

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of March 20, 2013

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for their regular meeting, Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at 9:00 AM in the City Chambers, 3rd floor, City Building, Logansport, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ted Franklin.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited in unison.

ROLL CALL: Carol Sue Hayworth, City Clerk-Treasurer

Present: Ron Miller, Chris Armstrong and Mayor Franklin

OTHERS PRESENT: Bill Drinkwine, Building Commissioner, George Franklin, Code Enforcement Officer and Superintendent of Public works, Dan Williams,

MEDIA PRESENT: Mitchell Kirk /Pharos Tribune

MINUTES: March 13, 2013

Minutes were approved on a motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Mayor Franklin. Motion carried 3-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: \$154,468.40

Ron Miller made a motion that the claims in the amount of \$154,468.40 be approved. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

APPROVAL OF LICENSES: None

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

VISITOR COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

204 W. Ottawa Street—Christopher Truax Code Enforcement Officer, George Franklin indicated that this property has now been cleared.

2119 Spear Street—Kerry & Laura Worthington Mayor Franklin did speak with Mr. Worthington last week. Part of the problem had been corrected as the buckets had been removed. Mr. Worthington assured Mayor Franklin that he had purchased his license plate which would arrive by mail. It might be a few days. Mayor Franklin asked Code Enforcement Officer, George Franklin, to follow up on this later.

NEW BUSINESS:

REPORTS:

BUILDING COMMISSIONER: Bill Drinkwine, presented his written report and indicated that the three construction projects continue to move smoothly. Progress is being made. Inspections are being performed. An item of new business, he has **207 and 211 E. Linden Ave.** which property had the structure that partially fell into the river in January. He is working with the Army Corp of Engineers, completing their permit requirement process which should be done within a day or two. Drinkwine estimates that the wall barrier and cleanup will be done by March 26, 2013. The property owner of **207 E. Linden Ave.**, Mr. Murray, did engage someone to remove all the debris that was in the river and stored in the structure as well. That has been cleaned up. What he is doing now is removing the wooden structure itself and installing the blocks and doing some sloping work. Everything over the river bank has been cleaned up. In reference to the walls along the river edge in the city, Drinkwine is still doing some checking as far as who is responsible for the maintenance requirement for those walls. There is some discussion as to whether the walls are still required today based on the reason they were constructed on the day they were built. Today, are they really required to be there? Drinkwine will continue to pursue this information. Another property at **512 North Street** was the focus of an emergency demolition action last Saturday. Drinkwine was notified on Thursday and Friday of the wall condition on the east side of this building which is adjacent to the Kitchell Agency. It was evident that the wall was going to fail at any given point in time. The wall has now been torn down. Cleanup will be tomorrow. Plans are that the building be left safe. Drinkwine went on to say they are doing rental property inspections, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, based on notification requirements. There are over 230 registered rental properties. Ron Miller made a motion to approve the Building Commissioner's report. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: George Franklin, presented his written report. Ron Miller made a motion to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's Report in its entirety. Chris Armstrong seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Dan Williams, presented his written report. Dan Williams reported both departments are very busy. Mayor Franklin congratulated Williams for the work that Williams' Department had done in demolishing the Greensfelder Building. Mayor Franklin pointed out that, with the help of the Street Department, \$9,000. was saved. Mayor Franklin verbally extended his appreciation of the Street and Cemetery Departments. Williams indicated he had some good help from outside resources...those ones made his work a lot easier. Mayor Franklin then read a portion of an e-mail that he had received which stated their appreciation for Bob Bernhardt's generous assistance at the cemetery. It meant a lot to them. (David Hoadley---Falls Church, Virginia). Williams also shared his appreciation of Mr. Bernhardt. He considers him a man that goes the extra mile. Bernhardt has been called "Mt. Hope's Favorite Son". Ron Miller made a motion to approve the reports in their entirety provided by Dan Williams. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.


POLICE CHIEF: Mike Clark, Police Chief, at Police Chief's Training

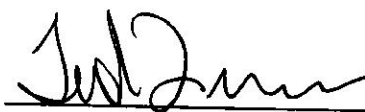
FIRE CHIEF: Mark Strong, Fire Chief, was not available for the meeting.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: NONE

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, INCLUDING ANY MATTERS NOT ALREADY CONSIDERED: None

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Mayor Franklin and seconded by Ron Miller, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 AM.


Carol Sue Hayworth
Clerk/Treasurer



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Mayor of Logansport

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