

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

January 3, 2017

8:30 a.m.

Morton Community Center

Multi-Purpose Room

Members present were Brooke E. Folkers, Jason D. Huber, and Thomas J. Kent. Bradley L. Cohen was absent. Clerk Sana G. Booker presided.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. December 27, 2016, Meeting

Ms. Folkers moved to accept the minutes of the December 27, 2016, Board of Works meeting. Mr. Kent seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Oath of Office: Street Commissioner – Benjamin D. Anderson – Mayor

Mayor John Dennis stated that Mr. Benjamin D. Anderson has previously worked for the City for an extended period of time and will bring a noticeable revitalization to the Street Department. Mayor Dennis explained that Mr. Anderson will bring a sufficient amount of institutional knowledge, along with a lot of passion. Mayor Dennis administered the Oath of Office.

Street Commissioner Anderson expressed his appreciation and stated that he is looking forward to this new journey.

b. Agreement: 2017 Mental Health America of Tippecanoe County, Inc. – Clerk

Jennifer Flora, Director of Mental Health America (MHA) of Tippecanoe County, Inc., requested approval for continued funding, in the amount of \$8,000.00, for the 2017 agreement. She explained that the local office is 1 of 80 crisis centers in the country affiliated with American Association of Suicidology, the Alliance of Information and Referral Services, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network, and the Veteran's Hotline. The center has current accreditation and affiliation with all of them. Ms. Flora stated that over the last six months there has been an average of approximately 21 calls per week related to suicide, which have all ended successfully. She stated that there has been an estimated of 4,000 calls for 2016 that have come into the crisis center. Ms. Flora stated that over the next six months they will be working on expanding their services to include texting. Due to this being the preferred means of communication for adolescents, there is a great need for this expansion.

Mr. Kent moved that the 2017 Mental Health America Agreement be approved. Mr. Huber seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

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c. Claims  
None

d. Informational Items  
None

e. Other Items  
None

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Folkers moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Clerk Booker adjourned the meeting.