

BOARD OF WORKS  
AUGUST 4, 2014  
1:00 P.M.

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

Minutes from the July 21, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (3-0)

Claims were presented for approval of payment in the amount of \$238,524.39. Dick Traeger questioned if the city was a sponsor of Indiana Bacon Bowl. Mayor Strasser responded with a yes. Carolyn Pearson questioned the claim for Wyatt and Mayor Strasser reported 2 months ago he had changed to Wyatt for a telephone maintenance program with more than ½ savings from previous vendor. Mayor Strasser explained he is looking for ways to reduce cost of utilities. Dick Traeger made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Motion carried. (3-0)

Old Business:

SRO OFFICER: Mayor Strasser had just received a text message for Chief Mullin explaining he is on a call for a stolen vehicle and will be here later if possible. If Chief Mullin is unable to present his plan to the BOW members, he will do so at the council meeting tonight. Mayor Strasser noted the agreement has been approved by Delphi Community Schools and Chief Mullin will go through the hiring process.

Aaron Lyons informed the BOW members the driver for the CCRC truck has resigned. There will be a meeting with Burlington Tuesday night and Aaron will report back to the BOW. Burlington is upset with the lack of drivers and the truck breaking down. Burlington does not have the resources held by Delphi and Flora. Carolyn questioned if we could make the job better with either pay or benefits. Aaron reported the numbers are negative now and at this time more could not be offered. Carolyn stated we will need to see the results of the meeting Tuesday night before the situation can be addressed.

Dick VanSickle reported HHH 2C is waiting for power to be supplied by REMC to the new lift station. REMC has not submitted an invoice to the clerk's office. Wilson and Clyde stations are done except for final grading. The boring for soil test for the effluent pipe included in the 2013 bond is being done today.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Strasser stated he had included correspondence from Chris Neuman concerning the possible animal cruelty concern on Riley Rd. Chris Neuman stated she wanted a response from the BOW. Mrs. Neuman reported she has concern due to feeling this animal has been neglected for the last two years. Mrs. Neuman stated her husband has contacted Chief Mullin and she felt it was important to contact the BOW. Carolyn Pearson offered to meet with the family on an unofficial capacity. Mayor Strasser stated Chief Mullin had several meetings with the family and they have also been cited for yard and trash debris and does not know if a BOW member can do anything other than as a concerned

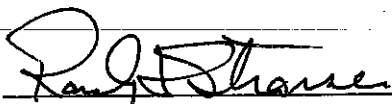
neighbor. Dick Traeger stated he feels Carolyn should approach the family as a concerned neighbor. Mayor Strasser explained we need to hear what Chief Mullin has to say since our ordinance states an animal must have food and water and tied up or in a kennel. Chris Neuman thanked all for listening and Mayor Strasser assured her we will continue to monitor the situation.

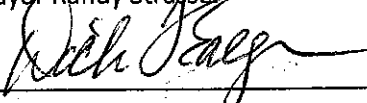
Mayor Strasser reported we will have more discussion tonight at the council meeting on homes with issues needing to be addressed. Kevin Kologinsky, Brock Dawson and Mayor Strasser attended schooling concerning these issues. There is a new program, Blight Elimination Program to help owners make improvements. There is a possibility of up to \$15,000 for a home without a basement and up to \$25,000 for homes with a basement. There are set amounts for purchasing properties. At the present time, there are four homes we would like to see come down. There is a simple application process for funds and we would have to have this submitted by the 14<sup>th</sup> of September. There is "x" amount of money available and this looks like it will be a onetime deal. There has to be a community partner involved. The two issues for the council to be concerned with are the money involved and the community partner. The process would require a plan with application in September, awarded in December and 18 months to complete. Carolyn Pearson felt it would be a good idea if homeowners became educated and more involved the process of maintaining their homes. Mayor Strasser stated this was a legal issue. Leanne Aldrich stated USDA home loans has a program where the buyer must attend classes and pass a test before their loan can be processed. The schooling covers several issues including budgets as well as how to maintain your home once you have purchased the property.

Chief Mullin joined the meeting and Mayor Strasser invited him to explain the hiring process for the SRO officer. Chief Mullin explained he was too late to advertise in the Comet but placed an ad in the local paper of Michael Griffey. A notice was also placed at Delphi Community School Corporation. He will be taking resumes and the final day to accept resumes will be on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August. Carolyn Pearson thought 5 days was too short of a time to receive favorable resumes and Chief Mullin if not satisfied with the first round, stated he will open the process for another 5 days.

Chief Mullin noted he had contacted the owner of the dog before noon today with concerns of possible neglect. Chief Mullin also took pictures of the animal and the dog looked fine. The dog has food and water as well as shelter. The owner also assured Chief Mullin of times when the dog is taken off the tie down. There is nothing Chief Mullin can do legally at this time. Dick Traeger thinks maybe the family will show more concern since the police have been to their residence with concerns.

Meeting adjourned.

  
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Mayor Randy Strasser

  
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Dick Traeger

  
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Carolyn Pearson

  
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Leanne Aldrich, Clerk Treasurer