

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
July 8, 2024

The Board of Public Works and Safety met in a regular meeting on July 8, 2024, at 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, 301 East Clinton Street, Frankfort, Indiana.

The following action was taken: Mayor Sheets called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present: Mayor Judy Sheets, Greg Miller, and James Skinner. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley, and others, as noted in the minutes.

**SWEARING IN**

Mayor Sheets swore in James Skinner as the new member of the Board of Public Works and Safety.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the June 24, 2024, regular meeting, and June 27, 2024, special meeting were presented for approval. G. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mayor Sheets. Upon a roll call vote, three ayes were recorded. Motion carried 3-0.

**CLAIMS APPROVAL**

G. Miller made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by J. Skinner. Upon a roll call vote, three ayes were recorded. Motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**POLICE**

Police Chief Scott Shoemaker updated the board on the hiring of Officer Andrew Snyder's replacement and informed the board that he should have his replacement by the middle of August.

Chief Shoemaker informed the board that, as of September 1, 2024, his department will begin providing police services in the newly annexed area of Frankfort. He will have five additional officers available as soon as they are out of the academy, which will make servicing this area no problem.

Chief Shoemaker asked the board to approve and promote Sergeant Brett Dale and Sergeant Zach Nichols to Lieutenant, effective June 29, 2024. G. Miller made a motion to accept the promotions, seconded by J. Skinner. Upon a roll call vote, three ayes were recorded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chief Shoemaker provided an update on the Fourth of July festivities and reported no problems except for rainfall.

**FIRE**

Fire Chief Matt Stidham updated the board on Engine 3. While they do not have the engine back from the repair facility, they hope it will have the correct parts and be delivered within the next few weeks.

Chief Stidham updated the board on the new fire station and informed them that they had to adjust the building to meet the price point, and they are satisfied with the changes. He also provided the board with information received at active shooter training by one of his officers.

### **STREET DEPARTMENT**

Street Department Superintendent Jason Forsythe informed the board that over the weekend, someone dropped off highly toxic items at the Clinton County Solid Waste District. As a result, the street department had to close today and call the bomb squad in from Lafayette. The community was notified via social media, and the board discussed options for citizens' safe disposal.

Mr. Forsythe informed the board that INDOT will be adding ADA ramps this year on Jackson Street, from the elementary school through downtown. INDOT is completing this project with the help of Edward and Jones Concrete.

Mr. Forsythe informed the council that he has been working with American Structurepoint, Mayor Sheets, and Kim Black on obtaining an 80/20 grant for the Maish Road project. They are currently applying for the SS4A (Safe Streets 4 All), which will greatly assist in the project's completion and will allow more projects in the community to be completed in the future.

### **BUILDING SERVICES**

Director of Housing and Planning Initiatives Don Stock provided the board with the permit report for June and updated them on the progress of Meadowbrook Subdivision phase 1.

### **PARKS DEPARTMENT**

Parks Department Superintendent Joel Tatum informed the board that the Eagles and Coomers Sawmill would like to offer free swimming days at the aquatic center on July 15, 22, 29, and August 5. He asked the board to allow them to charge a flat rate of \$1050.00 per day so that his department is not tasked with keeping a head count. G. Miller made a motion to allow the flat rate for the Eagles and Coomers Sawmill of \$1050.00 per day, seconded by J. Skinner. Upon a roll call vote, three ayes were recorded. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Tatum informed the board that the parks passed their USDA inspection and now have their license for the next three years. He also informed the board that Play Pros has been through the splash pad and will give them a quote on the piping issues and the cost to repair it. That information will be provided at a later meeting.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Community Development Director Kimberly Black asked the board to approve two bands for the Raices Festival on September 21, 2024. She asked the board to approve a contract from Los Bravos del Sierrero, and El Padrino De La Cumbia to perform as opening acts for the festival.

G. Miller made a motion to approve both band contracts, seconded by J. Skinner. Upon a roll call vote, three ayes were recorded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ms. Black informed the board she would be presenting the parking study results and discussing a possible parade for the Raices festival at the next meeting.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Sheets spoke to the board about the signage for the Farmers Bank center stage at Prairie Creek Park. The bank has presented its ideas for the new designs with its updated logo, and per Mayor Sheets, they can pick the color for the logo due to their naming rights. G. Miller made a motion to accept the changes to the main stage as presented, seconded by J. Skinner. Upon a roll call vote, three ayes were recorded. Motion carried 3-0.

G. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by J. Skinner. Mayor Sheets adjourned the meeting at 5:50 P.M.