

Minutes April 12, 2006

Board of Public Works and Safety

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for a regular meeting, Wednesday, April 12, 2006, at 5:00 p.m., in the City Chambers, 3rd floor, City Building, Logansport, Indiana.

Silent **Roll Call** was taken. Those present were Mayor Fincher, Deputy Mayor Klinck, & Joe Casalini. City Attorney Burns was also present.

Others present: Building Commissioner Hostetler, Fire Chief McMinn, and Code Enforcer Officer Hileman.

Media: Kara Bless, WHZR; Jeff Smith, WSAL; & Dave Kitchell, Pharos Tribune.

Public: Russell Collins

Minutes from April 5, 2006, accepted as presented on a vote of 3-0.

Claims of \$82,752.40 were approved 3-0.

Old Business:

Property located at 717 Bringhurst, owned by Mike Rehiling, will be cleaned up by the Street Department at \$250.00 per hour, a \$50.00 fine and \$50.00 administration fee as recommended by Building Commissioner Hostetler. The shed will be razed.

Mr. Russell Collins was addressed by Mayor Fincher stating that City Attorney Burns sent a letter to Attorney Cox explaining at this time the City of Logansport is not going to change the towing rotation method set up by the police department. Mr. Collins was thanked for his interest in the matter.

New Business:

- ❖ Code Enforcer Officer Hileman presented her weekly report. Recommendation to the Logansport Board of Public Works and Safety for cleanup action was approved on a vote of 3-0. The action is against Michael Smith, 1427 North St; Rosa Arzola, 600 W. Linden Ave; and Kenneth Fox, 1804 Woodlawn Ave. The Logansport Street Department will do the cleanup; the property owners are ordered to pay \$250.00 per hour for cleanup, \$50.00 administration fee and a \$50.00 fine. This report was accepted on a vote of 3-0.
- ❖ Building Commissioner Hostetler presented his weekly report. His department has collected \$275.00 in various fees during the past week. Inspection Certificates were issued to Ankrom Properties. Tom Wertz, 532 E. Melbourne, Spencer Peterson, 207 N. Cicott St and Ernie Holley, 1313 Smead Street is ordered to appear before the Board of Public Works and Safety on April 26th to explain their action plans for their property. Deputy Mayor Klinck mentioned that Mr. Holley is not able to care for his property and will need assistance. Mr. Hostetler gave an updated report on property owned by Joe Shiedler, located at 1914 George Street. Mr. Shiedler has a very detailed plan of action. Mr. Rafael Sanchez, 407 Burlington Ave also has an action plan that

includes paint, replacing some of the windows. He hopes it takes less than one year to have it ready to live in. This report was accepted on a vote of 3-0.

- ❖ NIPSCO was granted permission to open two cuts, one in asphalt and one in gravel. The first being in Pink Street at n-s Alley between Lobelia and Balsam Streets. The second cut at the intersection of n-s Alley between Lobelia and Balsam Streets and e-w Alley South of Water Street. The request was submitted by Project Engineer, Richard Hostetler.
- ❖ Fire Chief McMinn presented the Month of March activity report for the Fire Department.

Board Member Comments:

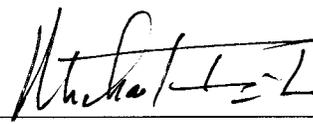
Mayor Fincher said there is confusion in the community about graffiti problems. Logansport Police Department does not remove graffiti. It is the responsibility of the property owner to clean graffiti off. The graffiti should be reported to the police so the occurrence can be tracked.

Visitor Comments:

There being no other business before The Board of Public Works and Safety.

Adjournment: 5: 20 p.m.


Ruth Ellen Bland, IAMC/CMC
Clerk Treasurer


Michael Fincher
Mayor of Logansport