

**Minutes January 26, 2012**  
**Board of Public Works and Safety**

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for a regular meeting, Thursday, January 26, 2012, at 9:00 a.m., in the City Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, City Building, Logansport, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ted Franklin.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

**Silent Roll Call:** Those present were Mayor Franklin, Chris Armstrong and Ron Miller.

Others present: Mark Strong, Fire Chief; Dan Williams, Superintendent of Public Works, Mike Neher, Police Chief; Acting Building Commissioner, Deb O'Connor, and Don Tribbett, City Attorney

**Media:** Michelle Dial, Jason Rodriguez and Bob Ehle

**Public:** Steve, Wabash Valley Waste; George Franklin

**Minutes** from January 19, 2012 were approved on a Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Ted Franklin. Motion carried 3-0.

**Claims** of \$ 97289.64 Claims were amended in the amount of \$104.97, which claim will be considered on February 2, 2012. Approved on Amendment by Ted Franklin, seconded by Ron Miller. Motion carried 3-0. The remaining claims of \$97184.67 were approved as presented on a motion by Ron Miller and seconded by Chris Armstrong. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Licenses: -0-

**Change to the Agenda:**

**Old Business:** -0-

**New Business:** Alvin Beckman, EMA Director, Presented the Outdoor Warning Siren Activation Procedures regarding Cass County and the City of Logansport. On a motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Chris Armstrong, the Outdoor Warning Siren Activation Procedures were approved. Motion carried 3-0.

**Acting Building Commissioner, Deb O'Connor** informed the board that she had two inspections, one residential and one commercial. One Certificate of Occupancy issued. Three permits were issued, the largest of which was for \$231,000 for the Trelleborg demolition project. Fifteen contractor registrations were mailed. Written report also presented. Discussion. Board approved the report on motion by Chris Armstrong, seconded by Ron Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

**Superintendent of Public Works, Dan Williams** presented written reports for the Cemetery and the Street Department. Discussion. Report approved as presented on motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Chris Armstrong. Motion passed 3-0.

**Police Chief, Mike Neher**, inquired about the status of the "Waiver of Claims" form. Mayor Franklin indicated that would be on the February 2, 2012 Agenda. Chief Neher also informed the board that he was working on the applications and the hiring process. Motion made to approve Chief Neher's oral report by Ron Miller and seconded by Chris Armstrong. Motion carried 3-0.

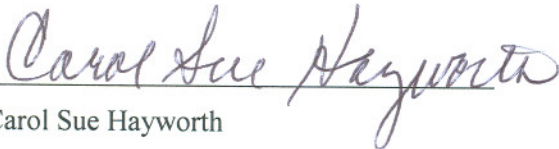
**Fire Chief, Mark Strong**---No report presented.


BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

VISITOR COMMENTS:

There being no further business on a motion by Ron Miller and seconded by Chris Armstrong. Motion passed 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:12 AM

  
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Carol Sue Hayworth  
Clerk/Treasurer

  
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Ted Franklin  
Mayor of Logansport

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# **City of Logansport/Cass County Outdoor Warning Siren Activation Procedures**

## **Purpose:**

The City of Logansport/Cass County has 26 Outdoor Warning Sirens located within their jurisdictions. There are 10 within the City of Logansport, and 16 located throughout Cass County. Officials from the City of Logansport and Cass County have developed this policy to enhance the protection of the residents of the City of Logansport and Cass County. The purpose of this policy is to establish a set procedure that is to be followed whenever severe weather threatens the City of Logansport / Cass County.

The sirens will be activated when severe weather conditions that meet the criteria established below. Upon activation of the warning sirens, it is the personal responsibility of the citizens to follow their own guidelines as to what their response will be.

## **Siren Activation Guidelines:**

The policy for activating the warning sirens will follow the following set procedures.

Sirens will be activated only when the following conditions have been met.

- Sirens will be activated when Cass County, or parts of Cass County, is placed under a Tornado Warning by the National Weather Service, or
- Local Law Enforcement, Fire personnel, EMA personnel, or the network of trained spotters for Cass County (EMA will maintain an active list) has spotted a tornado on the ground.



Once the sirens have been activated, there will not be an all-clear issued. Citizens, Critical infrastructure, businesses, industries, etc. will be responsible for monitoring the situation to determine when it is safe to return to normal activities.

Other severe weather situations will be closely monitored by law enforcement, fire personnel, EMA personnel or trained spotters and will be reported to the necessary officials (EMA Director, Officer-in-charge, National Weather Service) as warranted.

Local personnel will attempt to monitor threatening weather conditions as they approach the Cass County. Information about threatening weather will be relayed to necessary persons (EMA Director, E9-1-1 Dispatch), and that information will be relayed to weather spotters via radio dispatch.

### **Authorization for Activation of Sirens:**

Persons or personnel who have the authority to activate the warning sirens are as follows:

- EMA Director
- Local Law Enforcement Officers
- Local Fire Department personnel
- E9-1-1 Dispatch personnel

The general public is encouraged to report severe weather conditions to the local authorities (law enforcement, EMA Director, E9-1-1 Dispatch), who will then attempt to verify information as quickly as possible.

### **Siren Tests:**

The first Monday of every month, at 10:00 am, the sirens will be tested to ensure they are in working condition and operating properly. The siren test will not take place if threatening weather is in the area or is in the forecast.

## Siren Maintenance:


The City of Logansport and Cass County will maintain the warning sirens to ensure they are in operating conditions. Maintenance will be conducted twice annually, the first during the month of February and the second during the months of September and October.

If officials receive information that a siren is not operating, or did not operate during siren testing, maintenance personnel will be notified and the problem will be corrected as soon as possible.

This policy will be in effect upon approval of the City of Logansport and the Cass County Commissioners.

Dated Jan 26 - 2012


  
Cass Co. Commissioner

  
Mayor, City of Logansport


  
Cass County Commissioner

  
Board of Works, Member

  
Cass County Commissioner

  
Board of Works, Member

  
Cass County Sheriff

  
Cass County E9-1-1 Director

  
Cass County EMA Director