

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

Meeting Minutes  
May 13, 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 May 13, 2003 in City Hall.

**Present:**

Mayor Norman P. Blankenship, Jr., Mr. Joseph Ault and Mr. Stephen D. Hougland were present. Also present was Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Deputy Police Chief Steven Hood, City Engineer Mike Buening, Captain Larry Tames, Street Commissioner Richard Hughes, and Planning Department Director David Weir.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed. Mr. Ault abstained.

**Approval of Claims**

The following claims were presented and approved for payment.

Date	Type	Description	Amount
	Civil City	Vendor Claims #28279 –28322 & 28324 - 28425	257,179.19
		Total Civil City Claims	
5-13-03	Sewer	Vendor Claims # 5530 -5574	181,382.72
		Total Dockets	438,561.91

**Rumpke Report** Ms. Terri Littleton the City's representative from Rumpke provided updated reports concerning curbside garbage and recyclables collection for the month of April. Ms. Littleton told the Board that typically collections increase in the month of May and June due to bagged yard waste.

**Old Business**

**Midwest Electrical Contract:** Tabled.

**Confirmation of East side interceptor plans:** Tabled.

**Request to reconsider Alaina Manor Sewer service (originally denied under the title Brandon Manor at the 4/15/03 Board of Works meeting):** Mr. Steve Williams and Mr. Tom Vander Luitgaren, Esq., of Van Valer & Williams, and Mr. Bill Johnson appeared to request that the Board reverse its vote to deny the request for sewer connection to the addition which is located outside the City limits. Mr. Hougland made a motion seconded by Mr. Ault to reject the proposal. The motion carried. Proposal to provide sewer service to Alaina Manor was rejected.

**Release of Branigin Woods Plat:** Mr. Joe Van Valer of Van Valer & Williams appeared on behalf of Crossman Communities / Beazer Homes the developer of Branigin Woods. Tabled.

## **New Business**

**Speedway/Super America Site and Jacqueline Peterson (Provincial Gardens):** Mr. John Clark from Provincial Gardens appeared and explained that he and Ms. Peterson plan to rent the former Wake Up gas station owned by Speedway Super America and plan to clean the lot to use commercially. The building will be painted. The fence repaired and painted and the former car wash enclosure will be converted for storage of mulch, and heavy equipment. Mr. Clark and Ms. Peterson requested that Speedway Super America be allowed to begin monitoring the site for environmental purposes. Mr. Houglund made a motion to approve Speedway Super America's request to monitor the site upon lease of property to Provincial Gardens and clean up, seconded by Mr. Ault. Motion carried. Approved.

Mr. Littleton expressed concerns about the storm water drains in the car wash bays, which he suggested needed to be closed. Mr. Clark agreed.

**Hickory Creek Nursing Home – request Waiver of Noise Ordinance No. 00-33 :** Mr. Tom Proctor requested a waiver of the noise ordinance June 27 & 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Hickory Creek Nursing Home for a band. Approved.

### **2003 Paving Quotes: Mike Buening**

Mr. Buening reported that he has received quotes to overlay of King Street (460 ft) west of Forsythe, overlay of Lynhurst Street (1150 ft) from Main Street to Younce Street and full depth repair of deteriorated sections of Franklin Lakes Boulevard. The following quotes were received:

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| 1. Grady Brothers | \$49,831.00 |
| 2. Milestone      | \$53,960.50 |
| 3. Wallace        | \$58,786.55 |
| 4. Calumet        | \$71,269.15 |
| 5. Globe          | \$72,144.00 |

Mr. Buening asked the Board to accept the quote from Grady Brothers. After he received the listed quotes, the engineer learned that the INDOT work at King and Forsythe may impact work on King Street. He asked to substitute work on Adams Street (1040 ft) East of Forsythe for the King Street work. The Board voted to accept the quote from Grady Bros., and to substitute the work originally quoted for King Street for Adams Street. Approved.

### **Middleton Drive Repairs: Mike Buening**

Mr. Buening reported that the sanitary sewer line in the street has been repaired back with concrete and asphalt. The developer, Mike Waugh placed 63 cubic yards of concrete instead of the 40 cubic yards as anticipated. The invoice submitted for the work done was \$4583.25, which is \$1,583.25 above the amount the Board agreed to pay for the repair. Mr. Waugh requested the Board to consider the balance above the approved \$3000. The Board agreed to increase the allowed expense by \$1,583.25. Approved.

**Alley Vacation – Lots 11 and 12 in Earlywine Addition:** David Weir introduced a request to vacate 50 feet of an alley located between Ott Street and Overstreet in the Earlywine Addition. Tabled

**Assignment of Contract for East Interceptor Project:** Mr. Jerry Ott of Ott Engineering requested that the Board of Works re-assign the contract for the East Side Interceptor project to his employer Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. A motion to approve was made and seconded. Motion carried. Approved.

**New Civilian Employee (Administrative Secretary):** Deputy Chief Hood requested that the Board approve hiring Ms. April Sneed for the full time administrative assistant position that was posted. A motion to approve was made and seconded. The motion carried. Approved.

### **Other Business**

Mr. Joe Vaught a resident of North Main Street requested that the Board of Works share the cost of the removal of a dead tree located in the alley behind his home. The Board agreed to allow the Mayor to determine what amount of the project the City would pay upon receipt of quotes from tree removal companies. Approved.

A man who did not identify himself stated that he had an accident on the Westview bypass and wanted the Board to pay unspecified costs related to the accident. No action was taken.

Mr. John Auld of Franklin Insurance, the Cities insurance administrator requested that the Board consider the request to accept or waive terrorism coverage for the three underground storage tanks owned and used by the City of Franklin. A motion was made and seconded by the Board of Works to waive the terrorism coverage offered by the vendor for the underground storage tanks.

### **Reports**

**Street Department - Mr. Richard Hughes had no report.**

**Planning Department -** David Weir had no report but provided the Board with a memorandum titled Board of Works Status Report dated May 13, 2003.

**Police Department –** No report.

**Fire Department -** No report.

**Engineering – Mr. Mike Buening –** Mr. Buening reviewed his Board of Works Status Report dated May 13, 2003. Reported on the following matters:

1. Welcome to Franklin Signs: He has spoken with the Johnson Memorial Hospital administrator, Gregg Bechtold and has learned that this sign can remain in it's present location. As for the South side sign location, he is pursuing INDOT permit for the east side of US 31 south of Nineveh Road and next to one of the existing power poles for ease of access to electricity.
2. Branigin Boulevard: Milestone has begun with Phase 1, and has removed pavement at closed roads. Franklin College has requested light fixtures with banner arms and electric outlets. Cinergy has submitted a proposal for signature for \$59,735.53 for these lights (This is a reduction from \$68,365). Mr.

Buening also reported that he is coordinating with Rick Littleton, Scott Blackwell and Curt Meshberger to replace old clay sanitary lines that are below pavement. This work is proceeding. He stated that existing manholes were in such poor shape that they are also being replaced.

**City Attorney** – Robert H. Schafstall, Esq. stated that American Outdoor Sign Company has filed a lawsuit in federal court challenging our sign ordinance. A motion was made and seconded directing the City Attorney to defend the City of Franklin in this matter. The motion carried.

**Clerk Treasurer Janet Alexander**

1. Informed the Board that in the future she would bring all credit applications from vendors to the Board of Works for approval and signatures.
2. Stated that a check for \$3,000 was received from Donley Safety – this is a rebate from Ford Motor Company for the chassis used in the second ambulance the City purchased a few months ago.
3. Asked the Board to approve a contract for Credit Card Acceptance between the City of Franklin / Parks and Recreation Department and Fifth Third Bank. Mr. Houglund made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign and the President of the Parks Board to sign as well on behalf of the City. Mr. Ault seconded. The motion carried and was approved.

**Board of Works Members**

Mr. Houglund asked the Street Commissioner and the City Planner to address the problems with the sidewalk and bridge located on South Home Street.

**Mayor Norman Blankenship**

The Mayor announced that Firefighter Richard Williams has notified the Department that he intends to retire June 1, 2003. The Mayor made a request that the Police Department cite the junked vehicles parked at 38 S. Edwards Street. He also stated that the Don Henry Memorial Ride will take place Saturday June 7, 2003 and Mrs. Sara Henry sent a letter requesting no parking along Jefferson Street during the event. Approved.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held May 27, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Janet P. Alexander, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by the Board of Works: \_\_\_\_\_

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Norman P. Blankenship, Mayor