

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
May 6, 2020**

Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag: Mr. Snedecor called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held via Dial-in Conference call with the public issued a dial-in number to allow listening and participation capabilities if recognized by the Board.

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

Attorney McCarthy read a brief statement as follows:

Due to the directives of the federal and state government to address the spread of COVID 19, this meeting of the Hobart Board of Public Works will be held in real time by conference call as City Hall remains closed to the public for safety reasons. The agenda for today's meeting was properly posted, on the City of Hobart's website and outside City Hall, additionally it was sent via facsimile to the press on April 30. This meeting is limited to only those agenda items necessary to maintain the essential operations of the City during the current state of emergency. No additional agenda items will be discussed today. I want to thank the members of the public and press that have called in today to listen. The meeting is being recorded and it is important that its preservation is audible. I want to remind everyone listening that this is not a public hearing and I ask that the public and press take a moment now to mute their phones in order to limit outside noise and ensure the BOW members can clearly communicate with one another. In addition to the public and press on the phone line, the BOW members are present either telephonically or in person. For the BOW members, voting today will be done by roll call so that each vote can be properly documented. I would ask that each BOW member refrain from talking over other members and unless a member is speaking, that they also mute their microphones or telephones to reduce noise. If you are providing input regarding an agenda item, please wait until a member of the BOW requests your response at which time you may unmute your phone. Thank you in advance for following these instructions.

Reading of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 18, 2020 and the Special Meeting of March 27, 2020 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Correspondence: Mayor Snedecor thanked the community, city employees, healthcare workers and first responders for working so hard and coming together to care for each other during the Covid-19 Crisis.

Approval of Register of Claims and Payroll Claims: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Snedecor, to accept and sign the payroll claims, pre-paid claims as authorized by Board of Works Resolution 2020-04 and current claims as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Snedecor noted that Resolution 2020-02 and Resolution 2020-03 regarding the execution of Development Agreements with Becknell Investors and AMI Tenant, LLC have been withdrawn by the petitioners. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to approve the agenda as amended. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Review: Unsafe Building Code Issues: Michael Torres Sr., re: 3789 Brown Street: Building Official Mr. Hannigan said that there has been no further contact with the owner and the certified letter was returned as undeliverable. Mr. Hannigan noted that this property has been forwarded to Lake County for demolition and we are waiting on funding through CDBG. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr.

Lain, to set this item over for an update at the July 1, 2020 meeting of the Board of Works. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Review: Unsafe Building Code Issues: Angela Smith, re: 208 S. Colorado: Mr. Hannigan said that he talked to Ms. Smith and due to weather and Covid-19 issues she has not been able to make much progress. It was noted that the property, although not in full compliance has been improved. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to set this matter over for review and full compliance at the July 1, 2020 meeting of the Board of Works. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Annual Review: Request for Outdoor Dining: Demetri Karatglidis, Café 339, re: 339 Main Street: Mr. Hannigan said that last year Mr. Karatglidis moved his fencing back to the ADA standard and redrilled holes to mark the location. If his outdoor dining is set up the same as last year, he recommends approval. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Snedecor, to approve outdoor dining at Café 339 until October 31, 2020 contingent upon no changes from last year. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Review: Request to Place "Shout Green Yohan" on City Sidewalk: Jayson Mejia, re: Shout Green, re: 214 Main Street: Mr. Hannigan said he met with Mr. Mejia and his business is set back and he sees no problem with the placement. Mrs. Longer asked how it would be secured. Mr. Hannigan said that he told Mr. Mejia that he could not secure the Yohan to the building. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain and Mrs. Longer, to approve the request to place the Yohan on City sidewalk. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Review: Request to Pave City Easement: Daniel Guerra, re: 54 N. Michigan Ave.: Mr. Guerra was not present. Councilman Waldrop said he went to the property and feels that if the drainage issues are addressed, he sees no problem with paving this area. Mr. Lain asked if the two trees will be removed. Mr. Hannigan said the owner is not removing the trees. He noted that there is 8' 9" between the trees which is enough room to park a car. Mr. Lain also noted that Mr. Kingsland, Storm Water District Coordinator had recommended at the previous meeting that a French drain or pervious concrete be installed for drainage. City Engineer, Phil Gralik, recommended that a site plan be approved before installation. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to approve the request subject to drainage issues being addressed and site plan approval by the City Engineer. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Review: Encroachment into City Right of Way: re: Montego Bay Grille, 322 Main Street: The owner was not present. Discussion was held about the length of time a temporary structure can remain. Temporary structures should only remain in place for up to 6 months. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to set this matter over for review at the June 3, 2020 meeting of the Board of Works. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Ratification: Execution of Lease Agreement Extension with Attorney General's Office: re: 705 E. 4th Street: Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to ratify and approve the Lease Agreement Extension with the Attorney General's Office for 4 years as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Ratification: Approval of Long-Term Maintenance Agreement: Randy Hall, Cressmoor Estates Development: Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to ratify and approve the Long-Term Maintenance Agreement for Cressmoor Estates as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Site Plan Compliance Issues: Omar Alburei, Hobart Auto, re: 1165 W. 37th Ave.: Mr. Alburei was not present. Mr. Snedecor and Mr. Lain noted that it appears nothing has been done at the property to bring it into compliance. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Snedecor, to set this matter over for

recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Department at the May 20, 2020 Board of Works meeting or send this back to the Plan Commission. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Request for Sidewalk Waiver: John Kremke, Steiner Homes, re: 1301 Ash St.: Mr. Hannigan said at this time there are no connecting sidewalks and he recommends approval of the waiver. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to grant the sidewalk waiver until such time as the City determines the sidewalk must be installed at the owner's expense. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Request for Sidewalk Waiver: John Kremke, Steiner Homes, re: 229 N. Liberty: Mr. Hannigan said at this time there are no connecting sidewalks and he recommends approval of the waiver. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to grant the sidewalk waiver until such time as the City determines the sidewalk must be installed at the owner's expense. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Request for Sidewalk Waiver: Camille Schoop, Price Point Builders, re: 147 N. Rush St.: Mr. Hannigan said at this time there are no connecting sidewalks and he recommends approval of the waiver. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to grant the sidewalk waiver until such time as the City determines the sidewalk must be installed at the owner's expense. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Announcements: Mayor Snedecor said that the City will continue to inform the residents through the City Website, Hobart Hotline, and Robo Calls.

Compost bags will not be picked up curbside until further notice to keep our employees safe. Bags may be dropped off at the City yard with proper ID. Dump Permits are not required at this time and there are extended hours.

Early voting will take place at the Police Court Complex at 705 E. 4th Street the times are as follows:

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| Tuesday, May 26, 2020 | 8:00 am to 7:00 pm |
| Wednesday, May 27, 2020 | 8:00 am to 7:00 pm |
| Thursday, May 28, 2020 | 8:00 am to 7:00 pm |
| Friday, May 29, 2020 | 8:00 am to 7:00 pm |
| Saturday, May 30, 2020 | 8:00 am to 7:00 pm |
| Monday, June 1, 2020 | 8:00 am to NOON |

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 4:23 p.m.


SECRETARY


PRESIDING OFFICER