

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

JANUARY 4, 2010
8:30 a.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

Swearing in of New Members

Mayor Dennis administered the oath of office to new Members Jonathan C. Speaker and Elizabeth M. Stull.

Present were Board of Public Works and Safety Members Sana G. Booker, Bradley G. Marley, Jonathan C. Speaker, Elizabeth M. Stull, and Mayor John R. Dennis, who presided.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 28, 2009, Meeting

Ms. Stull moved to accept the minutes of the December 28, 2009, Board of Works meeting. Mr. Marley seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Board of Works Resolution No. BW01-10 – A Resolution To Extend The Time For Repayment Of Temporary Loans Outstanding From 2009

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes explained that West Lafayette made temporary loans from the Wastewater Treatment Utility to City funds, primarily the General Fund and Parks & Recreation Fund, but also the Police Pension Fund, for cash flow purposes during 2009. The Common Council approves these, with the stipulation that they will be repaid by December 31 each year. For the first time, the City was unable to repay the temporary loans, because of the delays in billing, and therefore in remittances, of property tax collections and other revenues from the County. The County may hold collections up to 51 days after the due date and must pay interest if there is a delay before settlement with the entities. At the present time, the forecast is that the settlement will occur in February. This resolution has a repayment date of March 31, 2010, but the expectation is that it will be before that. During 2009, the Utility provided \$5,114,363 in temporary loans to the City. All but \$2,300,000 has been repaid. The State statute regarding borrowing among City funds is specific, in that temporary loans can only be extended for six months in the subsequent year. This is a cash management technique which allows the City to avoid interest expense by borrowing on the commercial market.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes asked City Attorney Burns whether an effective date of December 31, 2009, should be specified. City Attorney Burns stated that the effective date should be noted in the Resolution.

Mr. Marley moved to approve Board of Works Resolution No. BW01-10 as amended to include the December 31, 2009, effective date. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

b. Set Date and Time to Appoint Police Department Members' Representative to Police Merit Commission - Police

Police Chief Dombkowski asked for Board approval for the Police Department to meet on January 25 at 4:00 p.m. in the West Lafayette Police Department training room for the purpose of electing the Police Department members' representative to the Police Merit Commission. The current representative is Dr. Donald Corrigan.

Mayor Dennis stated that the merit commission statute mandates that the Board of Public Works and Safety sets the date for the merit commission appointment in a public meeting, so this is part of that process.

Ms. Stull moved that the request be approved. Ms. Booker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

c. Claims

- i. AP Docket \$2,421,349.14
- ii. AP Docket 312,762.37
- iii. PR Docket 119,206.37

Mr. Marley moved that the claims be approved. Ms. Stull seconded the motion.

Questions raised about individual claims by the Board were answered by department heads and Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes.

The motion was adopted.

d. Informational Items

i. Director of Development Poole announced that the next online session of the Strategic Plan will be Friday, January 8, at 10:00 a.m. He reported that westlafayetteplan.ning.com is the site.

ii. Each of the department heads introduced themselves to the new Board members.

iii. Street Commissioner Downey stated that his department is picking up Christmas trees along curbs. Only natural trees are picked up either Monday or Friday, depending on the brush day. The trees are used to make mulch, so that it does not end up in the landfill.

iv. Police Chief Dombkowski announced that today is Mayor Dennis' 51st birthday.

v. Human Resources Director Foster wished the Mayor a happy birthday.

vi. Wastewater Utility Director Henderson welcomed the new Board members and wished the Mayor a happy birthday.

vii. Fire Inspector Lancaster, representing Fire Chief Drew, wished the Mayor a happy birthday and all a happy new year.

viii. Parks Superintendent Payne reported that the Riverside Skating Center is busy. If the wind chill is less than 0°F, the rink will close. Today is the first day for people to reserve park shelters, and there have been several calls already.

ix. Mayor Dennis thanked the Parks and Street Department staffs, as the roads and trails are in great shape.

x. Councilor Burch wished the Mayor a happy birthday, and welcomed the new Board members.

xi. Councilor Hunt welcomed the new Board members, wished the Mayor a happy birthday, and reminded everyone of the Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. today.

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.