

**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
LOGANSPORT BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**

**Wednesday, February 13, 2019**

10:00 AM – City Council Chambers

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dave Kitchell called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge was recited in unison.

**ROLL CALL:** Stacy L Cox, Clerk Treasurer, called the roll.

**Present:** Mayor Kitchell, Mercedes Brugh, Carl McPherson.

**ATTORNEY PRESENT:** Yamir Gonzalez-Velez

**MEDIA PRESENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bernie Mittica, Ross Anderson, Rob Smith, John Quinones, Scott Peattie, Eric Servin, Tony Shanks, Bob Bernhardt, Deb Beattie

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the January 23, 2019 Regular Meeting

**Motion:** to approve the minutes as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Carl McPherson, **Seconded by** Mayor Kitchell. **Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 2, No = 0, Abstain = 1). **Yes:** Carl McPherson, Mayor Kitchell.

**Abstain:** Mercedes Brugh.

Minutes of the February 6, 2019 Regular Meeting

**Motion:** to approve the minutes as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Mercedes Brugh. Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** \$ 187,634.10 Including: Claims \$ 184,021.60  
Longevity @ Retire \$ 3,612.50  
(AJ Rozzi & D. Powlen)

**Motion:** to approve the claims as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Mercedes Brugh. Motion passed unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Board of Works Resolutions Mayor Kitchell
  - RESOLUTION 2019-201 – A Resolution recognizing the community contributions of Nolan “Skip” Kuker. Mayor Kitchell read the resolution aloud. The resolution should serve as an official request to the Logansport School Corporation to name the Adult Learning Center after Skip for being instrumental in securing this location for education purposes.  
**Motion:** to approve Resolution 2019-201, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson. Motion passed unanimously.
  
  - RESOLUTION 2019-202 – A Resolution addressing the installation of smoke detectors in the City of Logansport.  
Mayor Kitchell would like to present this resolution due to the amount of fire deaths in our community in recent months. Mayor Kitchell read the Resolution aloud.  
Mercedes Brugh had questions regarding the language. The Mayor clarified the criterion were placement and number of detectors. Yamir Gonzalez-Velez, City Attorney, asked the Board to table it until next week to tweak this resolution a bit to enable us the legal power to enforce. She would like to look into the state statutes and work with the Building Commissioner’s office.  
Bernie Mittica agreed that this is a good thing and we need to make sure we get it right with Yamir and Deb Beattie.  
Deb Beattie agreed that she would like to see some revisions as well.  
**Motion:** to take this Resolution under advisement, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson. Motion passed unanimously.
  
- Awarding Charitable Roadblocks 2019 Mayor Kitchell

Marla Evanich has put together the schedule of Charitable Roadblocks for 2019. The Mayor shared that we try not to award the same organizations each year. Logan’s Landing did not get awarded this year, but they did have one last year.  
**Motion:** to award the roadblocks for 2019 to the list attached, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Carl McPherson, **Seconded by** Mercedes Brugh. Motion passed unanimously.
  
- Contracts Ross Anderson
  - Merritt & Son Excavating – BEP Site Restoration  
Ross Anderson was present to speak to this contract. This contract is to bring former Blight Elimination lots up to the proper standards. This has been discussed in committee and was verbally approved by the council and should

be formally approved by Resolution at the next council meeting to come from the Rainy Day fund.

**Motion:** to approve the contract with Merritt & Son Excavating, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson.  
Motion passed unanimously.

- Street Department Tony Shanks
  - Melbourne Ave. Stormwater Project Eel River Avenue
    - Request for temporary two-way traffic on Eel River Avenue.  
Tony Shanks shared that this has been discussed with all the businesses in the area. Tony will ensure the proper signage is in place for this change in traffic flow.  
**Motion:** to approve the temporary two-way conversion of Melbourne Avenue during the stormwater project, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson. Motion passed unanimously.  
Stacy Cox asked for clarification on the ending point of this change. Yamir said that it was written so that it will be in place for the duration of the project so it won't be required to come back before the Board of Works to revert back to one way.
  - Monthly Report – January 2019  
The Mayor and Tony touched on some of the highlights. The department has been busy clearing catch basins and dealing with all the precipitation. In the month of January, the crew worked 25 consecutive days treating the roadways for the City.  
**Motion:** to approve the monthly report as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson.  
Motion passed unanimously.
- Fire Department Bernie Mittica
  - Monthly Report – January 2019  
Fire Chief, Bernie Mittica, was present to speak to the monthly highlights. There was brief discussion about the recent fire at Forrest Drive during the bitter cold. The weather and location posed several challenges, but all the departments handled it well. The mayor congratulated the department on the re-certification of their level 4 status.  
**Motion:** to approve the monthly report as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson.  
Motion passed unanimously.
- Code Enforcement Johnny Quinones
  - Standard Weekly Report

Johnny Quinones presented his weekly report. There was some discussion about the trash pick-up issues with the weather and challenges present in navigating the alleys in the hazardous conditions of late.

**Motion:** to approve the weekly report as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson.

Motion passed unanimously.

- Property Clean Ups - None

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** Mayor welcomed Carl back following his injury. The Mayor thanked the Clerk-Treasurer's office staff for coming in on the days we were closed to see that payroll was processed and all the tax forms were issued and deadlines were met.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANY MATTERS NOT ALREADY CONSIDERED INCLUDING ADA SECTION 504 COMPLIANCE OR CONCERN**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 am, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson. Motion passed unanimously.



Dave Kitchell, Mayor



Stacy L Cox, Clerk-Treasurer

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