

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

OCTOBER 8, 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. October 1, 2013, Meeting

Mr. Speaker moved to accept the minutes of the October 1, 2013, Board of Works meeting. Mr. Marley seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Proclamation: Mental Illness Awareness Week – Mayor

**City of West Lafayette, Indiana Mayoral Proclamation
Mental Illness Awareness Week**

WHEREAS, serious mental illness such as major depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, obsessive-compulsive disorder, severe anxiety disorders, borderline personality disorder, and posttraumatic stress disorders affect one in every four people annually;

WHEREAS, serious mental illness is a highly treatable medical illness of the brain posing the same concern as cancer, heart disease, diabetes and other illnesses;

WHEREAS, scientific research is constantly working toward breakthroughs in the understanding of mental illness, resulting in more effective treatments to allow people to reclaim full and productive lives,

WHEREAS, misunderstandings exist about mental illness and social culture often wrongly imposes a stigma on mental illness;

WHEREAS, every citizen and community can make a difference in helping to improve the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I John Dennis, Mayor of West Lafayette do hereby proclaim October 6 through October 13, 2013, as Mental Illness Awareness Week in West Lafayette, Indiana to increase public awareness of mental illness and to promote treatment and recovery.

Mayor Dennis stated that each and every one of us have had some exposure or interaction with someone who suffers from a mental disorder. He related that in his

former life as a police officer, often they would deal with that by just incarcerating. Since that time law enforcement professionals have been trained through the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program. They have a better understanding of how to deal with people who have mental illness and get them to treatment in a facility where they will not do harm to themselves or anyone else. He stated that it is an excellent course of study that law enforcement has taken which benefits all in the community.

Pattie Wollenburg (Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness) thanked Police Chief Dombkowski and Mayor Dennis for supporting the CIT program, which NAMI sponsors and works with the officers. She noted that one in four will experience a mental health crisis in any given year, and stated that a local psychiatrist says that if you are out with three friends and they seem all right, then you might consider looking at yourself. She stated that NAMI also educates those with mental illness, as well as their family members, on how to deal with brain disorders. She stated that there will be a run to help stamp out stigma on October 13 at the former municipal golf course in Lafayette.

b. Quote Opening: Fall 2013 Operation Releaf – Development

Greenspace Administrator Shaw explained that this quote opening is for the fall planting of 38 trees. She stated that a large portion is funded by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) monies. Many of the trees will be planted on North Street, some in place of several ash trees that had to be removed.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes opened the quotes and read them aloud:

Company	Base Quote	Cost to Water in 2014
Branching Out	\$10,282.00	\$1,765.00
GardenArt Inc.	\$8,038.00	\$3,750.00
Greenvision LLC	\$6,302.75	\$150.00 (per watering)
		\$175.00 (per time)
Freedom Lawns	\$8,898.00	for approximately 21 weeks

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes noted that the quotes were all received timely.

Mr. Marley moved that the quotes for Fall 2013 Operation Releaf be taken under advisement. Ms. Little seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

c. Street Closure: Willow Drive – Police

Police Sergeant Coddington requested approval for the closure of Willow Drive on October 13, 2013, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the Glenwood Heights Block Party, with a rain date of October 20. He stated that the Fire and Street Departments have been notified and there are no objections were raised. He noted that this is only an approximately 20-yard section.

Mr. Marley moved that the street closure for Willow Drive be approved. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

d. Elevation: Patrol Dispatcher – Nathaniel Foster – Police

Chief Dombkowski requested approval for the elevation of Nathaniel Foster to a patrol dispatcher. He stated that Mr. Foster has completed his probationary year of service effective October 10, 2013. He is eligible for vacation benefits and a bi-weekly salary of \$1,424.87.

Ms. Little moved that the elevation of Nathaniel Foster be approved. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

e. Change in Position: Operator to Maintenance Technician – Randy McKenzie – WWTU

WWTU Director Henderson requested approval for a change in position for Randy McKenzie from operator to maintenance technician effective October 9, 2013, with no change to his bi-weekly salary. He explained that all of the operator positions have been filled, including the one being vacated by Mr. McKenzie.

Mr. Marley moved that the change in position for Randy McKenzie be approved. Ms. Little seconded the motion.

Director Henderson confirmed for Ms. Booker that this is a lateral move.

The motion was adopted.

f. 2012 SRF Loan Disbursement Request No. 24: Greeley and Hansen – North Side Regional Lift Station and Force Main – WWTU

Director Henderson requested approval of the 2012 State Revolving Fund loan disbursement request No. 24 to Greeley and Hansen for their continued work on the North Side Regional Lift Station and Force Main project in the amount of \$32,077.

Mr. Marley moved that the 2012 SRF Loan Disbursement Request No. 24 to Greeley and Hansen be approved. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

g. Change Order No. 2: 2013 Street Resurfacing Project – Rieth-Riley Construction -- Engineering

Engineering Assistant Anderson requested approval for Change Order No. 2 for the 2013 Street Resurfacing project. He explained that this is the final quantity adjustments to finish the contract. Additional work was done for stump removal for trees taken down on North Street, landscape curb work, and a concrete wall that had to be added. He stated that this is an add of \$3,975.51 for a new contract total of \$722,986.18.

Ms. Little moved that the Change Order No. 2 for the 2013 Street Resurfacing project be approved. Mr. Marley seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

h. Claims

i.	AP Docket	\$212,693.61
ii.	AP Docket	\$15,640.82
iii.	AP Docket	\$168,941.39
iv.	PR Docket	\$348,160.40

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 and Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes.

The motion was adopted.

i. Informational Items

i. Project Payment List – WWTU

There were no questions or comments about the listing.

ii. Legal Budget & Expenses – Clerk-Treasurer

There were no questions or comments about the listing.

j. Other Items

► Chief Dombkowski reported that Officer Jeff Decker, who runs our CIT program for the entire County and is instrumental in instructing that every year, won the Gloria Goeglein award from the NAMI Indiana Board. The award is for public policy and given to the judge, legislator, or law enforcement person who meets or exceeds the needs of persons with mental illness in an exemplary fashion. He stated that the Department is proud of Mr. Decker for winning that award and that Mr. Decker will continue to serve officers throughout the area in those training endeavors.

Both Mayor Dennis and Chief Dombkowski commented on how much the situation has changed for the better during their service in law enforcement.

► Fire Chief Heath reported that October 6 to 12, 2013, is National Fire Prevention week. He encouraged everyone to change the batteries in smoke detectors.

Mayor Dennis stated that he has been asked how people can know that the batteries are bad.

Chief Heath responded that the smoke detector will chirp and there may be a flashing light. He stated that there is a lot of upcoming new technology in smoke detectors. He noted that detectors only last 10 years and explained that they get filled with dirt and dust that make them less effective, so older detectors should be replaced.

► Director Henderson reported that the Go Greener Commission meeting scheduled for tonight has been cancelled and the composting workshop will be rescheduled.

► Engineering Assistant Anderson provided updates on construction projects. The 720 Northwestern project has a lengthy scheduled of upcoming events submitted, which will require temporary and overnight lane restrictions and closings near the building. He reported that the gas main installation is approximately 65% complete in the Hills and Dales area. The water company has completed water main installation on Northwestern Avenue and Allen Street to Stadium Avenue. The street resurfacing

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project is complete. He reported that Metro FiberNet LLC is approximately 80% complete with fiber installation.

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.