

BOARD OF WORKS & PUBLIC SAFETY  
December 6, 2021 – 5:15 PM  
Community Center, 311 N. Washington Street

Mayor Anita Werling opened the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Those present rose for the pledge of allegiance.

Dick Bradshaw, Kamron Yates, and Anita Werling were present.

Minutes of the November 15<sup>th</sup> 2021 meeting were presented. Kamron Yates moved to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Dick Bradshaw. Without objection, motion carried.

Claims totaling \$939,834.37 were presented for approval. Dick Bradshaw moved to approve the claims. Second by Kamron Yates. Dick Bradshaw asked about the monthly fee for Visual Edge IT which, Mayor Werling explained covers telephone and computer maintenance with significant savings over previous services. Bradshaw asked about a line item for Stomp Light which Superintendent Lyons explained was an equipment light bulb. Bradshaw asked for an explanation of longevity pay which Clerk-Treasurer Aldrich explained was approved several years previously by Council as to incentivize employees to continue service at the City. The claims were approved. (3-0)

Unfinished Business

Discussion was opened on the request from Dr. Battu of Valley Oaks to place NaloxBoxes in a City park to provide ready access to this life-saving treatment for those who have overdosed on opioids.

Chief McCain reported that he contacted officials in Frankfort and Monon regarding their experience with NaloxBox installation in their parks. Neither had seen any concerns. Chief McCain shared a personal experience in which the availability of naloxone might have saved a life.

Superintendent Lyons stated he would support the BOW's decision either way, but expressed concern about locating the boxes in the parks.

Councilman Kingery stated his concern that the boxes might lead to drug paraphernalia being left in parks placing children at risk of injury or exposure.

Resident Tony Brooks asked about cameras in the parks and how residents would be notified about the location of the boxes.

Parks Advisory Board member Cody Walker also expressed concern about locating the boxes in the parks.

Kingery asked who would provide the supplies. Mayor Werling indicated that Valley Oaks would be in charge of monitoring the boxes and maintaining supplies which are provided under a grant. Chief McCain added that each package of Naloxone nasal spray would also contain information about how to get addiction recovery programs.

Questions concerning liability were asked and Aaron's Law was briefly explained as providing "Good Samaritan" protection for those providing assistance. He further explained that 911 still needed to be contacted for these overdose cases beyond the initial naloxone treatment.

Board of Works member Dick Bradshaw stated he would like to see the boxes in the area, but wondered if other locations might be preferable. He asked what locations had been secured. Mayor Werling thought the Delphi Public Library had been agreed along with Valley Oaks.

Board of Works member Kamron Yates concurred with those questioning location of the boxes in the parks, but thought that Trail Head Park might be an alternative.

The City will seek further feedback from the community and find out from Valley Oaks which Delphi locations have been secured.

No further action was taken on the matter.

Mayor Werling presented a letter of intent between the City of Delphi and Ryan Brown for the donation of land on which the Centennial Marker and Monument are located along with property to connect the site to the Monon High Bridge Trail. The City would pay for connecting Brown's property to the sewer system, for surveying the split of approximately .3 acre, fees for entering the parcel split, and legal fees to prepare deeds, easements, recording fees, etc. T-Bird Engineering was offered to complete the survey work out of engineering costs for the Monon Trail project. Dick Bradshaw made the motion to accept the donation of the property and to utilize City funds to cover the associated costs. Second by Kamron Yates. Motion carried. (3-0)

#### Miscellaneous Business

Mayor Werling presented for informational purposes easement documents from Wabash Valley Power Association for the South Delphi transmission line route which would cut through two city parcels. Attorney Robeson and the Mayor will meet with Brian Anderson of WVPA on December 15th to review the easements and appraisal information for the parcels. At a future meeting we will present the offers and recommendation for action.

#### Board Comments and Requests

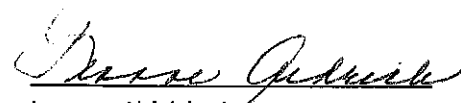
Dick Bradshaw announced his intention to resign from the Board of Works at the end of the year following six years of service on the board. He stated his ongoing commitment to Delphi and the hope that this would entice younger residents to get involved in the City's future just as Kamron Yates has done. Kamron Yates expressed his appreciation for Bradshaw's guidance and thoughtful questions about claims and other City business. Mayor Werling expressed her gratitude for Bradshaw's leadership, service, and dedication to the community.

#### Public Comments

Debbie Lowe asked about the costs involved in accepting the donation of the Centennial Marker, Monument and land. Werling expressed it would be in excess of \$17,000.

There being no other comments, Dick Bradshaw moved to adjourn. Second Kamron Yates. Without objection the meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

  
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Mayor Anita Werling

  
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Leanne Aldrich, Attest