

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

SEPTEMBER 10, 2013
8:30 a.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

Members present were Sana G. Booker, Shawn R. Little, Bradley W. Marley, and Jonathan C. Speaker. Mayor Dennis presided.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. September 3, 2013, Meeting

Ms. Little moved to accept the minutes of the September 3, 2013, Board of Works meeting. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Assignment: Allen Street Easement – DRI/CA 720 Northwestern, LLC and Duke Energy – Legal

City Attorney Burns explained that this project has been in progress for some time and an easement was granted by the City several months ago to allow the developer, DRI/CA 720 Northwestern, LLC, to connect infrastructure and utilities. He requested approval to agree to now assign this easement to Duke Energy, as the ultimate user.

Mr. Marley moved that the assignment for the Allen Street easement be approved. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

b. Hire: Part-Time Office Dispatcher – Samuel Smith – Police

Police Chief Dombkowski requested to table this item, and stated that it may be presented at the next meeting.

No action was taken.

c. Hire: Operator – Hans Duong – WWTU

WWTU Director Henderson requested approval to hire Hans Duong as an Operator effective September 13, 2013, with a bi-weekly salary of \$1,192.13, with a \$0.50 per hour shift differential. He stated that this is the first of three positions that need to be filled. In response to an inquiry from Mayor Dennis, Director Henderson explained the duties of an operator, including monitoring equipment, monitoring chemical levels in the tanks, and process control testing.

Mr. Marley moved that the hire of Hans Duong as an operator be approved. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

d. Claims

i.	AP Docket	\$155,847.47
ii.	RDC Docket	\$169,751.29
iii.	PR Docket	\$346,100.29

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

Questions raised about individual claims by the Board were answered by department heads.

The motion was adopted.

e. Informational Items

i. Project Payment List – WWTU

There were no questions or comments about the listing.

f. Other Items

► Public Works Director Buck reported that there will be a public informational meeting tonight about the Happy Hollow Road reconstruction project with United Consulting. The meeting will take place at Covenant Church at 5:00 p.m. and will include information about the project, the schedule, and the scope of the work.

Mayor Dennis noted that it will also include information about how the project will impact individual properties. He stated that the meeting will start with a discussion to show everyone the scope of the project, and then break into small sessions, allowing for the opportunity for each individual to have a one-on-one conversation with Director Buck.

► Chief Dombkowski reported that the first bar coalition meeting of the year is this afternoon at the Neon Cactus to prepare for the large weekend. He stated that the barricades will be out on Thursday night and will be fully staffed. He reported that there is a ribbon cutting on Friday morning for the opening of US 231, and he stated that we are excited to see how that takes traffic away from the City for big game on Saturday.

► Street Commissioner Downey reported that leaf pickup will begin the first week of October. Each neighborhood will have at least three pickups by December. In response to an inquiry from Mayor Dennis, Commissioner Downey explained that the leaves should be left in a row along the curb line, approximately 6 to 10 inches away from the curb. They should be away from the catch basin to prevent it from plugging up if it rains. He also reported that we have our contract for salt for the winter, with a new vendor, Detroit Salt Company, at a price of \$56.10 per ton. He stated that he has not seen that price since 2008.

► Councilor Hunt reported that Art on the Wabash will be on Sunday afternoon at Tapawingo Park.

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.