

# REGULAR MEETING – November 17, 2008

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, met in REGULAR SESSION on Monday morning, November 17, 2008, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers, in the City Hall Building, located at 100 East Michigan Boulevard, Michigan City, Indiana - a regular meeting room of this Board.

The meeting was called to order by Anthony Metzcus, who presided.

**Noted Present:** Anthony Metzcus, President; Mayor Charles Oberlie, Member; and John Schaefer, Member (3).

**Absent:** None (0).

## A QUORUM WAS NOTED PRESENT.

Also noted in attendance:

John Espar, Corporate Counsel  
Sgt. Jeff Loniewski, Traffic Division, M.C.P.D.  
Jim Elwell, Superintendent, Central Services  
Jack Kahn, Street Director, Central Services  
Dave Lamb, Fire Chief, M.C.F.D.  
Joe Siegel, Zoning Administrator  
Russ Hatfield, Code Enforcement Officer  
Bill Phelps, City Engineer  
John Pugh, Director, Planning & Inspection

Deborah Sederberg, The News Dispatch

Thomas Fedder, City Clerk  
Kim Sliwa, Asst. Deputy City Clerk

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schaefer moved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 3, 2008 be approved as printed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Metzcus and carried as follows:

**AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

**AWARDING OF BIDS (Demolition)**

Russell Hatfield, Code Enforcement Officer, wrote the following on November 17, 2008:

RE: **Awarding of Bids**

Dear Board Members:

Please be advised that the department has reviewed Demolition bids on the following properties and would recommend that the contracts be awarded as follows:

- 513 Pleasant Avenue – KTM Services in the amount of \$4,800.00
- 1026 Green Street – KTM Services in the amount of \$8,700.00
- 1410 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street – KTM Services in the amount of \$4,700.00

**Demolition of 513 Pleasant Avenue – Eugene Hollins, owner**

Seven (7) bids were received as follows:

Andy Salat Excavating/Construction, LLC	\$5,380.00
Phelps Construction	\$7,945.00
Actin/TRI, LLC	\$7,280.00
Woodruff & Sons, Inc.	\$6,075.00
G.E. Marshall, Inc.	\$10,200.00
KTM Services	\$4,800.00
Lawrence Trucking	\$6,250.00

Mr. Hatfield recommended awarding the bid to the lowest bidder.

**Demolition of 1026 Green Street – Elida Dabbert, owner**

Four (4) bids were received as follows:

Phelps Construction	\$9,448.00
Actin/TRI, LLC	\$9,620.00
Woodruff & Sons, Inc.	\$13,035.00
KTM Services	\$8,700.00

Mr. Hatfield recommended awarding the bid to the lowest bidder.

**Demolition of 1410 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street – Russell Darling, owner**

Six (6) bids were received as follows:

Phelps Construction	\$8,365.00
Actin/TRI, LLC	\$9,180.00
Woodruff & Sons, Inc.	\$10,800.00
G.E. Marshall, Inc.	\$11,400.00
KTM Services	\$4,700.00
Lawrence Trucking	\$11,850.00

Mr. Hatfield recommended awarding the bid to the lowest bidder.

Mayor Oberlie moved to approve Mr. Hatfield's recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schaefer and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

### **FIRE MERIT COMMISSION ELECTION RESULTS**

Dave Lamb, Fire Chief, Michigan City Fire Department informed the Board that Mr. John Stimley was elected to the Fire Merit Commission by a vote of 10 to 9 on October 23, 2008.

Mayor Oberlie explained the Ordinance requires the election to be held by the Board of Public Works and Safety, with certification being tabulated by the Board for acceptance and appointment.

Mayor Oberlie moved to authorize the Clerks Office to issue certification to Mr. John Stimley that he has been elected for another term. The motion was seconded by Mr. Metzcus and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was received in the Clerks Office on November 10, 2008, from Mr. Thomas J. Henry, 2208 Fairway Drive, Long Beach IN 46360:

Dear Board Members:

The reason for requesting this sidewalk is safety.

A large number of people now use the streets surrounding Lake Clare for walking, jogging and bicycle riding. This route around Lake Clare consists of 2 miles and forms roughly a rectangle – the 2 long sides are Shorewood Drive & Fairway Drive, the 2 short sides are Duffy Lane and Karwick Road.

This route is quiet & pleasant for walking, jogging & bike riding except for the stretch along Karwick Road. That stretch of about 900 feet is very dangerous to the people on foot or bikes. It is worrisome to drivers on Karwick Road. We do not think it any exaggeration to fear this situation is an accident waiting to happen – someone is going to get killed or maimed unless a sidewalk is installed.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Mr. & Mrs. Tom & JoAnn McDonald, 2300 Shorewood Drive, Michigan City, addressed the Board stating they were representing Mr. Henry and the petition. Mr. McDonald explained the request, informing the Board of the signed petition by forty-two (42) members of the area community. Mr. McDonald stated with the growth of that area, there are more residents walking and children crossing the street on Karwick Road to catch the school bus.

Mayor Oberlie made the motion (and explained how a standard motion worked to the McDonald's) stating first this type of item would be referred to the City Engineer, Traffic Division and Planning Office to investigate the rights-of-way and look at what the options there are, and report back to the Board. The motion was seconded by Tony Metzcus and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

**CLAIMS AND PAYROLL**

Mr. Metzcus, moved that the claims set forth in the Register of Claims (in possession of the City Controller) and appearing in the Register be severally allowed and ordered paid and proper warrants for payment thereof hereby ordered issued in the stated amounts to person(s) and/or firm(s) as set forth, and payrolls approved. The motion was seconded by John Schaefer and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

The Board signed: Payroll items in Register of Claims for informational purposes (which Register is in the possession of the City Controller) as follows:

Page	Date	Amount
1 of 8	11/07/2008	\$402,953.69
1 of 7	11/14/2008	\$141,607.00

Allowance of claims as set forth in the Register of Claims as follows:

Page	Date	Amount
1 of 5	11/14/2008	\$1,288,240.82

**OLD BUSINESS – SPEED LIMITS IN THE AREA OF LAKESHORE DRIVE AND WASHINGTON PARK BLVD INCLUDING KRUEGER HILL AND LAKE AVENUE**

John Pugh, Director, Planning & Inspection Department, distributed a traffic study report to the Board and explained the report to the Board in regards to the letter received from Councilman Richard Murphy. Councilman Murphy’s concerns addressed the posting of speed limit signs in this area; and the matter was referred to the Traffic Division, Planning Department and City Engineer; who compiled the report.

There was discussion between the Board members, the Traffic Division, the Planning Department and the City Engineer regarding the matter.

Councilman Rich Murphy, 217 Beachwalk Lane, addressed the Board “Thanking” them for acknowledging his letter. Councilman Murphy expressed the concerns of the residents in that area, stating they have requested the speed limit be set at Fifteen (15) miles per hour due to the volume of pedestrian traffic on Washington Park Blvd. and on Lake Avenue. Councilman Murphy asked the Board for uniform speed limits to be posted in this area; his immediate request would be to place a sign on Washington Park Blvd. from Krueger Hill to Lake Avenue making the speed limit Fifteen (15) miles per hour in that area.

Mayor Oberlie made the motion: to post the speed limit at a uniform Twenty (20) miles per hour for Lake Hills Subdivision Roads and the Sheridan Beach roads, and Twenty-five (25) miles per hour on Lake Shore Drive; to authorize the street department to repost and or remove any signs necessary to carry out the intent of this motion and to

comply rules and regulations in the state traffic manual; and to post warning signs with suggested speeds on Lake Ave for traffic traveling over the hill. This would not be an official Fifteen (15) miles per hour; it would recommend that this is the safe operating speed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schaefer and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

Mayor Oberlie addressed the second part of the report that addressed the Washington Park/Lake Avenue area. The Mayor asked when the Board could have a diagram and a suggested layout for an “all-way” stop.

John Pugh, Director, Planning & Inspection Department, informed the Board that his department experienced computer problems and therefore was not able to print out any maps at this time. Mr. Pugh stated that he should be able to have maps of that area at the next meeting.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Oberlie addressed the Board regarding an “e-mail” he received from Councilman Phil Jankowski asking on behalf of the Shoreland Hills Homeowners Association that a traffic analysis be conducted at the intersection of Moore Road and Westgate for consideration of a 4-way stop.

Mayor Oberlie made the motion to refer the matter to the City Engineer, the Planning Department and the M.C.P.D. Traffic Division for proper analysis. The motion was seconded by Mr. Metzcus and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Metzcus, Oberlie and Schaefer (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion carries.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The presiding officer inquired whether there was anything else to be considered by the Board at this time and, there being none, declared the meeting ADJOURNED (approximately 9:30 a.m.).

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Thomas F. Fedder, City Clerk