

Board of Public Works and Safety
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Steve Barnett presiding. Board members Ken Austin & Tina Gross answered roll call.

Chief of Police Kirby Cochran, Fire Chief Joshua Snyder, Parks Department Superintendent Chip Orner, Sewer Billing Office Manager Sherry Phillips, DPW Superintendent Sally Brown, IT Director Rick Littleton, Planning Director Joanna Tennell, Clerk Treasurer Jan Jones, and City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also in attendance. Street Commissioner/Fleet Manager Brett Jones and Community Development Director Krista Linke were absent.

Mayor Barnett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements & Public Comments

There were no Announcements or Public Comments

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

1. Approval of Minutes from meeting held March 17, 2025
2. Board of Works Claims.
 - Regular, Monthly and Quarterly Payroll in the amount of \$550,501.13
 - #031725 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$53,390.98
 - #032125 RDC-TIF Contracts in the amount of \$46.19
 - #032225 Sewer Elan in the amount of \$4,955.36
 - #032425 BOW Elan in the amount of \$14,580.10
 - #031825 Sewer Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$99,936.55
 - Pension Payroll in the amount of \$50,637.75
 - #032625 Sewer Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$169,566.89
 - #032825 RDC-TIF Contracts in the amount of \$5,662.84
 - \$032525 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$8,792.50
 - Gross Payroll in the amount of \$529,921.07
 - #040325 RDC-TIF Contracts in the amount of \$22.11
 - #040125 Sewer Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$146,984.25
 - #033125 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$333,516.03
 - #040525 Sewer General Obligations in the amount of \$50,827.13
 - #040625 BOW General Obligations in the amount of \$155,977.97

Mr. Austin motioned to approve the consent agenda and claims as presented, seconded by Ms. Gross. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

Request approval to park bookmobile outside of the Artcraft on April 23rd from 5:30-8:30 pm and on June 3, 10, 17 & 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 9:00-10:00 am - April Windisch from the Johnson County Public Library requested these dates for the Kids Summer Break Series. Ms. Gross motioned to approve the bookmobile parking outside the Artcraft per the dates presented, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request to use public parking lot on East Wayne Street next to the Garment Factory from 7 am - 7 pm on Saturday, May 31, 2025 – Ms. Gray informed everyone that she had received an email from Garment Factory Events stating they no longer needed use of the parking lot and this item was removed from tonight's discussion. Mayor Barnett motioned to remove from the agenda unless notified otherwise, seconded by Ms. Gross. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request approval of Swap-Your-Pump Trial Pump Agreement with Penn Valley Pump for WWTP - DPW Assistant Superintendent Ray Rooks presented information regarding two SDR pumps at DPW. Both pumps have had multiple repairs, and at least one needs to be replaced now; the cost is approximately \$46,000.00. This pump will continue to be used in the new plant. Ms. Gross voiced concerns about the \$5,500.00 refurbishment fee listed in the contract. DPW Superintendent Ms. Brown clarified the reason for the fee and said they feel confident about this purchase, adding that they visited other DPW plants and talked to company representatives. Mr. Rooks has also worked on this type of pump before. Ms. Gray requested that this be paid out of the General Sewer Utility's unappropriated funds. Ms. Gross motioned to approve the Swap-Your-Pump Trial Pump Agreement with Penn Valley Pump for WWTP using General Sewer Utility funds, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request approval of PSA with CrossRoad Engineers, P.C. for design and part-time inspection of the Commerce Drive & Meijer Traffic Signal - City Engineer Matt McElroy stated this professional services agreement is for designing a traffic signal at the second entrance west of US 31. The construction will be bid later this fall, with plans to begin spring of 2026. Ms. Gross motioned to approve the PSA with CrossRoad Engineers, P.C. for design and part-time inspection of the Commerce Drive & Meijer Traffic Signal, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request acceptance and execution of the following documents related to Phase 2 of the Westside Sanitary Sewer Interceptor project - City Engineer Matt McElroy informed that these are the last five easements needed for this project to move forward:

- Parcel 2 Smith – Ingress/Egress Easement
- Parcel 11 Henderson – Permanent & Temporary Sanitary Sewer Easements
- Parcel 12 Knight – Permanent & Temporary Sanitary Sewer Easements
- Parcel 14 Gilpin – Permanent & Temporary Sanitary Sewer Easements
- Parcel 18 Ditmars – Permanent & Temporary Sanitary Sewer Easements

Ms. Gross motioned to accept and execute the following documents related to Phase 2 of the Westside Sanitary Sewer Interceptor project, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request acceptance of bids for the Johnson Avenue Sidewalk Improvements project; Request award of construction contract to All-Star Paving, Inc. as the lowest, most responsive and responsible bidder; and Request execution of the construction agreement - City Engineer Matt McElroy said this is for sidewalks along Johnson Avenue from King Street to north of Hamilton Avenue, to be funded through the RDC. Bids were received on March 24th from the following:

McGrath Concrete Construction Corp.	\$294,111.50
Edward & Jones Concrete, Inc.	\$214,792.81
Howard Asphalt LLC dba Howard Companies	\$339,931.25
All Star Paving	\$251,997.00
Calumet Civil Contractors, Inc.	\$253,000.00
<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	<i>\$428,450.00</i>

Ms. Gray explained the process for determining bid acceptance. Ms. Gross made a motion to accept the bids for the Johnson Avenue Sidewalk Improvements project and approve the award of the construction contract to All-Star Paving, Inc. as the lowest, most responsive and responsible bidder for \$251,997.000 and approve execution of the construction agreement, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request the following Performance Letters of Credit & Subdivision Performance Surety Agreements be released for The Bluffs at Youngs Creek, Sec. 1 & Sec. 2 and Request the following Subdivision Maintenance Bonds be accepted for The Bluffs at Youngs Creek, Sec.1 & Sec. 2 - City Engineer Matt McElroy shared the following:

Performance Letter of Credit & Subdivision Performance Surety Agreement – Sec. 1:

LOC #6297-10-5: Streets - \$316,638.00

Performance Letter of Credit & Subdivision Performance Surety Agreement – Sec. 2:

LOC #6297-20-5: Streets - \$434,011.86

Maintenance Bond – Sec. 1:

#268206: Streets - \$65,966.25

Maintenance Bond – Sec. 2:

#268207: Streets - \$90,419.14

Ms. Gross made a motion to approve the release of the Performance Letters of Credit & Subdivision Performance Surety Agreements for The Bluffs at Youngs Creek, Sec. 1 & Sec. 2 and accept the Subdivision Maintenance Bonds for The Bluffs at Youngs Creek, Sec.1 & Sec. 2,

seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request acceptance of bids for the 2025 Maintenance Improvement Program: Asphalt Milling, Patching, and Resurfacing project; Request award of construction contract to Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc. as the lowest, most responsive and responsible bidder; and Request execution of the construction agreement - City Engineer Matt McElroy said this is for the Community Crossings Grant 2025-1 (Round 2) Bids were received on March 31st from the following:

All Star Paving, Inc.	\$2,733,700.49
DC Construction Services, Inc.	\$2,529,881.94
Dave O'Mara Contractors, Inc.	\$2,282,538.65
Milestone Contractors, LP	\$2,955,113.30
Grady Brothers, Inc.	\$2,988,059.29
<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	<i>\$3,014,854.10</i>

Mr. Austin made a motion to accept bids for the 2025 Maintenance Improvement Program: Asphalt Milling, Patching, and Resurfacing project and award the construction contract to Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc. as the lowest, most responsive and responsible bidder; and approve execution of the construction agreement, seconded by Ms. Gross. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Approval and Execution of Outdoor Lighting Service Agreement for The Bluffs at Youngs Creek, Sec. 5A - Planning Director Joanna Tennell stated this includes the installation of four light poles, paid by the developer, with the expected electric cost for the City \$50.40 per month. Ms. Gross motioned to approve and execute the Outdoor Lighting Service Agreement for The Bluffs at Youngs Creek, Sec. 5A, and for the Mayor to sign on behalf of the Board, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Other Business

There was no Other Business.

Department Reports / Staff Reports

Parks Department Superintendent Chip Orner said they are still looking to fill two landscaping positions and several more lifeguards. The City's Easter Egg Hunt will take place this Saturday at the Amphitheater. The Tree Advisory Committee is hosting an Arbor Day Celebration on April 26th at 10:00 AM. With the recent flooding, they are assessing damage throughout the parks and trails. They know there's damage at the dog park, Young's Creek Park at the Splash Pad, and Province Park at the playground fence.

Police Chief Kirby Cochran shared that two new officers will be sworn in at City Council tonight, and thanked everyone for their help over this weekend.

Fire Chief Joshua Snyder also thanked everyone for their efforts this weekend, and stated that currently, the Fire Department is fully staffed.

Sewer Billing Manager Sherry Phillips shared that their department is getting ready to do the May six-month average downloads for billing.

Planning Director Joanna Tennell explained the City of Franklin's Flood Response Plan, which outlines safety procedures to follow, charts information sharing, and predicts flooding potentials. Floodwaters in 2008 reached 15.62 ft., in 2017 it was 13.6 ft., and this weekend as 12.57 ft.

DPW Superintendent Sally Brown stated that the WWTP pumps and tanks weathered the storm very well. IDEM approved the new WWTP Plant construction permit. Wessler will present those plans to the Board in about three weeks.

Board Member Ken Austin thanked all parties for their efforts during this weekend's flooding.

Mayor Barnett thanked all departments for working together for the safety of everyone in the City.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Works, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 04/10/25

Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer