

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
June 17, 2015**

Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag: Mayor Snedecor called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: The following members were present: Mr. Lain, Mr. Ehrhardt, and Mayor Snedecor. Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Longer, and Admin. Asst. Cheryl Govert. Absent: Attorney DeBonis

Reading of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 3, 2015, as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Correspondence: Mayor Snedecor acknowledged that the road closures, rail-road closures and weather have compounded issues with traffic around the City. The rail road crossing should be open Friday, Saturday and Monday.

Attorney DeBonis arrived.

Approval of Register of Claims and Payroll Claims: Motion by Mr. Ehrhardt, seconded by Mr. Lain, to accept and approve the register of claims and payroll claims as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Snedecor requested the addition of Entertainment Contract for Summer Market, for the band "Crossroads" on July 2, 2015 for \$350. Motion by Mr. Ehrhardt, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the Agenda as amended. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

Request to Repave Easement: Jeff Talbot, re: 1111 W 8th St: Mr. Talbot was not present. Mr. Lain met with him and let Mr. Talbot know it is not the City's responsibility to pave an easement. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to deny the request to repave the easement. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Consideration of Entertainment Contracts for Summer Market: Little Johnny on 6/18/15 for \$150 and Crossroads on 7/2/15 for \$350: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to approve both contracts as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Order to Comply: Daniel Waters re: 3352 74th Ave: The owner was not present. Mr. Hannigan stated that the owner is in the process of completing the demolition. However, Boyd Construction discovered a problem with the neighbor's septic system leaking into the foundation site of this property and is currently working with them to fix that problem. The garage on the property is in good shape and will remain as the owner has plans to put a modular home at that location. Mr. Hannigan recommended tabling for 30 days. Motion by Mr. Ehrhardt, seconded by Mr. Lain, to table until the July 15, 2015 meeting for a status update. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Order to Comply: Richard Williams re: 1328 E. Cleveland Ave: The owner was not present and has not contacted the Building Department about this matter. The chimney at this address is in need of repair. It is a rental property and unsafe. Mr. Hannigan recommended a fine and an order to appear at the next meeting. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to fine the owner \$500 and issue an order to appear at the July 1, 2015 meeting of The Board of Works. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Consideration of Contract: NIPSCO re: Relocation related to 61 Ave. Road Project: Matt Lemon, from BS&F, addressed the Board about NIPSCO burying overhead lines on 61st Ave. from SR51 to Wisconsin. The existing poles are in conflict with the road project and this would cover the difference of moving the poles. By burying the lines it will make the area look much better and more appealing. The original estimate for moving the poles was \$149,769. Burying the lines will be an additional \$422,886 for a total cost of \$572,655. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the agreement to bury the NIPSCO lines at a cost of \$572,655. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Announcements: Mr. Joseph Fernandez, 810 Capital Drive, requested to remove 2 Ash trees in the easement that are dead. He will pay to have them removed and include grinding of the stumps. He also agreed to use a licensed contractor. Mayor Snedecor suggested talking to the Public Works Department for suggestions and possible help in removing logs. Motion by Mr. Ehrhardt, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve the removal of the trees in the easement. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Mr. Snedecor asked if there was anyone who wished to address the Board and there was no further response.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Lain, to adjourn. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) The meeting adjourned at 4:28 P.M.

SECRETARY

PRESIDING OFFICER