

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY,
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT
MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF HARTFORD CITY, INDIANA
FEBRUARY 22, 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. Kristi Bonewit and Mayor Dan Eckstein. Ms. Pam Weiseman was absent. City Attorney, Brandon Murphy and Clerk-Treasurer, Dana Whatley were also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Bonewit made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Mayor Eckstein seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 2-0-1.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A.) MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING FROM FEBRUARY 7, 2022: Mayor Eckstein made a motion to accept the minutes of the special meeting as submitted. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 2-0-1.

B.) MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FROM FEBRUARY 7, 2022: Mayor Eckstein made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting as submitted. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 2-0-1.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Ms. Bonewit made a motion to accept the claims totaling \$464,194.43 as submitted. Mayor Eckstein seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 2-0-1.

OLD BUSINESS:

A.) M.M. EXTENDED LEAVE: Employee M.M. provided an updated doctor's note states this employee will be having surgery and will have a recovery time of 4 to 6 months. Mayor Eckstein made a motion to approve leave through April 18, 2022 pending receipt of an updated doctor's note. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 2-0-1.

NEW BUSINESS:

A.) OPEN SEALED BIDS FOR CASH FARM LEASE: The City of Hartford City received two sealed bids for the cash farm lease. The following bids were opened:

- 1.) JONATHAN BOLE** – The bid was submitted for \$255 per acre.
- 2.) LIGHT FARMS** – The bid was submitted for \$345 per acre.

After the bids were read aloud, Mr. Bole requested that the floor be opened for oral bidding. Mayor Eckstein made a motion to open the floor for oral bidding. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 2-0-1.

Oral bidding was done with the final bid going to Light Farms for \$370 per acre for one year.

B.) DANA WHATLEY – TRENT JONES WITH MVH DEPARTMENT: Ms. Whatley explained that Mr. Jeff Thomas was unable to attend tonight's meeting and that Mr. Jones has obtained his CDL license and he is now due for a .25 cent per hour pay increase effective 2/21/22. Ms. Bonewit made the motion to approve this pay increase. Mayor Eckstein seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 2-0-1.

C.) HARTFORD CITY HEALTH CLUB – MEMBERSHIP FEE INCREASE: Clerk-Treasurer Whatley explained that the Hartford City Health Club has advised us that the membership fee will be going from \$30 a month to \$40 beginning April 2022. Currently the City pays ½ of the fee and the employee pays the other ½. Ms. Whatley asked if the City wants to continue to pay ½ of the increased fee. Mayor Eckstein made a motion to continue to have the City to pay ½ of the membership fee. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 2-0-1.

BOARD INPUT: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: With there being no further business, Mayor Eckstein made a motion for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:24 pm.

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