

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
February 4, 2026**

Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag: Mayor Huddlestun 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: Ms. Galka, Mrs. Longer, and Mr. Huddlestun. Also present: City Attorney McCarthy.

Reading of Minutes: Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Huddlestun, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of January 21, 2025 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Correspondence: Mr. Huddlestun asked if there could be signage put up to specify Liberty St. and Liberty Pl. as there has been some confusion when deliveries are being made and an emergency call went to the incorrect address. The Building Department stated that they have received complaints regarding this issue as well. Police Chief Ciszewski stated that they haven't had any issues and it is more than likely an input error and not specifying whether it is St. or Pl.

Approval of Register of Claims and Payroll Claims: Motion by Ms. Galka, seconded by Mr. Huddlestun, 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. Huddlestun, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to approve the agenda as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Tabled: Request for 15 Minute Parking Sign: 405 Main St.: Motion by Mr. Huddlestun, seconded by Mrs. Longer to remove this item from the table. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) Police Chief Ciszewski stated that he left a message for the petitioner to get more information but hasn't heard back. Motion by Mr. Huddlestun, seconded by Ms. Galka to **deny** the request for 15-minute parking sign at 405 Main St. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) This request is **denied**.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2026-01: A Resolution to Approve and Authorize the Execution of an Amended Development Agreement between the City of Hobart and Clay Street Devco, LLC: The Resolution was read. Attorney Richard Anderson was present for this matter. Director of Development Marcos Rodriquez stated that the timeline change was the only major change. He also stated that a parcel number was incorrect and that was corrected. Motion by Mr. Huddlestun, seconded by Ms. Galka to approve Resolution 2026-01 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Acceptance of Deed of Dedication for Right-of-Way: Zoning Administrator Connor Miller stated that the petitioners want to improve the vacant land with a house, and deeding over the right-of-way is standard practice as the property extends to the middle of the road. Motion by Ms. Galka, seconded by Mrs. Longer to accept the dedication of right-of-way as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Consideration of Contract Renewal: SiteMed: HFD Physicals: Fire Chief Lopez stated that this is the same company the Fire Department used last year and everything went well. He stated that the cost is a little more than last year as they have more firefighters now. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Ms. Galka to approve the contract renewal with SiteMed as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Consideration of Contract Renewal: Indiana Landmarks: Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Ms. Galka to table this item. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Consideration of Amendment to Construction Inspection Contract: American Structurepoint: Wisconsin St.: City Engineer Alex Metz stated that this is part of the Wisconsin St. CCMG project and Lillian Street was included in this CCMG program to get paved. Alex stated that if this street is not paved, CCMG will take their money back. Alex stated that there was a sinkhole that needed fixed prior to paving. For the engineering firm to continue their services, their contract needs amended to reflect the \$10,000.00 increase. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Ms. Galka to approve the amendment to the construction inspection contract with American Structurepoint as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

UNSAFE BUILDING AUTHORITY BUSINESS:

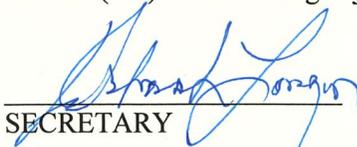
Update: Unsafe Building Order re: 6895-6897 Colorado St.: No one was present for this matter. Building Department Office Manager Karen Hansen stated the board up fees have not been paid. Karen also stated that the utilities are not turned on. Karen stated that the board up fees will need to be paid before the owner can remove the boards. Building Commissioner Felix Perry stated he was at the property today and took photos and he stated that nothing has been changed. The property is not inhabited. Felix advised he has had no communication with the owner. Motion by Mr. Huddlestun, seconded by Mrs. Longer to continue this matter to the February 18, 2026 meeting with the Building Commissioner to contact the owner for an update and more information. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Update: Unsafe Building Order re: 312 N. Cavender St.: Building Commissioner Felix Perry stated that the garage was unsafe and the homeowner was in ordinance court for violations and since then, the home has been foreclosed on and vacated the property. The property has been purchased by an investor and has pulled permits for repairing the house and the garage. Motion by Mr. Huddlestun, seconded by Ms. Galka and Mrs. Longer to continue this matter for an update at the March 4, 2026 meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Announcements: Mr. Huddlestun announced that the City received their first distribution of \$47 million dollars.

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

Adjournment: Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Ms. Galka, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) The meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.


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PRESIDING OFFICER