

REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 3, 2008

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, met in REGULAR SESSION on Monday morning, March 3, 2008, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers, in the City Hall Building, located at 100 East Michigan Boulevard, Michigan City, Indiana - a regular meeting room of this Board.

The meeting was called to order by Anthony Metzcus, who presided.

Noted Present: Anthony Metzcus, President; Mayor Charles Oberlie, Member; and John Schaefer, Member (3).

Absent: None (0).

A QUORUM WAS NOTED PRESENT.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schaefer moved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 19, 2008, be approved as printed. The motion was seconded by Tony Metzcus and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0).**
Motion carries.

Also noted in attendance:

John Espar, City Attorney and Board Counsel
Cpl. Jeff Loniewski, Traffic Division, M.C.P.D.
Al Walus, General Manager, Sanitary District
John Pugh, Director, Planning & Inspection
Bill Phelps, City Engineer
Dave Lamb, Chief, M.C. Fire Dept.
Joe Siegel, Zoning Administrator, Planning Department
Russ Hatfield, Code Inspection Officer
Charlie Cate, Central Maintenance
Jim Elwell, Superintendent, Central Services
Jack Kahn, Street Director, Central Services

Jayson Miller, The News Dispatch

Thomas Fedder, City Clerk
Kim Sliwa, Assistant Deputy City Clerk

STATUS REPORTS

910 Green Street – James and Doris Gast, Owners

Russ Hatfield, Michigan City Code Inspector, addressed the Board regarding this property; stating that an Order to Demolish had been originally placed on this property on October 16, 2006. This property has been brought in front of the Board on several occasions since that time. On January 7, 2008 Mrs. Gast was instructed by the Board to supply the Inspection Department with a legal contract outlining the sale of this property; it was also the understanding that the Inspection Department would be contacted by the potential buyer, Cassandra English. Inspector Hatfield requested that the Board of Public Works and Safety cause the Demolition of this structure to continue. Phelps Construction has agreed to honor their original accepted bid in the amount of \$10,800.00.

Doris Gast, owner of 910 Green Street addressed the Board stating that a new roof has been put on the structure and that the inside of the structure has had all the old plaster removed.

Mayor Oberlie inquired as to whether or not the contractor got a permit to do the work.

Mrs. Gast informed the Board that she did not believe a permit was purchased by the contractor; she was not aware that a permit was needed to put a roof on a house.

Mayor Oberlie moved to Table this for two (2) weeks and that Inspector Hatfield will work with the Gasts' in regards to the proper permits and documentation of the improvements; and report back to the Board. The motion was seconded by Tony Metzcus and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

508 West 11th Street – James Spsychalski, Owner

Russ Hatfield, Michigan City Code Inspector, addressed the Board regarding this property; in an effort to ensure the timely repair of this structure, Inspector Hatfield requests that the Board of Public Works and Safety require a Performance Bond in the amount of \$12,000.00 to be put into place by the owner, James Spsychalski. This is an estimated cost that the City will incur should demolition of the structure take place. A time line would be submitted for the scheduled repairs of this property; should the time line not be met, the Performance Bond would be forfeited to the City of Michigan City and demolition of the structure be pursued. Mr. Spsychalski was notified via certified mail of this proceeding but has not signed the return receipt for the letter. Inspector Hatfield requested from the Board to be able to seek Attorney Espar's guidance in how to contact this owner as well as other legal procedures to follow to notify him of the Performance Bond.

Mayor Oberlie moved to authorize Inspector Hatfield to work with the Corporate Counsel to pursue any action that may bring about a remedy to this situation. The motion was seconded by John Schaefer and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

CLAIMS AND PAYROLL

John Schaefer, moved that the claims set forth in the Register of Claims (in possession of the City Controller) and appearing in the Register be severally allowed and ordered paid and proper warrants for payment thereof hereby ordered issued in the stated amounts to person(s) and/or firm(s) as set forth, and payrolls approved. The motion was seconded by Mayor Oberlie and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie, and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

The Board signed: Payroll Items in Register of Claims for informational purposes (which Register is in the possession of the City Controller) as follows:

Page	Date	Amount
1 of 3	02/20/2008	\$147,506.41
1 of 10	07/27/2008	\$659,245.91

Allowance of claims as set forth in the Register of Claims as follows:

Page	Date	Amount
1 of 3	02/29/2008	\$219,325.10

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

Al Walus, General Manager, Sanitary District addressed the Board and explained a proposed Letter of Understanding between the Sanitary District of Michigan City and the Michigan City Board of Public Works & Safety regarding the purchase of Capital Equipment. This letter is being submitted to the Board for their consideration today; if approved by the Board of Public Works and Safety the Letter of Understanding would be taken back to the Sanitary Board at their meeting on March 26, 2008 for their approval and then move forward with the purchase of the four (4) vehicles.

John Schaefer moved to accept the Letter of Understanding, seconded by Mayor Oberlie; and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie, and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

ADJOURNMENT

Board at this time and, there being none, declared the meeting ADJOURNED (approximately 9:20 a.m.).

Thomas F. Fedder, City Clerk