

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

October 3, 2017

8:30 a.m.

Morton Community Center
Multi-Purpose Room

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. September 26, 2017, Meeting

Ms. Folkers moved to accept the minutes of the September 26, 2017, Board of Works meeting. Mr. Huber seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Proclamation: Mental Health Awareness – Mayor

Nichole Ramirez, President of the Board of Directors for NAMI, explained that one in five adults is diagnosed with a mental illness per year, which is 20% of the population. Mental illness is something that permeates our society. Ms. Ramirez stated that Mental Illness Awareness Week will help raise awareness in the community.

Mayor John Dennis read the proclamation aloud:

Mayoral Proclamation for Mental Illness Awareness Week 2017

WHEREAS, mental health is part of overall health; and

WHEREAS, one in five adults experiences a mental health problem in any given year; and

WHEREAS, approximately one-half of chronic mental illness begins by the age of 14 and three-quarters by age 24; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and the 2nd leading cause among young adults, and 90% of people who die by suicide have an underlying mental illness; and

WHEREAS, long delays—sometimes decades—often occur between the time symptoms first appear and when individuals get help; and

WHEREAS, early identification and treatment can make a difference in successful management of mental illness and recovery; and

WHEREAS, it is important to maintain mental health and learn the symptoms of mental illness in order to get help when it is needed; and

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WHEREAS, every citizen and community can make a difference in helping end the silence and stigma that for too long has surrounded mental illness and discouraged people from getting help; and

WHEREAS, public education and civic activities can encourage mental health and help improve the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I John Dennis, Mayor of the City of West Lafayette, do hereby proclaim October 1st through October 7th, 2017 as Mental Illness Awareness Week in West Lafayette, to shine a light on mental illness and fight stigma, provide support, educate the public and advocate for equal care.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all citizens, businesses, schools and community organizations are encouraged to take #StigmaFree pledge at www.nami.org/stigmfree in observance of Mental Illness Awareness Week.

b. Declare Items Surplus: Henderson Dump Bed and Cummins Engine – Street
Street Commissioner Ben Anderson requested approval to declare a Henderson Dump Bed and Cummins Engine as surplus. Mr. Anderson provided before and after pictures to the Board. He explained that the Department replaced the Henderson Dump Bed with a stainless steel bed. The Cummins Engine was from a 1996 Ford Street Sweeper, which was converted into a one-man leaf machine, and the engine is no longer of use.

Mr. Cohen moved that the items declared as surplus be approved. Ms. Folkers seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

c. Claims

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| i. AP Docket | \$247,813.76 |
| ii. AP Docket | \$239,253.42 |
| iii. PR Docket | \$616,538.39 |

Mr. Huber moved that the claims be approved. Mr. Cohen seconded the motion.

There were no questions or comments about the claims.

The motion was adopted.

d. Informational Items

i. Legal Budget & Expenses – Controller

There were no questions or comments about the listing.

ii. Park Board Dockets

There were no questions or comments about the listing.

e. Other Items

► Parks Superintendent Jan Fawley stated that there is a lot of construction work happening within the parks. She stated that this work includes new drinking fountains and pads being installed, tearing apart Paula Woods Park to install new equipment, and sealing the trails in the future.

► Street Commissioner Anderson reminded everyone the Department will begin their regularly scheduled leaf pickup program next week.

► Police Chief Jason Dombkowski stated that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The West Lafayette Police Officers will be supporting the cause by wearing pink shirts throughout the month.

► Project Engineer Dan Auckley reported on various projects. The roundabout for the State Street Project has been completed. They are installing the sidewalk on the south side just east of Speedway, and the bike path has been installed from River Road to Roebuck Drive. They are also continuing with a significant amount of infrastructure work throughout the project. The projected completion date for the project is November 30, 2017. The Community Crossing Project will be finishing the concrete work in the Wabash Shores area by the beginning of next week, weather dependent. They will begin milling the various streets in the area, and paving is scheduled for October 16, 2017. He stated that they will begin installing the lighting on posts and the underground work for the Happy Hollow Trail Lighting Project on the south side within the next couple of weeks. The projected completion time frame is mid-November.

► Bryce Patz, Neighborhood Vitality (Department of Development), informed the Board of the 1st annual Hidden Gem Homes Tour will be October 14, 2017, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be nine homes in the New Chauncey area that will show off different styles of architecture. He stated that the EMT Food Truck will be at Lincoln Park, and the new playground equipment will be displayed off of Vine Street. There will also be wine tasting samples provided by Whyte Horse Winery at New Chauncey Housing, Inc. located on Littleton Street.

► Street Commissioner Anderson noted that the Board previously approved to hire Jeremy Stinson for the Street Department, effective Monday, September 25, 2017. However, Mr. Stinson did not start until Tuesday, September 26, 2017. A corrected memo has been given to the Clerk's Office to keep on file.

► Clerk Booker ended the meeting with a quote. "Have more than you show, speak less than you know." – William Shakespeare, *King Lear*

3. ADJOURNMENT

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