

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY,
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT
MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF HARTFORD CITY, INDIANA
AUGUST 1, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME: Mayor Dan Eckstein welcomed everyone and called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Works and Public Safety at 5:00pm.

ROLL CALL: Members present were Ms. Pam Weiseman, Ms. Kristi Bonewit and Mayor Dan Eckstein. Attorney Brandon Murphy and Clerk-Treasurer Dana Whatley were also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Weiseman made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Bonewit made a motion to approve the minutes of July 18, 2022 as submitted. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Ms. Bonewit made a motion to accept the claims totaling \$1,125,402.67 as submitted. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A.) D. WHATLEY – 2ND BILL FROM RUSS’S COMPUTER REPAIR (TABLED FROM 7/18/22): After some discussion it was determined that Mr. Jones completed 75% of the labor before his medical leave. Mr. Bill Bacon, Water Superintendent recommended that we pay \$1,500 of the \$2,000 bill. Mayor Eckstein made a motion to pay \$1,500 of this bill. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

B.) CERTIFICATE PAY FOR DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENTS: Mayor Eckstein made a motion to pay Department Superintendents up to 3 certificates (licenses) that they hold. Mayor Eckstein made a motion to approve paying Department Superintendents up to 3 licenses at a rate of \$700 each. These will be paid out once per year in the first pay of December. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A.) B. BACON – EMPLOYEE E.C. MEDICAL LEAVE: Mr. Bacon explained that this employee had surgery on 7/28/22. Mr. Bacon stated he’s waiting on the doctor’s note that states the employee may return to work on 8/4/22. Mayor Eckstein made a motion to approve the leave through 8/4/22 contingent upon receiving the updated doctor’s note. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

B.) HCPD – S. MEALY LETTER: Mayor Eckstein explained that the Board received a letter from Scott Mealy voluntarily stepping down from Sergeant to 1st Class Patrolman effective 7/31/22. Mayor Eckstein made a motion to accept this letter. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to accept was 3-0.

C.) T. WILLIAMSON – AEP / HARTFORD CITY SUBSTATION RELOCATION

AGREEMENT: Mr. Williamson explained that he finally heard back from AEP with an agreement to relocate the sewer away from the substation. He reminded the Board that this all started in March of 2021 and at that time he contacted Culy Construction to quote the cost to complete this project. The pipes were purchased at that time and the only thing that may need to be requoted is the fuel estimate due to the fuel cost increase in the past year. Mr. Williamson stated to keep this project moving forward he's sure that his budget can cover the increased fuel cost.

Attorney Murphy advised of 3 amendments that need to be made before accepting this agreement.

- 1.) Amend the 4th paragraph. The numeral amount and the wording of the amount do not agree. The wording should state "Four hundred thirty one thousand two hundred twenty nine dollars"
- 2.) 1st Amendment to Exhibit B – Sewer Line Easement: Blanks need to be filled in.
- 3.) 2nd Amendment to Exhibit B – Permanent Easement Size

Mayor Eckstein made a motion to table this topic until the 8/15/22 meeting. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote table was 3-0.

BOARD INPUT:

A.) MAYOR ECKSTEIN – He asked Jeff Thomas about painting turn lane markers on Main Street at Walnut Street. Mr. Thomas stated that it is INDOT right-of-way since it's at the highway therefore INDOT needs to paint it. Mayor Eckstein said he will have his assistant reach out to INDOT about having them paint it.

B.) MAYOR ECKSTEIN - He explained that he would like INDOT to change the speed limit from Huggins Auto to Blackford Jr/Sr High School from 55mph to 45 mph. He asked the HCPD & HCFD for letters of recommendation to submit to INDOT.

C.) FIRE CHIEF PARROTT – Chief Parrott explained that all tornado sirens in Hartford City, 3M and the one in the county are not functioning. He discovered that each siren has 4 deep cell batteries that are long overdue to be replaced. He priced them and they are \$106.27 per battery. After some discussion it was decided to go ahead and replace the batteries and the City will pay up to ½ of the cost and Mr. Bill Smith with EMA will ask the County Commissioners to see if they will pay up to ½ also. Chief Parrott is going to reach out to 3M to see if they will pay for the batteries for the siren next to their factory. Mayor Eckstein made a motion to purchase all batteries and install them right away. He pledged to pay up to ½ of the cost out of the Riverboat fund. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to replace was 3-0.

D.) JEFF THOMAS – Mr. Thomas presented the Board with a monthly update of the large trash pickup.

E.) KRISTI BONEWIT – Ms. Bonewit gave kudos to all the departments who helped with the clean-up after Saturday’s wind storm. Ms. Weiseman also gave her thanks too.

ADJOURNMENT: With there being no further business, Mayor Eckstein made a motion for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:37pm.

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