

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

**Wednesday, August 12, 2020**

9:00 AM – City Council Chambers

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Chris Martin called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Robin Rozzi, Chief Deputy

**PRESENT:** Mayor Martin, Lisa Terry and via phone Stacy Cox.

**ATTORNEY PRESENT:** Kelly Leeman.

**MEDIA:** None.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jan Fawley, Bob Bernhardt, John (Tony) Shanks, Rick Bair, Eric Smith, Johnny Quinones, Dahrol Perry, Wayne Erwin, Bridgett Williams, Josh Long.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the August 5, 2020 Meeting

**Motion:** to approve the Minutes from August 5, 2020, as presented **Action:** Approve,  
**Moved by** Mayor Martin, **Seconded by** Lisa Terry.

Motion passed unanimously.

<b>APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:</b>	\$291,042.70	Including:	Claims	\$51,336.21
			Payroll 8/6/2020	\$239,706.49

**Motion:** to approve the claims as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Martin,  
**Seconded by** Stacy Cox.

Motion passed unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

Bridgett Williams, 901 N CR 550 W, Peru, is the property manager of the ReVere homes and came to the meeting to discuss a few issues. Bridgett stated that she has been working with Johnny and the street department and they have been very helpful. Her visit today is more so to seek guidance. There is a lot next to the resident at 218 E. Miami Ave that was very overgrown. The address would probably be 220 E. Miami. The lot is mowed by the street department but has other overgrown vegetation that the street department doesn't have time to do. Bridgett asked Johnny if she could take care of the overgrown foliage. Her and two

others cleaned up the issue and it looks a lot nicer. Her resident is interested in buying the property and to her knowledge the owner of the property is non-existent. The resident has also asked to put cameras up at his house for safety reasons. Bridgett stated her desire is to help keep good residents in these homes that will help build up and improve the community. Other issues she stated includes some dead trees on State Street. Her and Tony have a plan of action to attack that. Bridgett acknowledged the ReVere home on Smead Street and inquired about the condemned house to the west of the ReVere home that has someone living in it. Wayne stated if a house is condemned nobody should be living in it. Wayne stated he would check it out. There is also a ReVere home on 14<sup>th</sup> Street has a vacant corner lot next to it that was overgrown. Neighbors were concerned that the ReVere home resident wasn't mowing their lot but turns out that it doesn't belong to the ReVere homes. Bridgett stated Johnny took care of the mowing at 702 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Bridgett communicated how wonderful it is, for a resident who is renting the ReVere home, to be motivated enough to inquire about purchasing the empty lot next to them. Lisa Terry reiterated Bridgett's reasoning for coming in today, and her desire to seek guidance on proper steps, as well as, next steps. Mayor Martin said that Johnny and Wayne would check into the addresses/lots mentioned today. Bridgett stated Johnny was at 220 E. Miami yesterday, while they were working, and acknowledged it looked a lot nicer. Bridgett stated that property has an ongoing issue, as well as, finding out who owns those three lots to eradicate the issue. Mayor Martin suggested Bridgett send him an email. This way he can communicate to the right people on getting the job taken care of. Lisa Terry asked if the lot owners were absent or unknown or all of the above. Johnny responded to Lisa Terry's inquiry.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Building Commissioner Wayne Erwin
  - Condemnation Hearing
    - 417 13<sup>th</sup> Street (Update)

Wayne came forward to present this update. Mr. Gerald Smith, 417 13<sup>th</sup> Street, came forward as well. Wayne read the letter submitted with Mr. Smith's plan of action. Mr. Smith's letter stated he is unable to secure funding at this time to repair the roof all at once. Mr. Smith asked to have until spring of 2021 to obtain materials to complete the job. He plans to store the material in the back part of his house. In the meantime, Mr. Smith plans to seal the house, from any elements, during the month of August 2020. Wayne stated he sees no problem with storing the materials in the back, he is concerned with getting the house sealed off from the winter elements. The house doesn't have gas and is all electric. Mr. Smith uses space heaters during the winter and Wayne is concerned for their safety. Mr. Smith stated they also use propane heaters and have always stayed warm. Wayne stated he is fine with granting Mr. Smith's request as long as he is going to stick to his word. Mayor Martin asked, in the plan of action, what the plan is for the month of August. Mr. Smith stated that he will seal off the house for the winter elements, board up and seal the windows. Wayne explained, to Mr. Smith, the

process of how it needs to be completed. Wayne plans to visit periodically to see how he is doing. Lisa Terry asked if the weeds would be a problem while storing the materials. Wayne and Mr. Smith assured Lisa Terry that the materials would be stored indoors. Lisa Terry reiterated how grateful they are that Mr. Smith came to represent his property. Mr. Smith stated he fights for time but is glad this is happening to help motivate him.

**Motion:** to move the condemnation hearing update to September 2, 2020, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Martin, **Seconded by** Lisa Terry.  
Motion passed unanimously.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Street Department Tony Shanks
  - Monthly Report – July 2020

Tony came forward to present the monthly report. Mayor Martin asked Tony about the Helm St. and Linden Ave. project. Tony stated he needed to talk with Kurt Brandstatter today to see when the project is going to start. Market Street is now back to two-way traffic while the work continues to be done. Only one tree was damaged by the recent storm that came through.

**Motion:** to approve the Street Department July 2020 monthly report as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Martin, **Seconded by** Lisa Terry.  
Motion passed unanimously.

- Street Closure Request
  - Logansport Shrine – Shrine Frolic, 8/22/2020, 12-12:30 p.m.

Tony stated he has no issues with this street closure request.

**Motion:** to approve the street closure request for the Logansport Shrine for the Shrine Frolic parade on 8/22/2020 from 12-12:30 p.m., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Martin, **Seconded by** Lisa Terry.  
Motion passed unanimously.

- Code Enforcement Johnny Quinones
  - Weekly Report

Johnny came forward to present the weekly report. The Mayor asked Johnny if there was anything specific to discuss on the report. Johnny stated there wasn't.

**Motion:** to approve the Code Enforcement weekly report, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Martin, **Seconded by** Lisa Terry.  
 Motion passed unanimously.

- Property Clean-up Update
  - Jerald W Smith or 417 13<sup>th</sup> Street

Mr. Smith was previously present but left after the condemnation hearing update. Johnny stated there has been some progress with the weeds, but they are still an issue. There is still a car in the back and trash/debris to be cleaned up. Johnny suggests moving forward on the property clean-up. Lisa Terry asked when Mr. Smith would be notified of this action. Johnny stated he would inform Mr. Smith after the meeting today that they are moving forward on the property clean-up. Johnny stated that Mr. Smith will have time, before they come, to clean up his own property. Lisa Terry was concerned if Mr. Smith understood the action being taken with both the property clean-up and the condemnation hearing. Mayor Martin asked Johnny to explain the difference between the two.

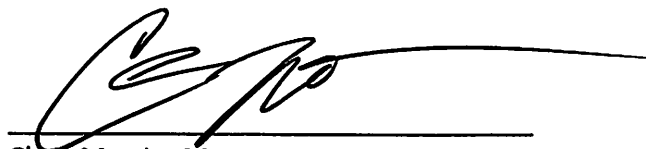
**Motion:** to approve the property clean-up for 417 13<sup>th</sup> Street, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Martin, **Seconded by** Lisa Terry.  
 Motion passed unanimously.

#### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 a.m., **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Chris Martin, **Seconded by** Lisa Terry.  
 Motion passed unanimously.

  
 Chris Martin, Mayor

  
 Robin Rozzi, Chief Deputy

Audio and video recorded on 8/12/2020