

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA  
May 3, 2023**

**Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag:** Mr. Snedecor called the meeting to order at 3:33 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 April 19, 2023 and the minutes of the special meeting of April 26, 2023 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Correspondence:** There was no correspondence.

**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 that Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Chicago Dash bus service be added. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the agenda as amended. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Unfinished Business:**

**Continued: Update/Review: Unsafe Building: re: 4035 Missouri St.:** No one was present for this matter. Building Official Karen Hansen stated that an electrical permit was obtained on April 24, 2023 but no inspections have been done. She stated that very little progress has been made. There is still debris in the yard as well as the chicken coop. Karen stated that she would recommend imposing a fine and to continue this matter to the next meeting on May 17, 2023. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to impose a \$500.00 fine and order the owner to appear at the May 17, 2023 meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) Mr. Yoldash arrived at 3:40 pm and stated that he is the property manager and his mother is the owner. He stated that the debris will be removed, and the electrical work should be done by Friday. Mr. Yoldash stated that he recently had surgery and was just in a car accident which slowed down any progress. Mr. Snedecor advised him that the Board had imposed another \$500.00 fine and an order to appear at the next meeting on May 17, 2023. Mr. Yoldash was informed that once the property comes into compliance, the Board may reconsider the fines. The motion stands as stated.

**Update on Compliance of Property Violations: Safe Haven, 7931 Iowa St.:** No one was present for this matter. MS4 Coordinator Tim Kingsland stated that some progress was being made, but the ground has been very wet from the rain and recommends this be continued for completion to the May 17, 2023 meeting. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to continue this matter for completion by the May 17, 2023 meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Continued: Update Status: Unsafe Building: re: 332 Main St.:** Attorney Jasaitis and Matt Doran were present in person. Attorney Jasaitis stated that work by Stash Construction has been complete, and the fence will be staying up around the perimeter. Matt stated that there are no tenants in the building, and they will be securing any outside areas that are open. Matt also stated that he is working with Torrenza to finish the survey. Building Official Karen Hansen stated that she was very happy with the progress and mentioned the fire department stated the building was now compliant. Karen also stated that the gutters have been rerouted and will no longer

drain onto the neighboring properties. She mentioned that a door at the rear of the building will need to be boarded up and secure. Attorney Jasaitis stated that would be done with no issues. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain to acknowledge that the compliance is complete, and this matter can be closed. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Continued: Approval for Temporary Food Trailer: re: 200 Main St.: Tavern on the Lake:** No one was present for this matter. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to continue this matter to the May 17, 2023 meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**New Business:**

**Request for Stop Signs: 9<sup>th</sup> & Garfield and Hickory St. entering Eagle Creek:** Police Chief Ciszewski stated that a traffic study was done last year at Hickory St. There have been no accidents, but there is not a traffic control device at Hickory & Hickory which is a T intersection. Chief Ciszewski recommends placing a stop sign eastbound Hickory at Hickory into Deep River. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve the placement of a stop sign eastbound Hickory at Hickory into Deep River. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) Chief Ciszewski stated that there is an issue of speed on 9<sup>th</sup> & Garfield, but it is mostly in the morning when school is starting and, in the afternoon, when school lets out. Mr. Snedecor asked if maybe placing some temporary speed bumps would help. Chief Ciszewski stated that he will increase enforcement in the area.

**Memorandum of Understanding: re: Chicago Dash bus service:** Attorney McCarthy stated that this document was acceptable with one exception in paragraph 5 regarding property damage. She stated that paragraph 5 should read "Hobart will be responsible to coordinate with Jubilee to ensure the Parking Area is free and clear of snow before and during morning and evening pick-up/drop-off times. Jubilee or the City of Hobart will not be held responsible for loss or damage to vehicles while on the property." Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve this memorandum of understanding with the added verbiage. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Announcements** Mr. Snedecor mentioned that there was a request for a "No Jake Brakes" sign on Mississippi St. He stated that both Attorney McCarthy and City Engineer Phil Gralik verified that this signage is not in the current Uniform Traffic Code. Phil stated that no signage is needed. Police Chief Ciszewski also stated there is no City ordinance to prohibit jake brakes.

Councilman Kopil asked what the status is for the truck traffic on Colorado St. south of 69<sup>th</sup> Ave. He stated that previously there was "No Truck Traffic" sign there and if it can get put back up. City Engineer Phil Gralik stated that Colorado St. is a minor arterial, the same as 73<sup>rd</sup>, Liverpool, Old Ridge Road, and Wisconsin. Mr. Snedecor asked if a sign that read "Local Truck Traffic Only" could be placed. Mr. Kopil stated that the concern is that the trucks are going to use Colorado St. to get to US 30. Councilman Dave Vinzant stated there is very minimal truck traffic from 69<sup>th</sup> to US 30. Joe Conn stated that the Corey family was not able to be present for this meeting, but they are concerned about the vibrations and the noise the trucks are causing. Mr. Conn stated that the Corey's just want the sign back up that was taken down. Councilman Huddleston stated that if truck traffic was designated to use Mississippi St. that the traffic would be extremely backed up from US 30 more than likely past 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Phil Gralik stated that the Local Truck Traffic Only sign is not in the Uniform Traffic Code. He also stated that there are two places in the pavement and one MCD manhole that is an issue near the Corey's. The pavement will be repaired within the month and Phil has reached out to MCD to raise the manhole. Public Works Superintendent Kelly Smith stated that Patricia Corey made a Board of Works request which was denied, and she made a second request which was also denied, and a letter was sent from the City Attorney stating that information and reason for denial. Kelly stated that the street was reconstructed to accommodate the truck traffic. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to continue this to the June 21, 2023 meeting of the Board so Phil can report any updates after the repairs are made. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

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 4:50 p.m.

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SECRETARY

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PRESIDING OFFICER