

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

JANUARY 14, 2014
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.

Mayor Dennis took the consent of the Board to change the order of items for the agenda to have the gypsy moth presentation at the end of the agenda.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. January 7, 2014, Meeting

Ms. Little moved to accept the minutes of the January 7, 2014, Board of Works meeting. Mr. Marley seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Agreement: Flow Monitoring – ADS Environmental Services – WWTU

WWTU Director Henderson stated that in older parts of West Lafayette we have combination sewers that carry both stormwater and sanitary waste to the treatment facility. While we are making ongoing efforts to reduce and minimize combined sewer overflow (CSO) during heavy rains and snow melts, we are responsible for monitoring the flows from each of the three CSO points and reporting it to the State. This is also used to demonstrate how we are improving things through our projects. He explained that part of that is to use ADS Environmental Services to maintain these flow monitors and gather the data from them. These services will also be provided for the three rain gauges that were installed as part of the long-term control plan to show that we are still technically in compliance during heavy rain events. In response to a question from Mayor Dennis, Director Henderson explained that the data gathered includes duration of CSO events, the amount of flow leaving the outfalls into the Wabash River, rainfall intensity, and total volume for each event. The agreement is a three-year agreement for a total of \$115,740. Director Henderson stated that this is in line with what we have paid in the past after the inclusion of a new monitor and the rain gauges

Mr. Marley moved that the agreement with ADS Environmental Services be approved. Mr. Booker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

b. Elevation: Assistant Communications Center Supervisor – Jason Timmons – Police

Police Chief Dombkowski requested approval to elevate Jason Timmons from Patrol Dispatcher to Assistant Communications Center Supervisor with a bi-weekly salary of \$1,493.39, retroactive to January 4, 2014.

Mr. Speaker moved that the elevation of Jason Timmons to Assistant Communications Center Supervisor be approved. Ms. Little seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

c. Claims

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| i. | AP Docket | \$183,878.08 |
| ii. | AP Docket | \$71,853.74 |
| iii. | AP Docket | \$725,489.77 |
| iv. | PR Docket | \$365,777.23 |
| v. | PR Docket | \$34,095.32 |

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.

d. Other Items

► Police Chief Dombkowski noted that Purdue students have returned.

e. Informational Presentation: Gypsy Moth Treatment – Indiana Department of Natural Resources – Development

Greenspace Administrator Shaw introduced State Entomologist Phil Marshall and Scott Kinzie from the Division of Entomology with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) who will provide a brief overview regarding gypsy moth treatment and announce a more detailed public meeting.

Mr. Kinzie stated that the two public meeting are on January 22, 2014, at the Faith West Community Center at 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. He began the presentation by explaining that the gypsy moth is an actionable pest, which means that it is invasive and exotic and it feeds on over 500 species of trees. The DNR tries to treat areas where it has been found, including slowing the spread of it in the north where it is very prevalent. They try to prevent the moth from moving south, but it will sometimes get transported by firewood, which may be what happened at the Purdue campus. He explained that the DNR will try to eradicate the moth with some treatments this spring and summer, which are spread by airplane. One treatment is called *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Btk), which is a bacteria commonly found in soil. It kills only caterpillars and has no effect on humans. The other treatment is called mating disruption. He explained that the female gypsy moth does not fly, but it gives off a scent to attract the male. Mating disruption treatment is done by putting that scent on small plastic flakes which are then spread by plane and applied to tree foliage. The male moths fly around but cannot find a mate. Mr. Kinzie stated that there are several areas that will be treated. Most of the Purdue campus area will be treated with the mating disruption. Over Windsor Hall, where there is an extreme amount of gypsy moth, there will be a core area where the Btk treatment will be used twice as the mating disruption is not effective for larger amounts of moths. He presented maps that showed the concentration of moths and treatment areas, and noted that postcard invitations to the public meeting were mailed to residents within and around the treatment area. There will also be a public comment period. In response to a question from Mayor Dennis, Mr. Kinzie explained that the mating disruption treatment comes

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down as small solid flakes with glue on one side to hold it to the foliage. He assured that it will wash off of vehicles.

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.