

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
January 4, 2023**

Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag: Mr. Snedecor called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held with the building open to the public and a call-in number for remote public participation.

Roll Call: The following members were present: Mr. Lain, Mrs. Longer, and Mr. Snedecor. Also present: City Attorney McCarthy.

Reading of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of December 21, 2022 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Correspondence: Report of 2022 End of Year Transfers and 2022 Encumbrances into 2023: The Mayor thank Mrs. Longer and her staff for the time and dedication it takes to prepare the reports and Mrs. Longer stated the reports are now part of the record.

Approval of Register of Claims and Payroll Claims: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Snedecor, to accept and sign the register of claims and payroll claims as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to approve the agenda as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Unfinished Business:

Update on Compliance of Property Violations: Safe Haven, 7931 Iowa St.: Moved to the end of the agenda.

Continued: Update/Review/ Unsafe Building: Ronald & Dorothy Wilson re: 234 N. Ohio St.: Building Official Karen Hansen stated that no permit has been obtained but the contractor did take the test on December 27, 2022 and obtained his license. John Hughes, the son-in-law of the property owner stated that they have a contract with Crossroads Foundation Repair, and they plan to apply for a building permit as the work is scheduled to be done. Ms. Hansen recommends continuing this for update/review at the February 15, 2023 meeting. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to continue this matter for update/review at the February 15, 2023 meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Continued: Discussion of Take Home Cars: FOP President: Steve Aponte was present as was Chief Ciszewski. Mr. Snedecor stated that a series of dates were given that were available for a work session from 2-4pm. The dates of January 12th and 17th were scheduled to hold a work session for this matter. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain to set a work session on January 12, 2023 from 2-4 pm and if needed, for January 17, 2023 from 2-4 pm. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

New Business:

Public Hearing / Unsafe Building: Gula LLC/Miladin Radovich re: 1317 S. Lake Park Ave.: Property owner Zbigneiw Gula who resides at 6830 Van Buren Pl. in Merrillville. He purchased the property from Mr. Radovich 2 months ago. Mr. Gula presented the deed showing the property owners have been changed from

Mr. Radovich to Gula LLC. Mr. Gula has provided a report from a structural engineer, and it shows that the house is salvageable, and he plans to do a complete renovation. The public hearing was opened and closed without comment. Building Official Karen Hansen stated that it is recommended to allow the homeowner to have a licensed contractor obtain the building permit to start the work on the home for the items that were listed in the original order. Karen stated that the property must be structurally sound including the roof, soffits, etc. on the exterior and to show significant progress by April 5, 2023. Mr. Lain questioned if the tree in the front would be removed, and Karen stated that it is recommended that the tree is removed as soon as possible. Mr. Gula stated that he has no issues removing the tree as soon as possible and agrees to the timeframe given to show 50% progress. Mr. Gula also stated that the structural engineer wants to be part of the entire process of the remodel to make sure the house is structurally sound. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to continue this item for review and with no less than 50% compliance at the April 5, 2023 meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Consideration of Supplemental Agreement No. 3: Colorado & US 30 Intersection Improvements: City Engineer Phil Gralik stated that INDOT required some changes and all revisions have been done and reviewed by the City Attorney. The agreement is a \$7,928.00 increase to the original total. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to approve the Supplemental Agreement No. 3 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Acceptance of Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Statements: For Brian Snedecor: motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to accept the Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Statements. All aye, motion carried. (2-0) Brian abstained. For Deborah Longer: motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain to accept the Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Statements. All aye, motion carried. (2-0) Deborah abstained.

Unfinished Business:

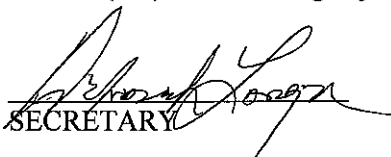
Update on Compliance of Property Violations: Safe Haven, 7931 Iowa St.: No one was present for this matter. City Engineer Phil Gralik has not received any updates and the stabilization has not been done. Phil also stated that the road was not complete, but a bond could be obtained to get that finished. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to continue this to the January 18, 2023 meeting with an order to appear and for City Engineer Phil Gralik to come up with a bond amount and have a bond required. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

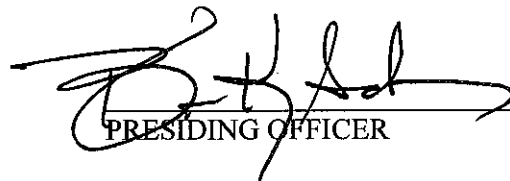
Announcements: Mrs. Longer mentioned that Marco Tamayo has paid his fines in full as well as the lien that was on his property.

Mr. Lain also thanked Kelly Smith and her team at Public Works for the wonderful job they did during the snowstorm that we had right before the holidays.

Mr. Snedecor asked if there was anyone who wished to address the Board and there was no response.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) The meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.


SECRETARY


PRESIDING OFFICER