

City of West Lafayette, Indiana  
Board of Public Works and Safety  
MINUTES

January 8, 2013  
8:30 a.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers

Members present were Sana G. Booker, Bradley W. Marley, Jonathan C. Speaker, and Elizabeth M. Stull. Mayor Dennis presided.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. December 26, 2012, Meeting

Ms. Stull moved to accept the minutes of the December 26, 2012, Board of Works meeting. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Elevation in Rank: Police Officer First Class – Brandon Bonnell - Police

Police Chief Dombkowski requested approval to elevate Probationary Officer Brandon Bonnell to the rank of Police Officer First Class, effective December 21, 2012, with a bi-weekly salary of \$2,055.57. He stated that this elevation is a result of the lateral entry policy.

Mr. Speaker moved that the elevation in rank for Brandon Bonnell to Police Officer First Class be approved. Mr. Marley seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

b. Hire Date Correction: Jeremy Wheeler – Systems Administrator – IT

Information Technology Director Newman requested approval to correct the effective hire date for Jeremy Wheeler as Systems Administrator to January 2, 2013, instead of the previously approved date of January 3, 2013. The bi-weekly salary is unchanged at \$1,885.00.

Ms. Stull moved that the corrected effective hire date for Jeremy Wheeler be approved. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

x. Claims

i.	AP Docket	\$64,280.48
ii.	AP Docket	\$292,250.00
iii.	AP Docket	\$2,663,004.36
iv.	AP Docket	\$157,687.13
v.	PR Docket	\$106,323.50

- vi. PR Docket           \$333,191.19
- vii. RDC Docket       \$810,329.38

A question raised about an individual claim by the Board was answered by Fire Chief Heath.

Mr. Marley moved that the claims be approved. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

e. Informational Items

i. Legal Budget & Expenses – Clerk-Treasurer

There were no questions or comments about the listing.

f. Other Items

► Fire Chief Heath reported that it has been a rough month for fires in the area. There were four fatal fires in 48 hours in Tippecanoe County. He stated that none of those fires directly affected the West Lafayette Fire Department or community, but they did affect the county, and that does affect our Department because we know the responders. He reported that there was a fifth fatal fire in Mulberry, with a seven year old boy. Further, there was a silo fire in Monon, a grocery store fire in Morocco, and a massive pallet fire at State Roads 20 and 52. The pallet fire had over 100 firefighters responding from 22 departments and two State task forces. He stated that the area fire chiefs have reviewed these fires and feel that a human factor has contributed to the problem. Kids are taught fire safety issues when young, such as to stop, drop, and roll. It may be adults who have forgotten. Fire Chief Heath reminded everyone to change the batteries in smoke detectors, and to have two egress plans for your family to get out in the event of a fire. He stated that we all feel as if we can grab the kids and get out the door. However, during a fire our stress levels go up. During sleep the sense of smell decreases so people may not smell a fire. It is the smoke alarms that wake you up and get you out. It is very easy to get disoriented in a fire. Fire Chief Heath stated that he has been disoriented in fires himself, but is able to rely on training and follow hose lines. People leaving their home do not have that option. He asked that if anyone has questions about fire safety, to call the Department.

Mayor Dennis stated that we make the assumption that fire detectors are just noise, and we understand that when the noise goes off we need to respond to it. He asked Fire Chief Heath to speak about a device that is for the hearing impaired.

Fire Chief Heath explained that the West Lafayette Fire Department will be one of the first fire departments to install a device for the hearing impaired. It is a device that shakes the bed, and has a strobe light built into it. There is a grant available from the Department of Homeland Security. The Fire Department can provide information to those interested. If a person qualifies, the State will contact the local department, who will then install the device.

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Marley moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Mayor Dennis adjourned the meeting.