

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

February 14, 2012  
11:00 a.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. February 7, 2012, Meeting

Ms. Stull moved to accept the minutes of the February 7, 2012, Board of Works meeting. Mr. Marley seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Bid Opening: Aeration Tank – WWTU

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes noted that there were 9 bids submitted, all delivered on time and sealed. Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes read the bids aloud for the lump sum base amount. All bidders provided unit price items but no bids were submitted for voluntary alternate equipment.

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Graves Plumbing Company, Inc.	\$1,454,545.00
R. L. Turner Corporation	\$1,395,000.00
Hagerman, Inc.	\$1,584,000.00
Thieneman Construction, Inc.	\$1,257,000.00
M. K. Betts Engineering and Contracting	\$1,558,500.00
Mid-States General and Mechanical Contracting Corporation	\$1,630,000.00
F. A. Wilhelm Construction Company, Inc.	\$1,583,000.00
Reynolds, Inc.	\$1,549,000.00
Walsh Construction Company II, LLC	\$1,492,900.00

Mr. Speaker moved that the bids be taken under advisement. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

Wastewater Director Dave Henderson expressed his appreciation to all the Bidders, and to Clerk Treasurer Rhodes and all of the Board of Works members for their support in planning and bidding the first expansion project of the Wastewater Plant with no rate increase.

b. Contract: Safe Routes to School Contract Extension, INDOT – Engineering

Public Works Director David Buck requested approval of the Safe Routes to School Contract Extension. He noted that this contract was a replacement contract with INDOT of existing contract #A249-8-08-320451, accepted 04/22/08, simply extending the completion date for two years. He reported there had been a master plan developed and that there had been great success in utilizing the grant money in the past to implement programs such as Safe Routes to School events and purchasing educational materials to encourage children to walk to school in groups and to educate parents about related issues.

Mr. Marley asked if there were any plans in the works to facilitate safe crossing of Sagamore Parkway. Director Buck stated that was a big challenge, but noted that with two schools of elementary age students in our district, one on either side of 52 Bypass, there are no issues with elementary students needing to walk to school and cross the bypass. The bus routes provide transportation for any student living more than a half mile from the respective schools and that alleviates any need for any elementary school children to cross Sagamore Parkway. He explained that Sagamore Parkway issues were definitely addressed in the Master Plan Study as a serious community challenge. They implemented promotion of use of the signals, and promoted INDOT to improve timing and visibility of the crosswalks in that area. He noted that the Master Plan did not include recommending the construction of a pedestrian bridge because of expense, construction space constraints, and the placement location of a potential bridge. There were concerns that there was no one central location appropriate for all the people from various locations who might need to use it. Director Buck reported that this safety issue has also been considered by INDOT, and the US 52 Corridor Study. There was a decision made not to widen US 52 Bypass to 6 lanes in the future to keep it more pedestrian friendly, while still allowing good traffic flow. Director Buck observed that on the City of Lafayette Board of Works Agenda for February 14, 2012, there was a decision to be made pertaining to US 52 Bypass, and there was interest in seeing what was decided.

Ms. Booker moved that the contract be approved. Ms. Stull seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

c. Elevation: Patrol Dispatcher Jordon Glick – Police

Chief Dombkowski clarified they were requesting an elevation. He explained that Dispatcher Jordon Glick had been with the Police Department for one year and the request was that the Board elevate him from Probationary Patrol Dispatcher to full time regular Patrol Dispatcher, effective February 15, 2012. The bi-weekly salary will be \$1,396.93.

Ms. Stull moved that the elevation of Jordan Glick be approved as requested by Police Chief Dombkowski. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

d. Claims

- i. AP Docket \$192,248.51
- ii. AP Docket \$ 96,724.26
- iii. AP Docket \$ 2,679.00
- iv. PR Docket \$108,230.40
- v. PR Docket \$338,204.94

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

The Mayor took the unanimous consent of the Board to move to approve the claims.

The motion was adopted.

e. Informational Items

- i. Project Payment List – WWTU  
There were no comments or questions about the listing.
- ii. Request for Quote: Splash Aquatic Lift – Parks  
Parks Superintendent Payne explained there were two lifts being requested in order to comply with federal governmental mandates that would make it possible for all guests, including those with disabilities to get in and out of the pool. He reported that they expect help for this expense from the Community Development Block Grant Fund.

f. Other Items

- i. Chief Dombkowski noted that there was a rare occurrence over the past weekend of an armed robbery at a West Lafayette gas station, which he believed was part of a crime spree by some individuals who also robbed two locations in Lafayette. The West Lafayette Police Department is working in cooperation with the detectives from the Lafayette Police Department. He reported there are some good leads and believes it to be a solvable case. He reiterated this is thankfully something that rarely occurs within our city limits. Chief Dombkowski invited everyone to attend the Police Promotion Ceremony later that morning at 9:00 a.m.
- ii. Councilor Anne Hunt reminded everyone of an important meeting the next evening on February 15, 2012, of the Area Plan Committee, which will include a vote on the Landmark Project in West Lafayette.

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 at 8:47 am.