

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY,
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT
MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF HARTFORD CITY, INDIANA
APRIL 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. Pam Weiseman, Ms. Kristi Bonewit and Mayor Dan Eckstein. Attorney Brandon Murphy and City 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 OF MARCH 21, 2022: Ms. Weiseman made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Ms. Bonewit made a motion to accept the claims totaling \$390,099.13 as submitted. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A.) TRAVIS WILLIAMSON – AEP SHARE AGREEMENT: Mr. Williamson reminded the board that one year ago AEP hit the City's sewer when they were working on their substation. Mr. Williamson reached out to Culy Contracting to obtain a quote to repair this sewer line. The quote was \$431,229. Upon the Mayor's approval, Mr. Williamson reached out to AEP in November 2021 to propose a 50/50 cost sharing agreement. AEP responded last week that they are in favor of this agreement. They are currently working with their right-of-way & legal team to draft a legal document to present to the BOW on how to conduct fund transfers. Culy Contracting has been notified and are estimating to start work sometime within the next year. Culy's bought the materials earlier, at their own expense, in the amount of \$60,000. Mayor Eckstein has given Mr. Williamson permission to pay that bill to Culy's for the materials out of the City's \$215,614.50 portion. Mr. Williamson stated that his department does have the cash on hand to pay this bill.

B.) ANIMAL SHELTER CONTACT: Mayor Eckstein explained that Attorney Murphy has amended the Animal Shelter contract that mirrors previous contracts from prior years and this contract will expire December 31, 2022. He explained that we have worked the first quarter of 2022 without a contract. Ms. Weiseman stated that she reached out to Ms. Pam Bonham with the shelter and talked to her over the phone and also went out to the shelter for a visit. She stated that she felt like Ms. Bonham was very forthcoming and helpful. Ms. Bonham provided the 2019 financials. Ms. Bonham explained that the shelter had requested an extension for the 2020 form 990. She said that hopefully the shelter's accountant will have all taxes filed by May 2022 and they will provide all current financials soon after that. Ms. Bonham also provided budgets and

animal intake forms for the years of 2019-2022. Ms. Weiseman recommended that the City Councilmen should go out to the shelter to meet with Ms. Bonham.

Ms. Bonewit stated that she feels that animal control services are definitely needed. Mayor Eckstein made a motion to accept the 2022 revised contract. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0. Mayor Eckstein stated that he will give this contract to Mr. Eron Ferrell with the Animal Shelter Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

A.) JEFF THOMAS – HIRE NEW EMPLOYEE: Mr. Thomas recommended Mr. Cameron Elam for employment opportunity within his department. Ms. Weiseman made a motion to hire Mr. Elam. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0. Mr. Elam was warmly welcomed by the BOW.

B.) DANA WHATLEY – K.B. EXTENDED SICK LEAVE: Ms. Weiseman made a motion to accept K.B. leave through April 18, 2022. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

BOARD INPUT: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: With there being no further business, Ms. Bonewit made a motion for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

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