

REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 5, 2007

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, met in REGULAR SESSION on Monday morning, February 5, 2007, 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 and Controller John Schaefer, Mayor Charles Oberlie (3)

Absent: None (0)

President Metzcus stated for the record that C was absent.

A QUORUM WAS NOTED PRESENT.

Also noted in attendance:

John Pugh, City Planner
Bill Phelps, City Engineer
Tyler Tarpley, Code Inspector
Sgt. Mark Krauklis, Traffic Division
Jim Elwell, Superintendent
Jack Kahn, Street Director
Joe Siegel, Zoning Administrator
Boyd Phelps, City Engineer
Al Walus, Sanitary District General Manager
Laura New, Park Dept. Office Manager
Thomas Fedder, City Clerk
Gale Neulieb, Asst. Deputy City Clerk
Amanda Haverstick, News-Dispatch

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schaefer moved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 16, 2007, be approved as printed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Metzcus and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie and Schaefer (3).** **NAYS: None (0).**

STOP SIGN REQUEST

Anna Krueger, 328 Hendricks Street, requested a stop sign at the corner of Hendricks and Francis Street. President Metzcus noted that this matter was held over from the January 16, 2007 Board meeting.

John Pugh, Director, Planning and Inspection Department stated that the department had reviewed this request, that the following summary report was issued:

While there have been concerns raised by the public regarding safety, the judgment has not shown any major problems. The street geometry appears to be able to accommodate the existing traffic. The accidents are nonexistent. Speeds are believed to be within the range that is normally expected. A change in intersection traffic control may increase the volume of traffic that may be at the expense of increased accidents. In general, Francis Street and Hendricks Street is relatively safe and efficient route to travel.

Mr. Pugh advised that working with Police Traffic that they would request the Michigan City School Transportation Division to change their discharge point from Francis Street to Hendricks Street. Mr. Pugh stated this intersection was safe and didn't warrant a stop sign, but a change in the discharge point of the students.

Sgt. Mark Krauklis, Traffic Division reported that he contacted the Michigan City School Transportation Division about changing the discharge point.

Mayor Oberlie moved to accept the recommendation of the Planning Department and Traffic Division regarding the posting on Hendricks and Francis Street and that the Clerk's Office be authorized to send a formal letter to the School Transportation Department advising them of concerns that have been verbalized to them, asking them to make immediate changes to the system, motion was second by Mr. Metzcus and carried by the following vote: **AYES: MEMBERS Schaefer, Oberlie, and Metzcus (3).** **NAYS: None (0).**

STATUS REPORT

1214 E. Michigan Boulevard - Vasilios and Trudy Karallas, owner

Tyler Tarpley, Code Inspector, wrote the following February 2, 2007:

Re: Work completed at 1214 East Michigan Boulevard

The house has been inspected by Building, Electrical, Plumbing and HVAC Inspectors. All inspectors have stated that the house now meets minimum housing standards required by the Michigan City Municipal Code.

Code Inspector Tarpley stated that in the past two weeks all inspectors have gone through 1214 East Michigan Boulevard. Inspector Tarpley reported that all repairs have been completed, that this fulfills the "Order to Repair".

STATUS REPORT

314 Willard Avenue – Mary Cooks, Patricia Blumenfeld, Wayne Miller, owners

Tyler Tarpley Code Inspector, wrote the following February 2, 2007

Re: Inspection Results of 314 Willard Avenue
Wayne Miller, owner

There has been little to no progress made on 314 Willard Avenue since the last inspection on May 6, 2005. The only permit for work to be done since that date was a minimum roofing permit issued on May 19, 2005.

The structure has continued to deteriorate due to numerous gaping holes in the roof and vandalism. Nearly all eaves are rotted and open to the elements allowing water into wall and ceiling cavities which has created extensive, irreparable damage to structural members. Vandals have stolen piping, plumbing fixtures, and heating equipment. This is all damage in addition to the extremely dilapidated state of the house in May of 2005.

It is the Inspection Department's opinion that this house is far outside of the realm of a practical rehabilitation. If a rehabilitation were allowed, these steps would need to be followed:

- a) Strip interior of ALL plaster, lathe, trim, wallcoverings, and floorcoverings. All framing must be exposed to assess the damage.
- b) Replace all rotted framing lumber in walls, floors, and ceilings. Repair or replace electrical, plumbing, heating systems
- c) Remove all roof framing and rebuild roof system.
- d) Finish construction ensuring that all work is performed and inspected according to the proper building codes .

Inspector Tarpley presented recent pictures taken of the exterior and interior of 314 Willard Avenue. Inspector Tarpley reported that each City Inspector was in the house Friday, February 2, 2007 and that the property is in extremely dilapidated state and that minimum work has been done since the last inspection in May of 2005.

Inspector Tarpley responded to Mayor Oberlie that this matter was brought to the Board on May 6, 2005. Mr Tarpley advised that there was little work done from 2005, that he has tried several times to contact Mr. Miller regarding this property.

Wayne Miller, 115 Dole Street, owner of 314 Willard Avenue presented pictures to the Board of construction work he has done. Mr. Miller stated the repairs he is going to do at this property, that everything would be completely finished by July 1, 2007.

There was a discussion between Mayor Oberlie and Mr. Miller regarding the condition and the repairs needed to be done before the property would be habitable.

Mayor Oberlie moved to continue this matter until July 1, 2007, that to obtain bids for demolition the middle of June if repairs are not completed. The motion was second by Mr. Metzcus and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie, and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0).**

AWARD OF DEMOLITION BID

Tyler Tarpley, Code Inspector, wrote the following on the 2nd day of February, 2007:

Re: 1011 Ohio Street

There were five bids submitted, the Planning Department would recommend Salt Excavating in the amount of \$6,590.00.

Mayor Oberlie moved to accept the recommendation regarding 1011 Ohio Street, seconded by Mr. Metzcus. The motioned carried by the following vote: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie, and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0).**

NIPSCO GREENWAY BIKE TRAIL – PHASE 1

Boyd Phelps, City Engineer reported thirteen (13) engineering firms were sent Request for Qualifications. Submittals were received from four (4) of the firms. A detailed review of the four (4) submittals was performed. Mr. Phelps recommended the Board select the firm of Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc. to begin negotiation of a contract for the necessary professional services.

Mr. Schaefer moved to accept Mr. Phelps recommendation to begin negotiations with Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc. regarding a contract for their professional services on Phase 1, NIPSCO Greenway Bike Trail, seconded by Mr. Metzcus. The motioned carried by the following vote: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie, and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0).**

RETIREMENT

President Metzcus congratulated Officer James Oliver, Michigan City Police Department on his retirement of 35 years of duty.

President Metzcus stated that the correspondence received from Curtis Mitchell, MECUSA Telecommunications was referred to the City Attorney.

CLAIMS AND PAYROLL

Mr. Oberlie 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) as set forth, and payrolls approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schaefer and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie, and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None: (0).**

Page	Date	Amount
1 of 7	01/19/07	\$383,988.37

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

Page	Date	Amount
1 of 7	02/05/07	\$1,154,012.62

LETTER OF CONTRACT

Boyd Phelps, City Engineer presented a letter of contract and recommended Design Organization, Inc. regarding architectural services, engineering and interior design for the build out of the Emergency Management Operation Center of the future.

Mayor Oberlie moved to accept the recommendation on the letter of contract regarding the Emergency Management Center build out between Design Organization, Inc. and the Michigan City Board of Works and Safety. Motion was seconded by Mr. Metzcus, was carried by the following vote: **AYES: MEMBERS Oberlie, Schaefer, and Metzcus (3). NAYS: None (0).**

LAKE AVENUE EXTENSION

Boyd Phelps, City Engineer presented a letter of contract along with his recommendation to the Board to accept the proposal for professional engineering and surveying services from John A. Doyle and Associates, Inc. regarding the Lake Avenue Extension project.

Mayor Oberlie moved to approve the letter of contract with John A. Doyle and Associates, Inc. regarding Lake Avenue Extension Project. Motion was seconded by Mr. Metzcus, was carried by the following vote: **Ayes: MEMBERS Schaefer, Metzcus, and Oberlie (3). NAYS: None (0).**

STATUS REPORT

2021 Buffalo Street – Zhi Jian Jiang and Hui Yue, owners

Tyler Tarpley, Code Inspector advised the Board that the owner's attorney Steve Snyder reported that he contracted the low demolition bidder which was Residential Construction. Attorney Snyder stated that the demolition started last week (January 28, 2007).

1028 E. 2nd Street

Inspector Tarpley reported that 1028 E. 2nd Street belongs to the River Boat, that he contacted Attorney Hale and that Residential Construction would be doing the demolition.

Mayor Oberlie asked Inspector Tarpley to report on the status of the demolition at 1028 E. 2nd Street at the next Board meeting (February 20, 2007).

The presiding officer inquired whether there was anything else to be considered by the Board at this time and, there being none, declared the meeting ADJOURNED (approximately 9:49 a.m.).

Thomas F. Fedder, City Clerk

