

BOARD OF WORKS

JUNE 3, 2013

1:00 P.M.

Mayor Randy Strasser opened the meeting for business. Carolyn Pearson and Dick Traeger were present for the meeting.

Minutes from the May 20, 2013 meeting were presented after corrections for approval. Dick Traeger made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Motion carried. (3-0)

Claims were presented for payment in the amount of \$249,895.71. Mayor Strasser asked for questions concerning the claims. Dick Traeger wanted to know why \$171 was paid for Dunkin Donuts by the Police Department. It was explained the docket sheet only allows so much space and there were numerous other items including lodging on the APV. Dick also wanted an explanation of the two large payments from the wastewater department. Dick VanSickle explained Maddox had installed the new booster system package as well as a new stairway. The booster package had been approved previously during a BOW meeting. This was the original pump dated back to 1990. Carolyn Pearson questioned why we would pay for police SOP out of EDIT. Carolyn thought EDIT was for claims concerning the economic development of the city. Mayor Strasser felt a long time ago it was agreed to pay consultants from the EDIT fund. Consulting had been done by Bingham concerning tax abatements. We are spending \$500,000 from Washington to Wilson Street and we need to help others. Carolyn noted she did not totally understand the tax abatement situation but she felt that the council could work more efficiently during budget time if expenditures were taken from the correct appropriation lines. Carolyn Pearson noted we will deal with this issue at budget time. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (3-0)

Utility Improvements: Mayor Strasser reported we are almost ready to make investments in capital improvement projects. The revised time table will be presented at the council meeting tonight. The month of May was spent identifying projects to be done in 2 phases. Hopefully a new well will be established inside city limits and the development of a new well field will be a 5 to 7 year project. June 1<sup>st</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> will be group meetings and workshops with input from consultants and financial consultants.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Police SOP. John Chapman informed the BOW a revised copy for police SOP has been approved by Bingham, Greenup and Doll. Mr. Chapman would like the BOW members to take a couple weeks to look over and then approve at a later date. John, Leanne and Mayor Strasser had a phone conference with Bingham lasting 2 hours and covering the city policy. Mayor Strasser reported this will be ready for the July council meeting.

Stellar Update: Mayor Strasser informed the BOW the wait for signed contracts by the contractor has not been completed. They should be back and ready for the next BOW meeting. Meetings had been

held with businesses downtown and there is excitement with this project. The base needs are being addressed and suggestions for follow up plans will be addressed. The follow up suggestions would be totally the owner's responsibility. There had been a meeting on the street scape plans last month and another team meeting will be held tomorrow.

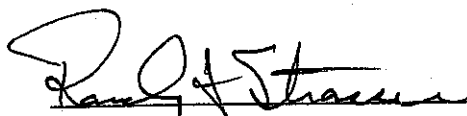
A meeting had been held with contractors to start the Safe Routes to Schools. There is a possible start of work on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Carolyn Pearson reported she had received many calls on the red flags identifying utilities that were placed in so many yards. Residents wanted to know if they could remove the flags since they had been there around a month. Mayor Strasser will get with Aaron Lyons and they will call HWC and see what the status is.

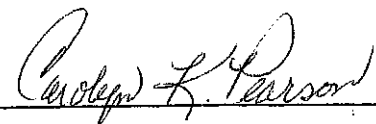
A public meeting will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June for concerns and issues with ADA. Legally a public meeting must be held to enable individuals to participate in the plans for ADA. The meeting will be from 5 to 6 P.M. and will probably be held at the Wabash & Erie Canal Conference Center. The notice will go to the press today. Aaron Lyons and Mayor Strasser will be working on identifying building needs and this report is due by the end of June.

Sara Brosman presented a request for approval and support of the Diamond Dash. It will use the same street route as in the previous years. The money raised through the 5K run/walk will benefit the Preservation Society. The race will be held on September 21, 2013 with the race beginning at 9 AM. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to allow the street closings on September 21<sup>st</sup> for the Diamond Dash. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (3-0) Sara reported the Lions Club is working on several ideas to be held the same day. They could possibly have a car show around the block, maybe some musical entertainment as well as refreshments for runners. These ideas are in the planning stage.

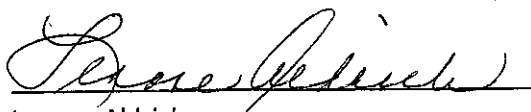
Mayor Strasser explained the BOW needs to be aware a letter had been received from IDEM with a report of a SSO (sanitary sewer overflow). This happened during the last flood. Dick VanSickle explained he was aware but did not report the issue within 24 hours as required. The inspector was on site with Dick and at that time, Dick told the inspector he had not reported on time. The inspector told Dick to write a letter to IDEM and address all of the issue and explain why he did not report on time. Dick noted he will do so.

With no other business before the BOW, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 P.M.

  
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Mayor Randy Strasser

  
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Carolyn Pearson

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Dick Traeger

  
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