

Board of Public Works and Safety
Meeting Minutes
April 2, 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 Board Member Steve Barnett presiding. Board members Stephen Barnett and Bob Swinehamer answered roll call. Mayor McGuinness was absent.

Chief of Police Tim O'Sullivan, Fire Chief John Henderson, Parks Department Assistant Superintendent Rocky Stultz, Sewer Billing Office Manager Sherry Phillips, 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. Swinehamer offered an invocation immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

Mr. Dan Paris of 1201 Paris Drive stated that there are serious flooding issues and asked the BOW to investigate. He stated that the flooding problems started about 9 or 10 years ago. Mr. Paris stated that tree roots have been found in the sewer system and that there were 12 trees marked to be removed in the easement that have never been removed. Mr. Barnett stated that he talked to DPW Superintendent Rick Littleton today and learned that there are issues with roots, gravel, and sand in this area. He said they are trying to figure out what needs to be done to fix the problem. City Attorney Gray stated that she knew Mayor McGuinness had forwarded this issue to City Engineer Trent Newport. Mr. Barnett stated that an outside company is set to look at this area to see what could be done per Mr. Littleton. Mr. Swinehamer stated that we should bring this back at the next meeting when Mr. Littleton is present to give a report.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

1. Approval of Minutes from meeting held March 19, 2012
2. Board of Works Claims.
 - o #031412 RDC-TIF in the amount of \$165,000.00
 - o Payroll in the amount of \$298,397.39
 - o Pension Payroll in the amount of \$56,588.07
 - o #032412 Sewer Utilities in the amount of \$3,102.00
 - o #032112 RDC-TIF in the amount of \$810,797.69
 - o #032312 BOW Meeting in the amount of \$147,768.17
 - o #040212 BOW Meeting in the amount of \$114,605.71
 - o #040112 BOW Meeting-Sewer Utility in the amount of \$30,773.69
 - o #032812 Sewer Utilities in the amount of \$56,046.89
 - o #033012 BOW Utilities in the amount of \$56,655.21

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

Old Business

Wilson Overlook - Street Light Issues - Tabled from Previous Meeting

Board member Bob Swinehamer stated that he had met with the developer of this addition and with Duke Energy concerning the street light issues. Mr. Swinehamer stated that the lights are wired to individual residences. He said that the developer is willing to re-wire all lights privately and pay for the meter. The problem is the lights do not meet Duke Energy standards and they will not accept them. Mr. Swinehamer stated that installation of new lights would cost around \$35,000.00, and then the City would have to pay the monthly fee to add the new street lights to our existing contract. Mr. Barnett asked Mr. Buening if he and his neighbors would be able to get together with Mr. Swinehamer and the developer to discuss this matter. Mr. Buening stated that he would be willing to meet with Mr. Swinehamer.

New Business

Request Three Way Stop Sign at Intersection of Johnson Avenue & Kentucky Street –

Rob Hoverman of 248 Kentucky Street presented a petition for an additional stop sign to decrease traffic speeds and improve neighborhood safety. A discussion was held. Mr. Barnett asked the Chief to do a speed survey in this area and report back to the Board at the next regular meeting.

Request Modification of Route for Moving Houses

Jeff Taylor presented a new plan to move the model homes through the fields when the ground is dry this summer and requested permission to park the homes on the stub of Cumberland Drive at the dead end. Upon parking the homes he will notify the city and the utilities within 72 hrs. Mr. Taylor stated that the farmer who owns the field has agreed to allow him to take the homes through the field. Mr. Swinehamer made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

Request Approval to Address Drainage Concern on Commerce Parkway

Mr. Fred Linville stated that the ditch bordering his property on the eastside of Commerce Parkway has been raised and water is not draining off properly. Mr. Linville stated that he had a contractor look at the area in question, and that the contractor feels there are issues with the sanitary sewer. Mr. Barnett requested that Mr. Linville come to the next meeting when DPW Superintendent Littleton can look into the complaint. Mr. Barnett made a motion to table, seconded by Mr. Swinehamer. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried, and the matter was tabled.

Request Approval to Set up Agreement for Uniforms with Crystal Graphics

Fire Chief John Henderson requested approval to establish a uniform shop for the firefighters to purchase screen printed t-shirts from Crystal Graphics. Mr. Barnett asked if this needs to be approved by the Board. Clerk-Treasurer Alexander stated that the Board would need to approve the payment as they are being asked to approve the advance of funds for the purpose of Crystal Graphics stocking specific items and to maintain a specific stock on hand. A discussion was held. Mr. Swinehamer asked if Mr. Henderson had spoken to any other shirt shops in the area. Chief Henderson stated that he had checked out other places but was told that they were not capable or willing to do this. Ms. Gray asked if the business closed whether we would get our money back or the stock back. Mr. Henderson stated yes we would get either the money or the

stock. Mr. Swinehamer made a motion to table this until the Mayor is back at the next meeting, seconded by Mr. Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried, and was tabled.

Other Business

Memo Regarding: Oaths of Office for City of Franklin Fire Merit Commission Members

Mr. Barnett stated that this was for information purposes only. Mr. Barnett thanked the Fire Merit Commission Members for taking the oath, and recognized Fire Merit member Dick Midkiff who was in the audience.

Department Reports / Staff Reports

Police Chief O'Sullivan reviewed the monthly incident statistics.

Fire Chief Henderson stated that his department is still working on matters related to the ISO insurance rating assessment. He explained that the original evaluation on March 22nd was stopped because the inspector was not aware of the county dispatch consolidation. They will return some time in the near future to complete the audit.

Mr. Barnett stated that he thinks that the Street Department has done a wonderful job patching streets and keeping them cleaned.

Mr. Swinehamer asked about the Red Carpet Inn demolition and where this stood. Planning Director Krista Linke stated that they should be ready to start the demolition process next week.

Mr. Swinehamer stated that he had received an e-mail from Terry Simmons of 348 Pratt Street. Ms. Simmons stated that when she purchased her property she was told by her realtor that the alley beside it was vacated but that it is still being used as an alley. Ms. Simmons would like for someone to look into this issue. Mr. Barnett stated that he had told Ms. Simmons to contact Senior Planner Joanna Myers. Planning Director Krista Linke stated that they are looking into this issue.

Street Commissioner Ron Collins stated that his department has been looking into drainage issues in Canary Creek. He also said that they have taken measurements of the speed hump on King Street and that it will soon be reduced to a bump. He said this will be done by taking approximately 5" off of the top.

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 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet P. Alexander, Clerk Treasurer

Enrolled: 4/13/2012 Approved by the Board of Works: _____