

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

Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2003

Opening:

Mayor Norman P. Blankenship called the regular meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety to order at 6:00 p.m. on April 15, 2003 in City Hall.

Present:

Mayor Norman P. Blankenship, Jr., Member Mr. Stephen D. Hougland and Mr. Joseph Ault were present.

Also present was Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Police Chief John Borges, City Engineer Mike Buening, Fire Chief Mike Herron, Street Commissioner Richard Hughes, Wastewater Utility Superintendent Rick Littleton, and Planning Department Director David Weir.

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended.

Approval of Claims

The following claims were presented and approved for payment.

Date	Type	Description	Amount
4-15-03	Civil City	Vendor	305,713.59
4-15-03	Civil City	Vendor	300,126.67
		Total Civil City Claims	605,840.26
4-15-03	Sewer	Vendor	23,623.37
4-15-03	Sewer	Vendor	207,465.14
		Total Sewer Claims	231,088.51
		Total Dockets	836,928.77

Rumpke Report – Ms. Terri Littleton reported about curb side garbage and recycling collection in March of 2003.

Old Business

425 E. Jefferson Street and 248 N. Water Street: Mr. Weir reports that the property owners have begun taking actions that address some of the City's concerns. Mr. Weir reported that there has been progress made and that the Planning Department will keep the Board informed about these properties. No other action was taken.

Johnson Industrial Park – Lift Station: Removed

Midwest Electrical Contract: Mr. Schafstall stated that he is concerned about the indemnification clause included in the contract. The Board asked the City Attorney to write to Midwest and ask them to amend their agreement. Tabled.
Tabled

Confirmation of East side interceptor plans: Mr. Mike Buening reported that this matter is still in progress and recommended delaying final confirmation. The Mayor stated that he wants to keep this matter on the agenda for the time being.

New Business

Ray Johnson – Davis Drive Sewer Hook-up: A discussion was held concerning the request for sewer connections to Brandon Manor for 10 residential lots outside of the City limits. The Board of Works voted to deny the request. Denied.

Franklin Lakes Home Owners Assoc. request for additional signage: Street Commissioner Richard Hughes, Ms. Sarah Bowling and, Ms. Lori Fisher – on behalf of the homeowners association request for a “four way stop” and a “no outlet” signage at the intersection of Lake Shore Court and Franklin Lakes Boulevard (lots #160, #132, #207, & #178), a “four way stop” and a “no outlet” signage at the intersection of Shore View Drive and North Shore Boulevard (lots #40, #41, #66, & #122), and a “no outlet” sign at the intersection of Lake Crossing Lane and Shore View Drive in lot # 77. The Board approved the request for additional signage but asked Mr. Weir to ask the developer to pay for the requested signage. Ms. Fisher also requested assistance to slow down traffic along Franklin Lakes Boulevard. The Board asked Mr. Buening and Mr. Weir to look at the roadway and make a recommendation about increasing the length of the raised median.

Review of 2003 Sidewalk Repair Program: Mr. Hughes estimated that about 20 properties are on the list for sidewalk replacement this year. Mr. Weir stated that there would also be 13 properties associated with the CDBG home improvements. Board authorized the Clerk Treasurer to refund monies paid for sidewalk projects upon decision of the homeowner to cancel participation.

Community Clean-Up: Mayor Blankenship The Board approved the placement of 4 dumpsters in different locations Saturday April 26, 2003 in conjunction with the Solid Waste District Spring Clean up Day: Dumpsters will be placed in the Police Department parking lot, Boys & Girls Club, the park at 14th Street and Younce Street from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The Mayor asked Rick Littleton to find some volunteers to monitor the dumpsters.

Update on ambulance billing: Chief Mike Herron presented a report outlining issues and concerns he has with the current Fire Medic Billing procedure and the changes he has decided to make which include a billing form to be completed by staff when care is provided. He also provided information that showed that the City of Franklin charges are well below the average charged by other providers. Chief Herron asked the Board to recommend to the City Council that the Fire Medic Service ordinance be amended by increasing the service fees and adding a charge for mileage. The Board agreed to send a favorable recommendation to the City Council.

Appropriate \$16,500. from Franklin Township contract to be placed in Haz Mat account: Chief Herron asked the Board to recommend to the Council to appropriate \$16,500 paid to the City by the Franklin Township Trustee for fire services. The Board agreed to forward this with a favorable recommendation.

Short Term Disability Review: Mayor Blankenship presented the updated forms to be used for Short Term Disability by City employees. The Mayor explained that upon approval by the Board the amended forms would be added to the Employee Manual and shared with every employee.

Other Business

None

Reports

Street Department – No report

Sewer Utility – Mr. Rick Littleton requested that \$2,000 overpayment for connection fees be refunded to Flaherty & Collins Properties, City View Farm Project. Approved.

Planning Department - David Weir

Mr. Weir reviewed his Board of Works Status Report dated March 25, 2003. Requested approval of a sign for the Knights of Columbus to be placed adjacent to the City's Welcome to Franklin signs. Approved.

Police Department – Chief John Borges – Stated that there is some confusion with the four (4) no parking signs located on Forsythe Street south of the intersection to Monroe Street. He also asked to place the signs in the alley on both entrances to make it clear that there is no parking in the alley. The Board approved this request. Also Mayor Blankenship directed the Street Department to work in tandem with the Police Department when placing signage. The Chief also explained that 5 – 6 vehicles were towed away from the former repair shop. The owner has been contacted and told to coordinate payment with the towing company.

Fire Department - Chief Mike Herron – Requested permission to hire three firefighters. The positions were included in the 2003 budget but have not been filled. Approved.

Engineering – Mr. Mike Buening – Reported on the following matters:

1. Branigin Boulevard will be closed for construction April 28th.
2. Milestone has asked the City to not enforce the \$300 per day non compliance provision in the contract due to the number of delays.
3. Cinergy still has to provide information to the City Engineer on lighting for the Boulevard.
4. Informed the Board that the cost of stamped concrete "brick pavers" would be \$86.85 compared to \$144.40 for actual brick pavers a 40% savings. The Board approved the use of stamped concrete for the crosswalks.

5. The Redevelopment Commission will work with the City Engineer to pay for the improvements to Jim Black Road and S.R. 44 from TIF revenues.
6. TEA 21 – State has changed the calculation allowing cities and towns to include design and engineering costs as matching funds – this will allow Franklin to count as much as \$333,000 toward the Main Street Project.

City Attorney – Robert H. Schafstall, Esq.

The City Attorney reported that the owners of the Wake Up Station on South Main Street responded to the City's last request offering to begin cleaning up the site however they made no commitment as to when they would begin clearing the site. The Board asked the attorney to respond that their offer is not acceptable.

Mr. Schafstall also reported that the suit filed against Mr. James Jachimiak has been frozen due to the respondent having filed bankruptcy. The City Attorney will continue to work on this matter.

Clerk Treasurer – No report

Board of Works Members

Mr. Hougland asked Mr. Hughes whether property owners were being billed for additional garbage collection. Mr. Hughes explained that in many cases the additional collection is of "abandoned trash" from rentals and the property owner was not aware of the problem.

Mayor Norman Blankenship

Asked Mr. Buening about 'pardon our progress' signs to let the public know what is going on with municipal projects.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held April 29, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall.

Respectfully submitted by,
Janet P. Alexander, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by the Board of Works: _____

Norman P. Blankenship, Mayor