

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON, INDIANA
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
January 17, 2023

A quorum of the Board of Public Works & Safety (Board) being present, the Board met for its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 3:30 p.m., in accordance with all applicable requirements, notice, and authority.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Strick opened the Board of Public Works & Safety meeting.

Board Members present: Mayor Strick, Danielle Albertson, Dwight Brautigam, Charles Chapman, and Anthony Lisinicchia. Also present: Director of Engineering, Adam Cuttriss; Building Commissioner, Shad Paul; City Attorney, Adrian Halverstadt; City Attorney, Mike Hartburg; and Clerk-Treasurer, Christi McElhaney.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Board Member Lisinicchia moved to approve minutes of the January 3, 2023, regular meeting, seconded by Board Member Chapman. Motion passed 5-0. Minutes signed.

OLD BUSINESS: Director Cuttriss **presented the agreement between Fox Contractors and the City for the State Street Culvert replacement.** Board Member Brautigam made a motion to approve the contract for \$818,956.50 and authorize the Mayor to sign, seconded by Board Member Lisinicchia. Motion passed 5-0. Mayor signed agreement.

BOW Resolution 2023-1: Disposition of Fire Department Personal Property (1990 Spartan, Lil' Gladiator) was presented. Board Member Lisinicchia made a motion to approve the Resolution to sell the 1990 fire truck with no reserve, seconded by Board Member Brautigam. Motion passed 5-0. Resolution signed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Arren Anglin owner of 713 E Franklin Street is disputing an abatement invoice for junk that the City removed. She lives in Hawaii and says that she didn't receive the notice in time to get it cleaned up before the deadline. After some discussion, Board Member Chapman made a motion to remove the administration fee of \$200, which leaves a balance due of \$165 for the clean-up fee, seconded by Board Member Brautigam. Motion passed 5-0.

Steve Kimmel presented a **special event request for Music in the City 2023 for June 10th, July 8th, August 12th, and September 9th.** Board Member Lisinicchia made a motion to approve the events, seconded by Board Member Chapman. Motion passed 5-0.

Director Cuttriss reported that no bids were received for the North Water Plant Backwash Lining Project. The project will need to be rebid.

Mayor Strick addressed the Board **concerning a proposed agreement among the City, Huntington County, and the Huntington Community Foundation.** The proposal, subject to

Common Council approval, is for both the City and the County to deposit their respective opioid litigation settlement funds with the Foundation and authorize the Foundation to use those funds in accordance with the list of opioid remediation uses issued by the State of Indiana. Board Member Chapman made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign subject to Council approval, seconded by Board Member Albertson. Motion passed 5-0. Mayor Strick will sign the agreement once City Council approves the additional to spend the funds received in 2022.

UNSAFE BUILDING:

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Strick opened the public hearing for 703 S Jefferson Street. Dino V., the property manager, stated they have cleaned up the inside and outside of the property and will secure all of the doors and windows. The owner would like to sell the property as is and they have someone interested. With no one further wishing to speak, Mayor Strick closed the public hearing.

Mayor Strick opened the public hearing for 1711 Cottage Avenue. Owner Jeremy Higgins was present and explained that he is using the house for storage at this time and will be demolishing it himself and would like six months to complete the demolition. With no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Strick closed the public hearing.

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT: Commissioner Paul stated the violations for 703 South Jefferson Street as follows: 14 unsafe for the house and 6 unsafe for the garage, and 16 minimum housing violations and the corrective measures are 16 for the house and 5 for the garage. The deadline is January 26, 2023. Board Member Brautigam made a motion to uphold the order of enforcement with the current deadline, seconded by Board Member Chapman. Motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Paul stated the violations for 1711 Cottage Avenue as follows: 12 unsafe violations, 14 minimum housing violations and 18 corrective measures for this property. The homeowner would like six months for demolition. Commissioner Paul recommends 120 day extension with a deadline of May 17, 2023 for a report of progress from Mr. Higgins at the May 15, 2023 meeting. Mr. Higgins would also like to address a fine that he received for junk clean-up and would like the administration fee removed. Board Member Albertson made a motion to modify the order of enforcement with a new deadline date of May 17, 2023 and the Board will address the fine when they see progress of the demolition, seconded by Board Member Chapman. Motion passed 5-0.

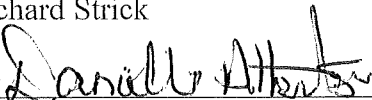
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Board Member Lisinicchia moved to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Board Member Albertson. Motion passed 5-0. Documentation signed.

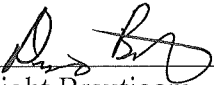
ADJOURNMENT: Board Member Lisinicchia moved to adjourn, seconded by Board Member Brautigam. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY

City of Huntington, Indiana

By  as Mayor and
Richard Strick Member

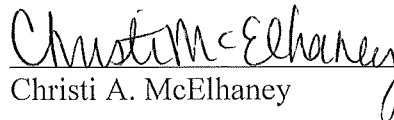
By  as Member
Danielle Albertson

By  as Member
Dwight Brautigam

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Charles Chapman

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Anthony Lisinichia

ATTEST:

 as Clerk-Treasurer
Christi A. McElhaney