

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

JUNE 10, 2008

11:00 a.m.

City Hall Lower Level Conference Room

Members present were Susan K. Goldman, Bradley W. Marley, and Mayor John R. Dennis, who presided.

I. PRE-CAUCUS

Agenda items were discussed among Board members and Department Heads.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 3, 2008, Meeting

Ms. Goldman moved to accept the minutes of the June 3, 2008, Board of Works meeting. Mr. Marley seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. SRF Payment Request, WWTU Project Payments Listing, and SRF Project Payments Listing for Digester Renovation Project – WWTU

1. Request No. 15: \$33,940 to M.D. Wessler & Associates for Engineering Services on Digester Renovation Project

2. WWTU Project Payments

3. SRF Payment Listing for Digester Renovation Project

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson requested approval for the SRF Payment Request, noting that the Digester Renovation Project is going well. The grit building should be completed in the next two or three weeks. Mayor Dennis asked what was done with the grit. Mr. Henderson responded that it is landfilled, as it is inorganic and abrasive material such as gravel and coffee grounds that should not pass through the pumps. So the grit is removed early in the process, since it can't be treated in the biological process.

Ms. Goldman moved that the SRF Payment Request be approved. Mr. Marley seconded the motion.

Mr. Marley noted that, on the SRF Payment Request for \$33,940, the Total Amount of Previous Disbursements is \$2,134,603, yet the WWTU Projects Payment Listing shows \$3,293,491, which includes other subcontractors or vendors. But only the Wessler & Associates payments total \$1,252,343. Mr. Marley's point is that the total on the SRF Payment Request does not reconcile with the Projects Payments Listing. Even considering the payments to others, the numbers do not balance. Ms. Goldman suggested that maintenance costs

may be included in the \$3,293,491.35, that the amount is not purely construction. Mr. Henderson agreed that there are a number of things included. Mayor Dennis asked if there was a breakout of that number. Mr. Henderson said he did not have that, but he could bring the list of all payments made from the SRF loan. Mr. Marley suggested that a listing of subcontractors/vendors and the sum of their payments, with contract amount and remaining dollars and percentage complete might be more useful. Mr. Henderson offered to restructure the report. Mr. Marley said that he had sent a spreadsheet used in the construction business to Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes that might be useful as a reference. Mr. Henderson asked for the spreadsheet, which Mr. Marley agreed to send.

The motion was adopted.

B. Bid Acceptance and Contract: 2008 City Street Resurfacing Program – Milestone Contractors, LP – Engineering

City Engineer Buck reported that his office reviewed the two bids opened at last week's Board of Works meeting. Milestone Contractors was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder with a bid of \$522,946.65. Mr. Buck recommended that the Board sign the contract.

Ms. Goldman moved that the recommendation be approved. Mr. Marley seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Buck said his office would issue a Notice to Proceed immediately after the meeting. Mayor Dennis asked if this included the Grant Street repaving. Mr. Buck indicated that it did, and also included other streets in the Village area, including Chauncey, Columbia, and North, which are not anticipated to be torn up again soon. Neither South Street nor part of Salisbury will be done this year.

C. Approval of Claims

1. PR Docket \$316,362.11
2. PR Docket \$ 13,123.84
3. AP Docket \$ 96,000.00
4. AP Docket \$155,000.00
5. AP Docket \$ 90,241.81
6. AP Docket \$ 1,932.67
7. AP Docket \$138,117.14

Ms. Goldman moved that the claims be approved. Mr. Marley seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

D. Acceptance of Quote: Crack Sealing – Pavement Solutions, Inc. – Engineering

City Engineer Buck stated that there was only one quote for the Crack Sealing Project, and he recommended that Pavement Solutions' quote of \$48,528.91 be accepted.

Ms. Goldman moved that the quote be accepted. Mr. Marley seconded the motion.

Mayor Dennis asked if this was an acceptable low quote. Mr. Buck said that Pavement Solutions' quote was under the engineer's estimate. Mayor Dennis asked about the process of sealing cracks. Mr. Buck responded that they use a

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fiber mixture after the cracks have been cleaned out with air. Cracks wider than $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch to $\frac{5}{8}$ of an inch are injected with the mixture; the mixture cures quickly, so that sand is not needed, although this is temperature and humidity based and sand might be needed. This process extends the life of the pavement and prevents water from getting into the cracks and increasing their size through the winter freeze-thaw cycle.

The motion was approved.

E. Other Items

1. Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 18, at 11:00 a.m.
2. Police Lt. Troy Harris noted that Chief Dombkowski is in his last week of the Northwestern University school. Lt. Harris reported that they are beginning to use E85 fuel in part of their fleet, and that the findings will be reported to the Board.
3. Parks Superintendent Payne reported that Happy Hollow Park is still closed, due to crack sealing and seal coating of the road. They are hopeful to reopen on Wednesday.
4. Street Commissioner Downey alerted the Board to the mosquito situation. The Street Department has not sprayed or fogged in several years. They clean all the catchbasins on a daily basis, and do baiting of larvacide in the catchbasins, as each catchbasin has a sump under it, and it holds wet soil and organic material and sometimes water, potentially breeding places for mosquitoes. One Street Department employee is certified to spray; it takes two tests to be certified to spray. If mosquitoes are suspected in an area, the Health Department is called to have the area tested, so that chemicals are not spread needlessly. The program has been successful for several years, and Mr. Downey hopes that it will do well again.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Marley moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mayor Dennis adjourned the meeting.