

Board of Public Works & Safety Meeting - Thursday, January 12, 2012 - 1:30 p.m. – Audio Available

Call to order by: Mayor Fisel

Roll Call

Present: Board Members Bonnie Edgell, Tom Janes, and Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Hagen and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn.

Minutes from previous meeting of December 28, 2011

Motion to approve by: Bonnie Edgell

Seconded by: Tom Janes

Vote: All Ayes

Citizens Comments

John Pettit, Ligonier

Mr. Pettit sent the City a letter and a copy of a letter sent to a resident he believed was removing trash containers from one of his apartment buildings. He wanted us to be aware of what was happening. He will work with the street department and police department to resolve the problem if it continues.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

1. John Pettit – Request for Reimbursement for Broken Window

Mr. Pettit sent the City a letter regarding an apartment window he believed was broken by snow plowed by a City plow, along with a bill for \$60.00 to replace the window.

Mr. Pettit's tenant was at home when the incident occurred but did not actually see it happen. Apparently the heavy snow impacted the window, breaking it and leaving snow inside the apartment. After discussion it was determined that although this has never happened before, and the incident was not actually witnessed, the City assumed liability and should pay the expense.

Motion to pay \$60.00 for the replacement window to Pettit Property Management by: Tom Janes

Seconded by: Bonnie Edgell

Vote: All Ayes

Department Heads and Members of Administration

Street Department Superintendent Mike Burdette: The department is updating street signs in the City this month with the new diamond grade signs which were purchased.

Mayor Fisel also discussed the street signs. The state implemented a mandatory sign replacement and has now extended the deadline to 2015. The City was approved for a grant for sign replacement. The initial phase of the grant is for an inventory by an outside firm. The City received five proposals for the inventory. The second phase of the grant is for the actual sign replacement which includes a City match. It is estimated that the City has currently already replaced over 50% of the signs. Because we are this far along in the replacement, the feeling it would be in our best interest to stop the grant process now and continue to replace the signs as needed with funds already budgeted.

Motion to withdraw from the sign project grant by: Tom Janes

Seconded by: Bonnie Edgell

Vote: All Ayes

Water Department Superintendent Jeff Boyle: There were 42 shut offs on the list this month. Because of the weather, Jeff talked to the residents before shutting the water off. This resulted in 39 paying the avoid shut off and only 3 being shut off.

City Engineer Rick Pharis: Rick asked the board's permission to advertise for bids on the Northeast Quadrant separation project. We have authorization from SRF to bid the project.

A local bank has expressed interest in the possibility of assisting in financing City projects. Discussion ensued regarding this matter. A meeting with the accountant, attorney, and engineering firm will be set to discuss the project and options.

Motion to give Rick Pharis the authority to advertise for bids on the project, but set the award subject to approval of financing of the project by: Patty Fisel

Secoded by: Tom Janes

Vote: All Ayes

WWTP Superintendent Mark Schultz: Mark asked the boards permission to scrap equipment. The WWTP has an old augur and grinder which are not operational. The cost to repair the equipment is not worth the while.

Motion to scrap the augur and grinder as valueless by: Patty Fisel

Secoded by: Bonnie Edgell

Vote: All Ayes

Mayor Patty Fisel: Mayor Fisel noted that there are certain board appointments which need to be made, some by herself and some by City Council. She announced that one of her appointments is to replace an appointment on the Plan Commission vacated by Mark Shearer who resigned. She stated she plans to name Tami Janes as her appointment and will make the announcement at the City Council meeting tonight.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by: Tom Janes

Secoded by: Patty Fisel