

## **Board of Public Works & Safety Meeting - Wednesday, June 8, 2011 - 1:30 p.m. – Audio Available**

**Call to order by:** Mayor Fisel

### **Roll Call**

Present: Board Members: Bonnie Edgell, Tom Janes, and Patty Fisel, and City Attorney Steve Hagen

Absent: Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

### **Minutes from previous meeting of May 25, 2011 and May 27, 2011**

Motion to approve by: Tom Janes

Seconded by: Bonnie Edgell

Vote: All Ayes

### **Citizens Comments**

Norma Donley representing the Future Ligonier Alliance

Strawberry Daze will be held for one day, June 18, 2011. Due to the decline in artists and crafters, the FLA is requesting permission to move the festival to Main Street and close the street from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Streets as well as closing 4<sup>th</sup> to Station Streets. This would allow inclusion of the farmer's market. The committee did not feel the number of vendors worthy of closing State Road 5 as in prior years. INDOT was contacted to request a cancellation of the closure.

Motion to approved the closure of Main from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Streets and 4<sup>th</sup> to Station Streets on June 18, 2011 for the Strawberry Daze Festival by: Tom Janes

Seconded by: Bonnie Edgell

Vote: All Ayes

### **Unfinished Business**

1. *Approval of final claim and retainage to McKibbin Excavating for the 2011 Sanitary Sewer Line Replacement Project*

An invoice for the final bill in the amount of \$3796.66 and a request for the retainage amount of \$1781.33 were presented on behalf of McKibbin Excavating by City Engineer Rick Pharis. The project was completed to the satisfaction of the City.

Motion to approve said claims for a total of \$5577.99 by: Bonnie Edgell

Seconded by: Tom Janes

Vote: All Ayes

### **New Business**

1. *Awarding of bid for demolition of house at 600 South Martin Street*

The bids for the demolition were opened at a special BOW meeting held on May 27, 2011 and taken under advisement. The first bid was from Indiana Earth Inc. in the amount of \$7850. The bid includes demolition, removal and backfill. The second bid was from Kreager Brothers in conjunction with Operation Foundation, in the amount of \$500. The bid includes demolition and backfill with the City providing for the cost of the dumpsters.

Motion to accept the bid from Kreager Brothers for the project by: Tom Janes

Seconded by: Bonnie Edgell

Vote: All Ayes

2. *City Engineer Contract*

The City's contract for City Engineer is currently with BradsKo with Rick Pharis being the company representative. As Pharis is no longer employed by BradsKo, but as of June 6, 2011 is employed by Triad, he presented a new contract to the City. Because the contract was just presented to the Board today, motion to take the contract under advisement by: Mayor Fisel

Seconded by: Tom Janes

Vote: All Ayes

Appointment of the City Engineer is a Mayoral appointment. With Rick Pharis' departure, BradsKo is no longer qualified for the position. Therefore, motion to appoint Triad as the city Engineer with Rick Pharis as their representation as of June 6, 2011 by: Mayor Fisel  
Seconded by: Tom Janes                      Vote: All Ayes

3. *Request for permission to write off utility bill*

Ramiro/Flores at 302 West Miller Street, Lot 3

The billing clerk was preparing to lien the property. Before the lien could be filed, the property was sold. Attempts to collect from the former residents have been unsuccessful. The balance on the account is \$234.03.

Motion to allow the write off of \$234.03, Ramiro/Flores at 302 West Miller Street, Lot 3 by: Patty Fisel  
Seconded by: Bonnie Edgell              Vote: All Ayes

**Department Heads and Members of Administration**

*City Engineer Rick Pharis* - Rick informed the Board that the bids for the pavilion at Pettit Park will be opened at a special meeting on Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at 11:00 am.

Rick also addressed the OCRA grant for the CSO project in the NE Quadrant of the City. The City was not awarded the \$600,000 grant. The competition for the grant was very strong. Amy Miller, the grant writer, will hold an exit meeting with the City on where we fell short.

Without the grant, the CSO project will be revised based on the funds available and bid in the fall for spring construction. The GO Bond funds will be available for the street paving portion of the project.

If the City applies for the next round of OCRA grants, it will not be for this particular project. The Mayor added that if there is need in the community other projects, we will again apply again. Although a large percentage of OCRA grants are used for utilities, they can be used for other projects including Police and Fire projects.

**Adjournment**

As there was no further business before the Board, motion to adjourn by: Tom Janes