

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of March 6, 2013

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for their regular meeting, Wednesday, March 6, 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, and George Franklin, Code Enforcement Officer.

MEDIA PRESENT: Mitchell Kirk for Pharos Tribune

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

MINUTES: February 27, 2013

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

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: \$674,295.35

Ron Miller made a motion that the claims in the amount of \$674,295.35 be approved. Chris Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

APPROVAL OF LICENSES: None

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

OLD BUSINESS: 1206 E. Broadway George Franklin, Code Enforcement Officer, reported the owner lives in the southern part of the state. This property is a rental and the tenant has moved and left the place in quite a mess. The owner has been coming up on weekends to work to do the necessary work. Officer Franklin informed the property owner as long as he can see weekly improvement, he will continue to work with him.

NEW BUSINESS:

REPORTS:

BUILDING COMMISSIONER: Bill Drinkwine, Building Commissioner, presented his written report. Drinkwine informed the board that Maiben's should be completely done by Friday, the 8th. He also informed the board that he had sent a "ten day notice to appear" for next Wednesday regarding the building at 215 Market Street (Greenfelder's old building). The directive was to the owner as well as to

Indiana Landmarks. Ron Miller made a motion to approve the report. Mayor Franklin seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: George Franklin, Code Enforcement Officer presented his written report, pointing out that he and the Building Commissioner met with the property owner, Russell Alder, at **211 E. Linden Avenue**. The structure (garage) is shared with property owner Jeff Murray, **207 E. Linden Ave.** A part of the garage and contents were washed away by the river when the wall structure gave way. Alder has removed all of his personal items. Alder does not have the money to raze the structure. It has been impossible to reach Jeff Murray. Bids are being taken for the demolition of the structure. This should be considered an emergency demolition due to the unsafe condition of the structure. Building Commissioner Drinkwine and Code Enforcement Officer, after sending notifications again, will possibly request an Emergency Order next Wednesday. Franklin went on to report that he and Building Commissioner Drinkwine had also met with Alfonzo Perez and his attorney at **516 E. Linden Ave.** Plans are now being made by Mr. Perez to resolve the problem. Timeline of thirty days was given for the completion. Code Enforcement Officer went on to mention that the cleanup of **2101 Usher Street** has been completed by the property owner.

Notice to Appear:

312 W. Linden Avenue Bob and Levia Rhea No one appeared **Code Enforcement Officer Franklin** reported the property owners had done a limited amount of cleanup; however, they implied, since the property was in foreclosure, they were going to walk away. This was a rental property. Through the Rheas Officer Franklin will attempt to get information on the lender. Officer Franklin will report back to the Board on this situation next Wednesday.

204 W. Ottawa St. Christopher Truax appeared. Code Enforcement Officer indicated this has been an ongoing problem and recommended a cleanup order. Mr. Truax assured the Board that he would replace the fence as soon as the weather breaks and will clean up the rest of the area as soon as possible. Ron Miller made a motion to give Mr. Truax one week to do the cleanup. Mayor Franklin seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Officer Franklin then reported there had been no progress on getting the owner to clean up **700 Washington Street**. Because of the significant amount of machinery and equipment at the location, the Board wanted to give enough time to the property owner to remove the equipment. Owners had been given until March 7th day to clean up and dispose of all items and a cleanup has been ordered on it. Franklin reported, unless the owner has it cleaned up in the next day or so, clean up will be done by the city.

Mayor Franklin made a motion to accept the code Enforcement Officer's report. Ron Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Dan Williams, not present due to Road School Attendance. Certain employees were to appear; however, could not do so, due to the extensive amount of snow that had come down. Mayor Franklin made a motion to approve the report in its entirety. Ron Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

POLICE CHIEF: Mike Clark, Police Chief, not in attendance.

FIRE CHIEF: Mark Strong, Fire Chief, not in attendance.

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 9:21 AM.



Carol Sue Hayworth

Clerk/Treasurer



Ted Franklin

Mayor of Logansport

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