

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
March 4, 2020**

Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag: Mr. Lain called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: The following members were present: Mr. Lain and Mrs. Longer. Also present: City Attorney McCarthy and Admin. Asst. C. Govert. Absent: Mr. Snedecor.

Reading of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 19, 2020 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Approval of Register of Claims and Payroll Claims: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to accept and sign the register of claims and payroll claims as presented. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Approval of Agenda: Mrs. Longer asked to amend the driveway waiver at 1370 S. County Line Rd. to include the sidewalk waiver. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the agenda with the addition. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Update: Unsafe Building: US Bank National Association, re: 1317 S. Lake Park Ave.: Attorney Ian Flora from US Bank was present and noted that there is no immediate public danger at the property and the fence is secure. There is a dead tree on the property outside of the fence that may need to come down. As far as the bankruptcy is concerned, we will have to wait as it progresses. Attorney McCarthy had nothing to report at this time but noted that any liens would not be dischargeable, but fines would be. Mr. Hannigan said that the dead tree could be an issue but finds no problem with the fencing. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to continue this matter to the June 3, 2020 meeting of the Board of Works and have the Building Official make regular checks at the property. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Update: Order to Appear: Order to Comply: Property Maintenance: Velasquez Mufflers, re: 8500 E. Ridge Rd.: Mr. Chris Vargas, Manager for Velasquez Mufflers, was present and said the building is now in compliance. Mr. Lain said there is the matter of a \$250 fine imposed at the November 6th meeting and Mr. Vargas said they will pay the fine. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to accept full compliance once the fine is paid and have Velasquez Mufflers pay the \$250 fine no later than April 6, 2020; once the fine has been paid this matter will be closed. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for Driveway and Sidewalk Waiver: re: 1370 S. County Line Rd.: Randy Goldschmidt: Mr. Goldschmidt was present and said that currently there are no sidewalks on County Line Rd., and he will concrete or asphalt the first 50' of the driveway. Mr. Hannigan recommends approval of both waivers. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to grant the sidewalk waiver for one year or until such time as the City determines the sidewalk must be installed at the owner's expense. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to approve the driveway waiver with the owner agreeing to pave the first 50' from the street of the driveway at the owner's expense. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Review: Property Maintenance & Other Violations: Marco A. Tamayo, re: 7197 Mississippi St.: Mr. Tamayo was present with Ms. Ferba translating. Lt. Russo noted that ordinance violations are reoccurring at the property such as selling vehicles including 2 jeeps which are not registered to Mr. Tamayo and running a salvage yard in a R-2 Zone. All of these violations returned after Lt. Russo closed his case. He also recommends that a cease and desist order be filed so that criminal charges can be brought against Mr. Tamayo for future violations. Mr. Lain told Mr. Tamayo that he must cease and desist the selling and repair of vehicles at the property. Mr. Tamayo presented 2 titles for the cars and a signed contract from Garcia Consulting Engineers for surveying services. Mr. Pietrzak and Mr. Gralik reviewed the document from Garcia Consulting and noted it addresses everything that has been done to date and does not include any future projects. Mr. Gralik noted that the driveway grading must be addressed within the next 2 weeks by removing the fill or placing a pipe for drainage, this work must be approved by the City Engineer. If the property is not fully brought into compliance, Attorney McCarthy will petition the Lake Superior Court for an emergency preliminary injunction and Mr. Tamayo should stop all work at the property. Mr. Lain suggested imposing a \$1,000 fine. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to impose a \$1,000 fine, Mr. Tamayo must cease working on and selling vehicles; and must fix the drainage issue with the driveway by grading the added fill or installing a pipe, this work must be approved by the City Engineer, and if not in compliance the City Attorney will file a Preliminary Injunction with the Lake County Superior Court. Mr. Tamayo is ordered to return to the March 18, 2020 meeting of the Board of Works for review and compliance. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of Partial Release and Satisfaction of Amended Performance Mortgage: B3 Properties, LLC, Mortgagor re: Safe Haven Veteran's Housing Project: Attorney McCarthy indicated all is in order with this release. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to approve the Partial Release and Satisfaction of Amended Performance Mortgage between B-3 Properties and Safe Haven Veteran's Housing Project as presented. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Announcements: Mr. Silich, 3800 Roche St. addressed the Board requesting an access/egress study be done by HPD on the west side at Roche St. Mr. Lain said he would turn this matter over to the Police Department. He also asked if someone could check an exposed cable at the entrance to Hillman Heights. Mr. Silich also addressed issues that he brought up at the previous meeting and requested an update.

David Kruger, 7191 Mississippi Street, addressed the Board about the flooding on his property caused by Mr. Tamayo. Mr. Lain advised him that the Board and Staff are working to resolve the situation.

Mrs. Kirby, 7201 Mississippi Street, welcomed the new City Attorney and thanked the Board for their continued attention in this matter. Mrs. Kirby turned in a letter and pictures regarding activities at 7197 Mississippi Street.

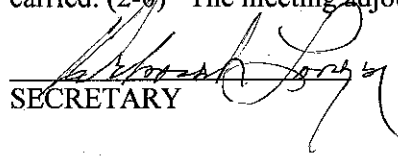
Ms. Boruff, 229 N. Ohio Street, asked the Board when she would be able to move into the house. Mr. Lain advised her to meet with the Building Official and they can do a walk through to determine possible occupancy.

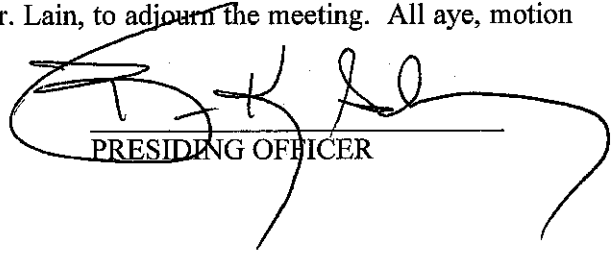
Fire Chief Smith informed the Board that the Safety Committee has met with representatives from St.

Mary Medical Center to discuss Coronavirus precautions. Sanitizing Kits have been dropped off at all public locations which include hand sanitizer, gloves, masks and hard surface cleaning solution. He also reminded residents to wash their hands frequently, cover a cough with their arm and avoiding contact with those that are ill.

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

Adjournment: Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (2-0) The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.


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