

April 18, 2013

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 pm on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Fuelling and Curtis attending. Others attending were Asst. St. Comm. Miller; Chief Dixon; Black Township Trustee Lindsay Suits; Lois Gray – Posey County News; Sara Manifold - Mount Vernon Democrat; and arriving during the meeting, Chief Beloat; and Supt. Givens.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of the previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Curtis moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Fuelling moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments, starting with Fire, as Police Chief Beloat is not present.

Chief Dixon stated he would like approval for himself, Matt Johnson and Ryan Harms to attend a three day course that will help them help first responders deal with stressful events. He added the course is eight hours, \$125.00 each, and being held at the Four Seasons right here in Mt. Vernon. He stated it being sponsored by the Indiana State Police.

Board member Fuelling moved permission to attend be given. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously. He then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens was not present.

Asst. St. Comm. Miller stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any Legals for consideration ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman asked for authorization to request an advance draw from the county on their property tax money.

Board concurred.

Mayor Tucker stated in the Audience is Lindsay Suites.

Mrs. Suits stated she wanted to bring the Board up to date on the police and fire station, the whole process, and the \$400,000 that Black Township has donated. Of the \$400,000, they have \$129,788 left.

Chief Beloat arrived at the meeting.

Mrs. Suits gave the Board packets of information from which she would be referring, and continued by stating final approval of the project is scheduled for April 25, with project bidding to be May 1.

Board member Curtis stated Attorney Higgins is reviewing the paperwork and she will be getting back with him, probably in two weeks. He added also by next week they should have the finance package from Umbaugh, and he believes they will be looking at a five, 10, or 15 year bond issue. He stated there doesn't seem to be any problems, just getting things set up. They have a six month window to work with, hopefully good weather, they should still be ok. He concluded by stating it is a seven month project, from the start date.

Supt. Givens arrived at the meeting.

Board member Curtis stated at this point they already have about \$250,000 -and rough estimates put the amount they will need to raise/finance to be around \$650,000 - \$700,000.

Mrs. Suits stated she has a quick deeded the property to the city of \$1.00, and after that is complete, it is all the city's. This is a very quick timeline they are working with.

Board member Curtis stated he really appreciates Mrs. Suits' quickness as it makes everything easier on everyone.

Mrs. Suits stated she is very excited about the project and glad they are all working together. She added Board member Curtis has been great to work with and she thanked him and the Board.

Board member Curtis thanked her for her words.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone else in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated Supt. Givens is now present.

Supt. Givens stated they have been filing liens on delinquent sewer bills and to date they have collected \$8,539.27. He added 70 certified notices were sent out and they have collected on 57 of them.

Board member Curtis replied any collection agency would be thrilled with that kind of response.

Supt. Givens then stated Kieffer has turned over the paperwork about the land next to the plant. Attorney Higgins is reviewing it and he believes it would be well worth considering, for expansion purposes.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated under New Business, St. Comm. Maynard has resigned and James Miller, the Asst. Comm., will be acting Street Commissioner. As claims are piling up for signature, he asked that Asst. Comm. Miller be approved to sign the street department claims.

Board member Curtis moved Asst. St. Comm. Miller be permitted to sign the claims. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Board member Fuelling stated he has a request from Dennis Noon to close the riverfront May 12 for a concert at the amphitheater. He requested Water Street be closed between College and Mulberry and they would like the barricades to be put up late Saturday night. The closure will be until 3:00 pm on the 12th. He then moved they close the above street at the above time, provided the boat club will let boaters use their facility. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Fuelling moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

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John Tucker, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cristi L. Sitzman  
Clerk-Treasurer