

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

Wednesday, September 25, 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 Cox, Clerk-Treasurer

PRESENT: Mayor Kitchell, Mercedes Brugh, Carl McPherson.

ATTORNEY PRESENT: Yamir Gonzalez-Velez

MEDIA: None

OTHERS: Tony Shanks, Bob Bernhardt, Wayne Erwin, Johnny Quinones, Jan Fawley, Bernie Mittica.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the September 18, 2019 Meeting

Motion: to approve the minutes as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Carl McPherson, **Seconded by** Mercedes Brugh.

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:	\$132,439.38	Including:	Claims	\$47,161.63
			Trash Claims	\$85,277.75

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

Motion passed unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Reinstatement of Jamie Shaffer Bernie Mittica

Chief Mittica was present to ask the Board of Works and Safety to reinstate Jamie Shaffer back to active duty.

Stacy noted a correction that needs to be made to Chief Mittica's letter. It should state the pay period will begin September 28, not September 27.

Motion: to approve the reinstatement of Firefighter Jamie Shaffer with the change of date, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson.

Motion passed unanimously.

- Retirement of Steven E Williams

Bernie Mittica

Chief Mittica communicated Mr. Williams' many positions at the fire house. Steve's current position is a house captain and has previously served as a training captain, hazmat captain, house captain, assistant chief, and mechanic.

Motion: to approve the retirement of House Captain Steven E. Williams, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson.

Motion passed unanimously.

- Cemetery – August Monthly Report

Bob Bernhardt

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- Street Department

Tony Shanks

- Application for Curb Cut – NIPSCO

- 1845 Woodlawn Avenue
- 35 Frederick Street
- 618 15th Street

Motion: to approve the NIPSCO curb cut requests as submitted, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson.

Motion passed unanimously.

- Dumpster Request

- 1135 Pleasant Hill

Motion: to approve the dumpster request for 1135 Pleasant Hill, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson.

Motion passed unanimously.

Tony stated that Central Paving is tentatively set to start grinding on High Street on Friday, October 4. Tony stated they will probably work both Friday and Saturday, as well as take care of traffic control. Cass County Online, Pharos Tribune, and the radio will all be notified to make the public aware. Tony estimated all the grinding and hand work will take around a week. The paving will take another 3 to 4 days.

- Building Commissioner

Wayne Erwin

- Demolition Hearing

- 821 Wheatland Avenue – Sharon S. Rush

Wayne was present to speak about this property. He tried to contact Ms. Rush several times, including visiting current residence, sending a letter in the mail, and calling on the phone and leaving a voicemail, to no avail.

Wayne returned to the address listed to be demolished and the issue was unresolved.

Wayne stated he previously provided Ms. Rush with three companies that could demolish the structure for her, as well as, contact information for Habitat for Humanity. Mayor Kitchell stated

there was someone who wanted to purchase the property but Ms. Rush never responded to their attempts to reach her.

Motion: to demolish the property at 821 Wheatland Avenue and bill the owner, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson.

Motion passed unanimously.

- Condemnation Hearing
 - 1216-1218 North Street – Gary Hayden

Wayne stated he sent a letter to Mr. Hayden acknowledging today's condemnation hearing. He also placed a placard on the property and took several pictures in July. Wayne mentioned speaking with LMU regarding the electricity being in terrible condition, under the back porch, and afraid it would start a fire.

Wayne returned to take more pictures but the property now displays No Trespassing signs. The electricity is turned off to this property, however, the gas is not.

Motion: to condemn the property at 1216-1218 North Street, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson.

Motion passed unanimously.

- Code Enforcement

Johnny Quinones

- Weekly Report

Mayor Kitchell acknowledged the yard on the empty lot near the property at 1130 North Street, needs attention.

Motion: to approve the report as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Carl McPherson, **Seconded by** Mercedes Brugh.

Motion passed unanimously.

- Property Clean-up
 - 100 East Main Street – Brian Coe & Rena Morris

Initial date of inspection was on 8/22/19, a door hanger was left, an initial letter was sent and pictures were sent. A follow-up inspection was done on 9/6/19 with the violation being unresolved. More pictures were taken on 9/23/19. The certified letter was not signed for. The property is owner occupied and personal contact has been made with the owner.

Motion: to clean-up the property at 100 E. Main Street and bill the owner, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson.

Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

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

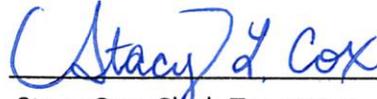
Jan Fawley approached the Board to acknowledge her appreciation to Tony Shanks and the Street Department for helping move the big boulder at Stonewall Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 am, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson.
Motion passed unanimously.



Dave Kitchell, Mayor



Stacy Cox, Clerk-Treasurer

Audio & Video recorded on 9-25-19