewers	11,360.40
8672958	01-28-03	Tobias Insurance Group / Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland	Storm Sewers	15,657.90

* The following statement was typed along the top of document "***Replacement of Bond #5942927: Effective Date 1-29-03: Bond #5942927 has been lost or misplaced."

Acceptance of the final plat was tabled until the next meeting, March 11th.

Other Business

Communications – Internet Access

Mr. Frank Schumacher presented quotes from five Internet /communication services for T1, 768 K (T1 fractional) and DSL to maintain and improve the data communications for City Departments. Mr. Schumacher outlined his plan provisioning 3 T1 lines (Fire Station 21, Fire Station 22 and DPW), and DSL direct Internet access. Mr. Schumacher offered to lend the city three T1 CSU/DSU/Ethernet Routers, and plans to borrow 1 CSU/DSU/Ethernet Router. Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to "Get it done." Charles Kill of Sprint used this opportunity to introduce two new marketing representatives, Denny Bailey and Chuck Shafer

Reports

Street Department - Richard Hughes

Mr. Hughes explained that Morton Salt is still the provider for road salt however he has been ordering from a division located in Calumet due to flooding in Jeffersonville. Mr. Hughes explained that he has ordered 300 ton of salt from Calumet and currently has 100 ton on hand. Due to concerns about additional snowfalls he ordered an additional 100-ton of road salt. Mr. Hughes told the Board that since January 1, the Street Department has spent \$29,000 for salt. He also reported that over the President's Day weekend, his department logged 384 overtime hours. The following weekend they logged 185 overtime hours. Mr. Hughes stated that some of the employees prefer to receive compensatory time in lieu of pay and that has helped keep the costs down.

Mr. Hougland told Mr. Hughes that the City Council Members were unanimous in their praise of the Street Department and the work they have done this winter.

Planning Department - David Weir

Mr. Weir provided copies of his Board of Works Status of Tasks dated February 25, 2003, and stated that he did not have anything additional to report.

Engineering - Mike Buening

Mr. Buening reviewed his Board of Works Status Report dated February 25, 2003.

Branigin Way – Provided the quotes submitted by Cinergy for the installation of streetlights along the boulevard. He also reported that Milestone has requested the closure of State Street to Monroe for the sewer interceptor work. The date will be either 3-11-03 or 3-10-03. Mr. Buening will notify John Borges, Chief Herron and Richard Hughes when Milestone is

ready to close the street. The Board also voted to authorize the Police Department to waive violations on Monroe by residents living between Wilson Street and Henry Street.

Fire Department – Chief Mike Herron

Chief Herron reported the following:

Reported that the new ambulance will be delivered ahead of schedule, either the 2nd or 3rd week of March; payment on delivery is required.

City Attorney - Robert H. Schafstall

Robert H. Schafstall, Esq., reported on the following matters:

Stated that there is a vacancy on the Fire Merit Board and the rules require that the Board of Works set a date three weeks from the date of notification to hold an election. The Board set the election March 21st. Approved.

Requested the Board accept an easement from Bob White. A motion was made and carried. The Clerk Treasurer's office is responsible to record the easement.

The City Attorney presented a contract/agreement between Franklin Township and the City of Franklin for fire protection services for 2003 for \$16,700.00. A motion to approve was offered and carried.

Reported that a tort claim by Mr. Gary Lepper for alleged damages to his tire. The Board asked Mr. Schafstall to discuss this matter with Mr. Lepper and report back to the Board.

Board Members – Mr. Joe Ault

Mr. Ault asked whether a procedure was in place to report potholes. Mr. Hughes explained that his office receives those calls. Due to the cold weather potholes can only be repaired using cold patch.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m. by the Board. The next general meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on March 11, in City Hall.

Respectfully submitted by,
Janet P. Alexander, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by the Board of Works _____

Norman P. Blankenship, Mayor