

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY,  
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT  
MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF HARTFORD CITY, INDIANA  
January 19, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME:** Attorney Brandon Murphy welcomed everyone and called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety at 5:00pm. A ZOOM meeting link was offered. Meeting ID: 819 4729 8029.

**ROLL CALL:** Members present were Pam Weiseman. Kristi Bonewit attended via ZOOM. Mayor Dan Eckstein was absent. Also present was Clerk-Treasurer, Dana Whatley. Attorney Brandon Murphy attended via ZOOM.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Attorney Murphy stated that he had an item to add as letter (D) under new business regarding the Cash Farm Lease & Light Farms. Ms. Bonewit made a motion to amend the agenda. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote was taken by roll call and was approved 2-0-1. Ms. Bonewit then made a motion to accept the amended agenda. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to approve the amended agenda was 2-0-1.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Ms. Weiseman made a motion to accept the minutes of January 4, 2021 as submitted. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0-1.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** Ms. Bonewit made a motion to accept the claims as submitted. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to approve the claims was 2-0-1.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A.) LONG TERM INSURANCE FOR EMPLOYEE S.M.:** A new doctor's note was presented to the Board of Works with an extended return visit to the doctor of 2/17/21. Ms. Weiseman made a motion to approve the leave until February 17, 2021. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve the leave was 2-0-1.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A.) DPW – C. WITHERS COMPLETION OF 1 YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT - .25 CENT PER HOUR PAY INCREASE:** Mr. J. Thomas stated that Mr. Withers has completed his one year anniversary of employment which makes him eligible for a .25 cent per hour rate increase. Mr. Thomas requested that it become effective as of 1/18/2021. Ms. Bonewit made a motion to approve Mr. Withers' pay increase. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 2-0-1. Ms. Weiseman congratulated Mr. Withers.

**B.) WWTP – OUTSIDE LAB RENTAL RATE INCREASE:** Mr. T. Williamson explained to the Board of Works that under the Sewer Use Ordinance item 13.08.090 states they are to do a cost recovery from the towns and schools that contract with the WWTP for lab rentals. We currently charge \$650. Mr. Williamson said he re-evaluates this every January and it is now time that the

fee be increased to \$750. There was some discussion and Mr. Williamson explained how this program works and how we recover our costs on the consumables for it. Attorney Murphy stated that the Board of Works can approve this item be brought before City Council for amendment to this ordinance. Ms. Bonewit made a motion to approve this item to be sent to City Council. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0-1. It will be put on City Council's agenda for the February 1, 2021 meeting.

**C.) HCPD – PERMISSION TO HIRE PART TIME OFFICER:** Chief McKissack asked the Board of Works permission to offer Mr. John Hankins a part-time police officer position. Ms. Weiseman made a motion to offer a part-time position, to Mr. Hankins. Ms. Bonewit seconded that motion. The vote to approve was 2-0-1.

**D.) CASH FARM LEASE – LIGHT FARMS:** Attorney Murphy said that after reviewing the documents he would like the approval to modify the amount which is on the contract. It currently says \$26,470 but it actually should read \$31,500 which is the amount that Light Farms agreed to pay last year. Ms. Weiseman made the motion to approve the modification to this contract. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 2-0-1.

**BOARD INPUT:** There was no input from the Board, Clerk-Treasurer or Attorney.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With there being no further business, Ms. Weiseman made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm.

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