

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

LOGANSPORT BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

9:30 AM – City Council Chambers

- CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Chris Martin called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge was recited in unison.
- ROLL CALL:** Duane Ullom, Clerk-Treasurer.
- PRESENT:** Mayor Martin, Jacob Pomasl, Lisa Terry.
- ATTORNEY PRESENT:** Kelly Leeman.
- MEDIA:** Kristie Hileman.
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Rick Bair, Mike Woolington, Deb Woolington, John “Tony” Shanks, Wayne Erwin, Josh Stark, Dahrol Perry, Bob Bernhardt, Travis Yike, Jamey Harper, Johnny Quinones, Shawn Heishman, Janet Fawley, Adrian Sanchez, Mike Ott, Deon Coburn, Rusty Logan, Gary Chambers, Jacob Yeoman, Brayden Shedron, Brad Shively, Chad Dixon, BJ Cox, David Hayden, Brandon Armick, Jacob Clem, Arin Shaver, Marla Evanich.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the January 20, 2021 Meeting
- Motion:** to approve the Minutes from January 20, 2021, as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Lisa Terry, **Seconded by:** Jacob Pomasl.
Motion passed unanimously.
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| APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: | \$54,306.06 | Including: | Claims | \$40,786.06 |
| | | | FTO Pay | \$1,520.00 |
| | | | Police Pension Claim | \$12,000.00 |
- Motion:** to approve the claims as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Chris Martin, **Seconded by:** Jacob Pomasl.
Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Certificate of Appreciation Mayor Martin
 - Robert Bernhardt
 - Marla Evanich
 - John Rogers
 - John Shanks

Mayor Martin presented Bob Bernhardt and Marla Evanich a certificate of appreciation for 5 years of service, John Rogers a certificate of appreciation for 10 years of service, and Tony Shanks a certificate of appreciation for 35 years of service.

- Fire Department Rick Bair
 - Officer Retirement
 - Assistant Chief Mike Woolington, effective January 28, 2021

Chief Bair came forward, with Mike Woolington to present, requesting approval of Mr. Woolington's retirement. Mike has been employed with the City of Logansport Fire Department for over 33 years. He has held many positions from Training Captain to House Captain and currently Assistant Chief. Mike has always led by example and served with integrity, respect, responsibility, and servant leadership. Mike's retirement will go into effect on January 28, 2021. Chief Bair commended Mike for his guidance, leadership, and dedication and acknowledged he will be hard to replace. Mike thanked Chief Bair for giving him the opportunity to serve as Assistant Chief. He stated it is going to be hard to leave this job. Every day he looked forward to going to work. Mike acknowledged he was proud serving the public of Cass County and it means a lot to him. Mike stated it meant a lot to him when people thanked him for his service and he will never forget that. That is only part of the reason it is hard for him to walk away. He wished luck to all the guys he works with. Lastly, Mike thanked his wife for sacrificing her time without him. Mike acknowledged his wife is ready for his retirement.

Motion: to approve the Officer Retirement of Assistant Chief Mike Woolington, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Chris Martin, **Seconded by:** Jacob Pomasl.
Motion passed unanimously.

- Street Department Tony Shanks
 - Application for Curb/Street Cut
 - Logansport Municipal Utilities, 431 5th Street, sidewalk on the east side of Amelio's, directly in front of the entry door to the restaurant

Tony came forward and stated when LMU started the Melbourne Street project they removed the ADA ramps by Amelio's. They are going to place a ramp in front of the restaurant. The two on the corner will then be replaced once the project is complete.

Motion: to approve the application for curb cut, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Lisa Terry,
Seconded by: Jacob Pomasl.
 Motion passed unanimously.

- Building Commissioner
 - Condemnation Review
 - 111 West Ottawa Street

Wayne Erwin

Wayne came forward with property owner, Josh Stark. Wayne stated this property was condemned in 2018. He has worked with Josh and his parents for quite some time trying to restore this property. Wayne stated he was to the point of being tired of the excuses of nothing being done to the house. Mr. Stark provided a plan of action with dates and at the top of the list was to remove the siding and paint the wood around the house. Nothing has been done. Some siding is loose and Wayne is afraid the wind is going to blow it off resulting in someone getting hurt or property damage. Wayne explained to Mr. Stark prior to the meeting that he wants something done with the property and is tired of the excuses. There are neighbors that are complaining of the way the property looks, as well as, rodents that are coming to their properties. Wayne wanted Josh here to update his plan of action. He said the next step is a 45-day letter requesting demolition. Mr. Stark stated he has come to the realization that he does not have the time to work on the house. He put out an "in search of" ad to find help from someone to work on the house. He spoke with someone last night and that person will be working on the house today to get the siding removed. Mr. Stark is going to pay the person to help him with the entire house. Mr. Stark is hopeful to get the window on the front of the house done this weekend. Mayor Martin asked Wayne what needs to be done in the next week. Wayne stated the siding can be removed, and as indicated before by Mr. Stark, recycled for money to work on the rest of the house. Mayor Martin confirmed, Mr. Stark has one week to remove the siding and a 45-day notice will not be issued. However, if it is not done by next Wednesday's Board of Works meeting, a 45-day notice will be issued. Lisa Terry encouraged Mr. Stark to be more proactive instead of reactive. Mr. Stark explained he is the only person in his family working and with a vehicle. His mom is disabled and has therapy. His dad is off work and in therapy due to a problem with his knee. Josh stated he had COVID last month and was unable to do anything during that time. Mayor Martin questioned the dates on the previously submitted plan of action. Mr. Stark explained those were intention dates for work to be done in 2021. The Mayor asked Wayne if the windows upstairs were both boarded. Wayne confirmed and that was the only thing that was done, along with hole in the foundation filled with foam to close the holes. Wayne stated there are a few other places in the rock foundation that could be closed. Wayne also explained the failing foundation of another house he is working with and mentioned the care this foundation needs to avoid further issues. Lisa asked how many people are currently living in the house. Mr. Stark stated no one is living in the house. Wayne acknowledged he is checking the house on a daily basis to see what is getting done. Mayor Martin suggested Josh getting the siding done and then ask the person helping him, to help set new plan of action dates.

Motion: to table the condemnation review for 111 W. Ottawa Street for one week, until February 3, 2021, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Chris Martin, **Seconded by:** Lisa Terry. Motion passed unanimously.

- Code Enforcement
 - Weekly Report

Johnny Quinones

Johnny came forward. Mayor Martin read through the Code Enforcement report as presented. Johnny commented there was a delay yesterday with trash due to the weather. Everything should be picked up by Friday.

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

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Jacob expressed his condolences to the family and friends of the worker that lost their life while working on the Melbourne project.

Mayor Martin disclosed news about an app for the city to come in the upcoming weeks. This allows ease for department heads and citizens with the use of this app. This will allow citizens to communicate with departments and let us know what is going on within the city. Mayor Martin referenced a dog loose in the streets or a pot hole on a road, this app will create a ticket for the department head to know what is going on.

Lisa Terry mentioned hearing from Chief Yike. Chief Yike came forward and explained an animal control issue they have been dealing with for over a year now, more specifically farm animals, chickens. There was an issue with eight chickens running loose in a neighborhood. The issue is, after confiscating them, where do they put them. Chief Yike stated fines can occur within a 12-month period but feels it is open-ended if they have to confiscate animals. He questioned where do they put them. Chief Yike contacted the humane society to see if they can house chickens at the shelter and they cannot. He suggested revisiting the city ordinances that pertain to animals within the city. One that they deal with on a constant basis has to do with cats, dogs, and chickens. Lisa stated goats too. She explained that she has been hired at the Cass County Humane Society as the Executive Director and has been there for 2 weeks now. She stated there are unfollowed animal ordinances that seem to be, if she were guessing, rather old. She stated they have cages and traps to get sick racoons and ferial cats. But chickens, goats, and pot belly pigs, if they can't find the owners, they do not know where the animals can go. Chief Yike also mentioned having to wrangle the animals. Lisa contacted several farmers yesterday evening and found someone that would, with notice, house chickens. Mayor Martin stated they would let council know of this issue.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 a.m., **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by:** Chris Martin,
Seconded by: Lisa Terry.
Motion passed unanimously.



Chris Martin, Mayor



Duane Ullom, Clerk-Treasurer

Audio and video recorded on 1/27/2021