

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
January 6, 2021**

Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag: Mr. Snedecor called the meeting to order at 3:30 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 and 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 16, 2020 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Correspondence: Mrs. Longer distributed the Report of end of year Transfers from 2020, noting that the City did not encumber any appropriation balances from 2020 due to financial constraints and this report is being presented in response to Board of Works Resolution 2020-07, authorizing encumbrances.

Mr. Lain questioned the Wisconsin Street bridge closures beginning today. Phil Gralik, City Engineer, stated NIPSCO is replacing poles on Jan. 6, 7, and 8th this week but the road will be open at the end of each day and close again at the beginning of the next day while the work is being done. He stated he will keep the Board updated on the progress but he does not believe this involves a relocation of poles for the bridge project, only a replacement of the current poles.

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: Mr. Snedecor asked the Board to consider the addition of consideration of additional signage on 69th Ave. north of the railroad tracks as requested by Councilman Kopil. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the agenda with the addition as stated. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Update: Unsafe Building: Tom Gielezyn, Master Guys, re: 512 E. 4th, & 347/349 Main St.: Building Official Jeremy Ogden updated the Board, stating the clean-up in front of the property is taking place and a new security door has been installed at the rear of the building. He also noted that windows have been ordered and should be installed soon and he will keep the Board updated as to progress being made at the site. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to set this item over for an update at the February 3, 2021 meeting of the Board. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Request to Pave Easement: Joseph Derringer, re: 521 N. Kelly Street: Building Official Jeremy Ogden stated the contractor had paved the easement without obtaining prior approvals but it does meet the City standards. Mr. Lain mentioned that this is actually a repaving of a previously paved area. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to approve the request to pave the easement contingent on a Maintenance Agreement to Install and Maintain Improvements to the Parkway agreement had been signed and recorded as required. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Consideration of Policy Amendment: HPD General Order 16: Police Chief Zormier presented the policy amendment stating it is in keeping with the required policy upgrades from the U.S. Department of Justice for any department applying for federal grant assistance in the future. He noted the wording of the policy changes the current General Orders very little but realigns and clarifies some areas of the current policy. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve and accept the updated HPD General Order 16 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Consideration of Policy Amendment: HPD General Order 1: Chief Zormier also presented a proposed change to amend the hard rank structure to include Lieutenant. Currently only Corporal and Sergeant are classified as hard rank and adding the Lieutenant position would allow for each turn to be staffed with a Lieutenant, a Sergeant and a Corporal with 7 or 8 patrol officers. Investigations would also have a Lieutenant, Sergeant, Corporal and Detectives on assignment. Mr. Lain questions whether the Police Department's annual budget would need to be modified and Chief Zormier replied that the current budget would be sufficient to handle this proposed change at this time. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to approve and accept the updated HPD General Order 1 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Review & Acceptance of Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Statements: Mr. Snedecor stated these are annual reports filed by the Clerk-Treasurer and himself as required. Mrs. Longer stated that once accepted, these will be filed with the State Board of Accounts and the Clerk of the Court.

Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to accept the Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Statement filed by Mayor Snedecor as presented. Mr. Snedecor stated he will abstain from discussion and voting. All aye, motion carried. (2-0 / 1 Abstain: Mr. Snedecor)

Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Snedecor, to accept the Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Statement filed by Clerk-Treasurer Longer as presented. Mrs. Longer stated she will abstain from discussion and voting. All aye, motion carried. (2-0 / 1 Abstain: Mrs. Longer)

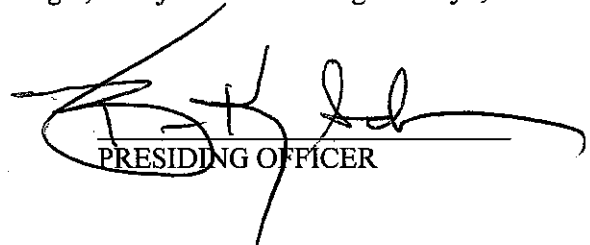
Consideration of additional signage on 69th Avenue north of RR tracks: 1st District Councilman Mark Kopil requested in the area approximately 150' north of the tracks on 69th Ave. east of Colorado as the road is very rough and bumpy. Public Works Supt. Tom Laco stated he will review the area and place appropriate signage as needed to inform drivers of the conditions of the road.

Announcements:

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

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) The meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.


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PRESIDING OFFICER