

September 18, 2014

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 Jeffries and Curtis attending. Others attending were Supt. Givens; Chief Beloat; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Mary Ann Fuelling; and Lois Gray – Posey County News.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their 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 Jeffries.

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.

Chief Beloat stated on October 15 and 16 they will have their annual driver's training at the New Harmony State Park, as they have done the last several years. He just wanted them to be aware in case they get calls of the cars being out of city limits.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Chief Dixon stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Supt. Givens stated he has reserved two rooms in Indianapolis for the IWEA Conference November 18 – 21. He added he would like to take a guy with him, and he will get the prices to them as the time gets closer.

Board member Curtis asked who he will be taking with him ?

Supt. Givens replied he is not sure, either Dennis Givens or Gene Carroll, a certified operator.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Comm. Dieterle stated he would like to send two men to Columbus, IN on November 13, at a cost of \$120 each and \$89 per room; going up on the 12th to maintain their certifications on weed and mosquito spraying. He added the people going will be Donnie Rye and Chris Garza.

Board member Curtis moved permission to attend be given, along with use of credit card and city vehicle. Seconded by Board member Jeffries.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

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. He then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens stated he forgot to bring this up before, but he is short on help and would like to look into getting some Spartan employees. He added right now they are very busy and he would like to get a couple of guys, part time.

Board member Curtis asked how long he would need them ?

Supt. Givens replied he is not sure, it depends, but probably six months to a year. He then stated he would like to eventually put one or two on full time through them.

Board member Curtis asked if he has that kind of money in salaries in the budget ?

Supt. Givens replied yes, and they have actually been short handed for awhile, but again, they would start off part time.

Board member Jeffries stated a temporary situation is fine, yes, especially if they have a back log of work. But a permanent position ? The ideal time to do that would be at budget time, but he is not against part time help.

Supt. Givens stated he doesn't really operate off a budget.

Board member Curtis stated he turned one in, and this was the reason he asked for him to turn one in. He added he isn't against a part time worker, and then he can report their progress to the Board.

Mayor Tucker stated for some reason this year, they have had a lot of cave ins.

Supt. Givens agreed and added sometimes they find themselves fixing more than the main, which is what they are responsible for. He added they may need to put a procedure in place.

Board member Curtis stated from the tap back in the responsibility of the homeowner.

Supt. Givens agreed and added in some cases they have told the homeowners that the sewer department can fix their issue and bill them, or they can hire someone to fix their problem. He added he will get with Attorney Higgins on this.

Board member Curtis replied that sounds like a good idea.

Board member Jeffries stated he feels that every department needs to run off of a budget and the taxpayers don't understand if they don't.

Supt. Givens added he stated that wrong earlier, he meant he never had line items before.

Board member Jeffries replied it is a training aid.

Supt. Givens agreed.

Board member Jeffries stated he has no issue with Supt. Givens pursuing a part time position via Spartan.

Board member Curtis agreed.

Chief Beloit stated he also forgot to bring up something. He added Officer Bohleber would like to go to the ILEA October 8 and 9, for instructor drivers training. He will need the city credit card and use of the city vehicle. He stated Officer Gonzales will also need to attend training in Plainfield for Intoxilizer Training, October 8. Each will go up on the 7th.

Board member Jeffries moved permission for both to attend training and use the credit card and vehicle. 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 asked if there were any Legals for consideration ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated in the Audience is Mary Ann Fuelling.

Mrs. Fuelling stated she is present to give the Board final, updated information on the sign at Riverbend Park. She added they got their special use permit and in reference to programming, Loretta Gottman will be in charge of that, with the help of Supt. Harshbarger and Mr. Royer. She then stated

they checked with several other companies and all of their signs were made overseas. She added Custom Sign has a good warranty – on year, and Watchfire has a five year parts warranty. Custom Sign also brought down a proto-type for them to see what their sign would like before they decided. Board member Curtis stated it sounds like she has done due diligence.

Mrs. Fuelling added they are ready to install it as soon as Gottman makes the frame.

Board member Curtis moved they allow the Azalea Trail Committee to proceed with the sign at Riverbend Park, with City contributing an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00. seconded by Board member Jeffries.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

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

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

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

Board member Jeffries 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.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer