

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY,  
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT  
MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF HARTFORD CITY, INDIANA  
JANUARY 4, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME:** Mayor Dan Eckstein welcomed everyone and called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Works and Public Safety at 5:00pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Members present were Ms. Kristi Bonewit, Ms. Pam Weiseman and Mayor Dan Eckstein. City Attorney, Brandon Murphy and Clerk-Treasurer, Dana Whatley were also present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Ms. Bonewit made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Ms. Weiseman made a motion to approve the minutes of December 20, 2021 as submitted. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** Ms. Weiseman made a motion to accept the claims totaling \$690,911.67 as submitted. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A.) UPDATED COMCAST QUOTE FOR COAX INTERNET VS. FIBER INTERNET:** The new quote from Comcast was reviewed and discussed by the Board of Works. Mayor Eckstein made a motion to approve the 36 month Coax Comcast quote. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

**B.) ANIMAL SHELTER CONTRACT:** The updated contract was discussed and it was decided there was no action to be taken by the Board of Works.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A.) WARREN BROWN – BEDC 2022 AGREEMENT:** Mayor Eckstein stated that Mr. Brown will be in attendance at the City Council meeting this evening. Council needs to approve the amount they are appropriating to the Blackford Economic Development Corporation and then it will need to come back to the Board of Works to approve the contract. This had been tabled at the December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting until January 18, 2022. Clerk-Treasurer Whatley accidentally put this topic on tonight's agenda.

**B.) KREIG/DEVAULT CONTRACT – BOND COUNCIL FOR WATER PROJECT:** After review and discussion, Mayor Eckstein made a motion to approve this contract for bond council for the Water project. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

**C.) JEFF THOMAS – BRAYDEN SMITH COMPLETED PROBATIONARY PERIOD AND IS DUE FOR A .26 CENT HOURLY RAISE:** Mr. Thomas explained that Mr. Smith has successfully completed his probationary period and is now due for a .26 cent raise effective

1/3/22. Ms. Weiseman made a motion to approve the pay increase. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

**D.) DANA WHATLY – EXTENDED SICK LEAVE FOR K.B.:** Ms. Whatley explained that employee K.B. is still hospitalized and we have not been able to obtain a doctor's note to date. She stated that she should have one by the 1/18/22 meeting. Mayor Eckstein approved K.B.'s sick leave until 1/18/22 pending receipt of a doctor's note. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

**E.) CODY CROUSE**

**1.) ACCEPT RESIGNATION LETTER OF ETHAN COX:** Chief Crouse provided the BOW with a copy of Mr. Cox's resignation letter. Ms. Bonewit made a motion to accept the resignation letter. Mayor Eckstein seconded the motion. The vote to accept was 3-0.

**2.) PERMISSION TO START THE HIRING PROCESS:** Chief Crouse asked the BOW if they can pick from the application pool from the current hiring process that was still active as of that date. Ms. Bonewit made a motion to continue the hiring process. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

**F.) TRAVIS WILLIAMSON – SICK LEAVE FOR R.T.:** Mr. Williamson explained that this employee is taking 2 holidays (floating election days) that haven't been used and then finishing up with 4 sick/personal days. Ms. Weiseman made a motion to approve this sick leave. Mayor Eckstein seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

**BOARD INPUT: NONE**

**ADJOURNMENT:** With there being no further business, Mayor Eckstein made a motion for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:25pm.

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