

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MISHAWAKA
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY/UTILITY BOARD
July 19, 2011

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety/Utility Board was called to order by President Gary West at 10:05 a.m. All members were present. Mr. Prince moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of July 12, 2011 and accept them as circulated. Mr. Watson seconded; motion carried.

Bid Openings:

There were no bid openings.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Wood was not available for today's Board meeting.

Department Head Reports:

Staff Attorney Cory Hamel said at the request of Jason Cichowicz, attorney for Cpl. Willie Davis, they have requested to reschedule the hearing from August 1, 2011 to August 30, 2011 due to a scheduling conflict. Mr. Hamel said he had no objections to this, but suggested the time be set earlier. Mr. Watson moved to approve the request to reschedule the hearing for Cpl. Willie Davis from August 1, 2011 to August 30, 2011 at 12:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Mr. Prince seconded; motion carried.

Police Chief Ken Witkowski provided the Board with information from the St. Joseph County Health Department on ways to keep cool and safe on hot days. He also indicated Battell Center would be open as a cooling center from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. today.

City Planner Ken Prince presented Change Order No. 7 to Walsh Construction for INDOT Contract No. B-30481 for work on Mishawaka Avenue Bridge for an increase of \$465.27 for a modified contract amount of \$5,779,595.01, and moved for its approval. Mr. Watson seconded; motion carried.

Mr. Prince presented Change Order No. 8 to Walsh Construction for INDOT Contract No. B-30491 for work on Mishawaka Avenue Bridge for an increase of \$5,612.27 for a modified contract amount of \$5,784,742.01, and moved for its approval. Mr. West seconded; motion carried.

Engineering Director Gary West presented Professional Services Agreement Supplement No. 2 with Lawson-Fisher Associates for engineering design services for Quiet Zone Supplemental Safety Measures for an increase of \$32,850.00 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$81,850.00, and moved for its approval. Mr. Watson seconded; motion carried.

Approval of Claims:

There were no claims to approve.

Approval of SRF Pay Applications:

Mr. Prince moved to approve SRF - Disbursement Request #140 from Greeley & Hansen LLC for professional engineering services for Influent Sewer at WWTP in the amount of \$6,724.00. Mr. Watson seconded; motion carried.

Public Information/Hearing:

Police Chief Ken Witkowski said the Police Department has received notice of eligibility through the Department of Justice Grant, 2011 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

for \$23,419.00. Chief Witkowski said as part of the grant requirement, they are required to advise the Governing Body of the City of Mishawaka along with the Mayor of this application process. The JAG is a non-matching grant.

Chief Witkowski said to increase officer safety, evidence collection and integrity, the Police Department plans on purchasing additional equipment to sustain and increase current inventory for the entire Mishawaka Police Department (Chief Witkowski read the list of proposed of purchases.).

Mr. West opened the Public Hearing to hear comments from any interested citizens or neighborhood groups.

Richard Barnette, 138 E. Guam, spoke on behalf of the Normain Heights Neighborhood Association. Mr. Barnette said he felt the grant was a good idea.

Mr. West closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. West moved to support the application as presented. Mr. Prince seconded; motion carried.

New Business:

A request from the Montessori Academy at Edison Lakes to hold their Annual Fall Frolic on October 1, 2011 was taken under advisement.

Old Business:

Mr. West moved to deny the request from That Place Bar & Grill, 300 W. 6th Street, to close a section of Spring Street and/or Sixth Street on Saturday August 13, 2011 for a block party subject to visibility and access concerns voiced by the Police and Fire Departments. Mr. Watson seconded; motion carried.

Open Items:

Grievance Hearings #10-01 and #10-02 originally scheduled for February 22, 2011 have been rescheduled for Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 106.

Unfinished Business:

There being no additional business brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Gary West – President of the Board of
Public Works and Safety/Utility Board

Kari Myers, Clerk of the Board of
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