

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

MAY 27, 2014
8:30 a.m.
Morton Community Center
Multi-Purpose Room

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. May 20, 2014, Meeting

Ms. Booker moved to accept the minutes of the May 20, 2014, Board of Works meeting. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes noted a correction to be made under Section 3, Page 7. It should read that Ms. Booker adjourned the meeting as presiding officer rather than Mayor Dennis who was absent. She thanked Councilor Burch for catching the error.

The motion to approve the minutes as corrected was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Declaration of Restrictions and Covenants: Tree Replacement – Indiana Department of Natural Resources – Legal

Mayor Dennis stated that Thomas Brooks (Mayfield and Brooks, LLC) will be representing the City in this particular matter.

Mr. Brooks (Mayfield and Brooks, LLC) stated that last week the Board approved a small easement for American Suburban Utilities (ASU). Related to that project, ASU is taking out a bunch of trees at Cole Ditch. In order for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to approve that, they require the replacement of trees. He stated that we have reached an agreement with ASU and the Cole Ditch property owner to mitigate those removed trees by planting trees on City property that runs along the Hadley Lake drain. The Parks Department will be putting in a trail there at some point in time, so the trees will then be along the trail. He explained that what the Declaration does in regard to the mitigation is to have the City monitor the trees for a period of three years to make sure that none of them die. The trees that will be bought will have a guaranteed replacement for those three years. The Covenant lasts with DNR for ten years, but we only have to monitor for three. It says that if we sell the property or anything the trees must remain. Mr. Brooks stated that this basically comes down to free trees for the trail.

Mr. Speaker moved that the agreement with Declaration of Restrictions and Covenants be approved. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

b. Resolution No. BW-2014-2: Resolution Authorizing Sale of Surplus Real Estate – Legal

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes noted that City Attorney Burns has returned.

City Attorney Burns requested approval of a Resolution for sale of property near Tapawingo Drive. This is Parcel 2. The Board has already authorized the sale for one slice of real estate [April 22, 2014]. He explained that this is for the purpose of helping the hotel project become a reality. This particular piece of property, unlike the other one which was owned by INDOT, has always been owned by the City. It is 0.145 acres. The Resolution also authorizes a notice of sale to be published. The bids will be considered by the Board on June 10, 2014.

Mr. Marley moved that Resolution No. BW-2014-2 be approved. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

c. Bid Rejection: Sheraton and Fairway Knolls Lift Station Improvements—WWTU

WWTU Director Henderson stated that we recently opened a single received bid [May 13, 2014] for Sheraton and Fairway Knolls Lift Station Improvements project. A bid report from Greeley and Hansen has been provided to the Board. He requested that the Board reject the bids at this point, explaining that it is due to the size of the bid compared to the engineering estimate and what was lined up to be borrowed from the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program. He stated that we plan to regroup later this year and look at the drawings again to see if there is anything that can be done to help contractors provide a less expensive bid. He stated that SRF has indicated that we should be able to get funding in the next cycle.

Ms. Booker moved that the bid rejection for the Sheraton and Fairway Knolls Lift Station Improvements be approved. Mr. Marley seconded the motion.

Mayor Dennis thanked Director Henderson, saying that we need to be careful in how money is spent. When we get a bid that challenges us fiscally it is within our best interest and the best interest of our citizens to start over again.

The motion was adopted.

d. Claims

i.	AP Docket	\$1,324,903.59
ii.	AP Docket	\$265.33

Ms. Booker moved that the claims be approved. Mr. Marley 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.

ii. Legal Budget & Expenses – Clerk-Treasurer

There were no questions or comments about the listing.

f. Other Items

▶ Assistant Street Commissioner Anderson provided construction project updates. Starting next Monday, southbound Salisbury Street will be closed between Sagamore Parkway and Rainbow Drive. The detour will be over to Yeager Road, to Northwestern Avenue, back to Lindberg Road. The water company has a waterline project starting in conjunction with the work on Stadium Avenue, and they are also replacing the water main on Leslie Avenue between Grant and Salisbury Streets. The Navajo Street Curb and Sidewalk Project is moving along. The water company is on Happy Hollow Road for utility relocation. Purdue's structural improvement project is doing well.

▶ Councilor Burch reported that there is a Pre-Council meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday and a Council meeting on the following Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Morton Community Center.

▶ Public Works Director Buck introduced the new Engineering Office Manager, Erin Cooper.

▶ Street Commissioner Downey stated that since 2011 the Mayor has helped with the move-out program for trash. We have had as low as 30 tons and as high as 57 tons of trash. He reported that this month the move-out program produced 44.63 tons.

▶ Parks Superintendent Payne stated that it is a great day for a swim and reported that the pool is open.

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.