

BOARD OF WORKS

JUNE 2, 2014

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 meeting held May 17, 2014 were presented for approval. Dick Traeger made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Motion passed. (3-0)

Claims were presented totaling \$248,012.34. Mayor Strasser asked for questions or comments. Carolyn Pearson noted she had a couple questions but they were answered in the clerk's office prior to the meeting. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (3-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Brian Puller of HWC presented a memorandum of agreement for East Main Street. The objective of this is to form a plan for the relinquishment area to tie in with the downtown stellar projects. Included in this plan will be Samuel Milroy Rd as well as the road leading to the trail. Later a contract for design might be needed but it could possibly handled by Aaron Lyons in house. Leanne questioned the manner in which this contract will be paid and Mayor Strasser responded it will be paid out of the relinquishment funds. Dick Traeger made the motion to approve the memorandum of agreement for East Main St. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Motion carried. (3-0)

Krista Watson representing Delphi Chamber of Commerce appeared before the BOW with a request for fireworks on the 4th of July. The fire department will be needed and they have been contacted. She also noted the city has given \$1,500 to \$2,000 towards the cost of the fireworks. Krista stated whatever the city would decide to give towards the fireworks would be greatly appreciated.

Krista Watson also reminded the BOW members they would need the usual streets closed, water supplied as well as trash accommodations. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to work with The Chamber on the annual Old Settlers. Second by Dick Traeger. Mayor Strasser stated he did not expect any disruption downtown with construction projects. If anything comes up, it will be addressed at that time. Motion carried. (3-0)

Carolyn Pearson stated she would prefer Krista comes to the council meeting with her request for money for the fireworks. Krista noted she had come to the council in the past and would be glad to do so.

Mona Ogle representing Relay for Life appeared before the BOW with information on plans for this year's relay. Purple bows will be placed on light poles and windows will be painted. The dates for Relay for Life are July 13th and 14th from 6:00 P.M. to 8 A.M. and will be held at Carroll this year. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the purple bows and window painting. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (3-0)

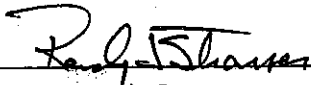
OLD BUSINESS:

Anita Werling appeared before the BOW with an update on the opera house project bidding results. The bids were opened on the 29th of May for the general trade's packet and the rigging. Four bids were received with JR Kelly being the low bid. This accepted bid was \$100,000 better than the previous bid but it still put the total over budget. KJG will certify the bids. The Preservation Society moved to accept the bid per certification and to accept the overage (\$200,000 to \$250,000). The Preservation Society will begin the process to find additional funds. Dick Traeger questioned how long it would take to get state approval. Anita noted Shawn Cain had advised her it would take up to 2 weeks. Jeff Watson questioned how far between high and low bids. Anita responded one bid had been really high but the other three bids were a closer cluster.

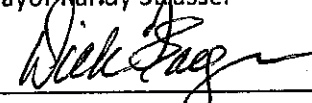
Abandoned & Unsafe Properties. The reports from the structure engineer had just been submitted and Brock Dawson, city attorney, had not had a chance to look over. Carolyn questioned if all the homes were different owners and Mayor Strasser replied they were. Mayor Strasser noted the home on Washington Street just north of Adams had been on our list but he had found it had been purchased during the sheriff sale held in the fall. The gentleman purchasing the home will fix the home once he gains possession but that will not be until this fall. At this time all he can do legally is secure the home and mow the yard. Two of the three other properties we are concerned about will be purchased if possible and if we are unable to purchase we will start the legal process. Jeff Watson questioned why we don't have barricades blocking off the new sidewalk by the old locker plant. Mayor Strasser stated the engineer had identified the structural problems and the sidewalk is closed. Dick Traeger stated he felt we need to do something if we are putting new concrete down in front of a building that is unsafe. Condemnation of this building could take 3 to 4 months and the seller might be willing to sell and Mayor Strasser stated he will get with Aaron and get some information back to the BOW at the next meeting.

Mayor Strasser questioned Dick VanSickle, Aaron Lyons and Craig Myers if they had anything to discuss with the BOW and they did not. Steve Mullin, Chief of Police, presented bids for a new police car to the BOW members. He would like to replace the 2008 car with 130,000+ miles and transmission issues. The low bid came from Kelly Autos out of Ft. Wayne. Steve also had bids from Dick Kreig and Mann Chevrolet. Each of these two bids was around \$2,000 higher than the bid from Kelly. The 2014 vehicle must be ordered from Kelly by June 4th in order to take advantage of the pricing. Dick Traeger made the motion to purchase the car from Kelly Auto of Ft. Wayne. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Motion carried.
(3-0)


Meeting adjourned at 1:45 P.M.



Mayor Randy Strasser



Dick Traeger



Carolyn Pearson



Leanne Aldrich, Clerk Treasurer