

REGULAR HYBRID/ZOOM MEETING -

June 6, 2022

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, met in REGULAR SESSION on Monday morning, June 06, 2022, at the hour of 8:30 a.m., hosted by "Hybird/Zoom" and streaming live on "My Michigan City" Facebook page.

The meeting was called to order by President, Virginia Keating, who presided.

Noted present in person: Virginia Keating, Michael Vinson, and Mayor Parry (3), Absent: None (0).

A QUORUM WAS NOTED PRESENT.

Also noted in attendance:

Amber Lapaich-Stalbrink, Corporate Counsel
Brad Minnick, City Engineer
Terry Greetham, Special Event Director
Captain Jeff Loniewski, M.C.P.D. Traffic
Andrew White, Alco TV
Shong Smith, Director M.C. Central Services
Chris Yagelski, Mayor's Administrator
Gene Simmons, Councilman
Paul Przybylinski, Councilman
Marty Corley, Chief of Operations
Skylar York, Director of Planning

Gale Neulieb, City Clerk
Stacy Dudley, Deputy Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice President Vinson moved to approve the minutes of the Regular "Hybird/Zoom" meeting of May 16, 2022, and Special meeting on May 27, 2022; seconded by Mayor Parry. The minutes were approved by the following vote: AYES: Board of Public Works and Safety members, Keating, Vinson, and Parry (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion Carries.

AWARDING OF SURPLUS BUSES- 2022 Sale of Surplus Vehicles (Rolling Stock -Transit Buses)

- **2013 Freightliner- Legacy #40**
- **2013 Freightliner- Legacy #42**
- **2013 Freightliner- Legacy #44**
- **2015 Freightliner- Legacy #48**
- **2015 Freightliner- Legacy #50**

President Keating stated the first bus vehicle is for bus 2013 Freightliner- Legacy #40 and asked if there is a recommendation on this bus.

Attorney Lapaich stated that Ms. Tillman has recommended Roberto Enamorado in the amount of \$3,700.00 was the lowest bid.

Mayor Parry made the motion to approve the awarding of the bid to Roberto Enamorado in the amount of \$3,700.00. The motion was seconded by Vice-President Vinson and carried as follows: AYES: BOW members Keating, Vinson, and Parry (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion Carries.

President Keating stated the next (2) buses are the the 2013 Freightliner- Legacy #42 and #44 advising that there were no bids received.

President Keating stated the next bus is for bus 2015 Freightliner- Legacy #48 asking if there is a recommendation.

Attorney Lapaich stated that Ms. Tillman has recommended Jason Stimley in the amount of \$3,900.00 was the lowest bid.

Mayor Parry made the motion to approve the awarding of the bid to Jason Stimley in the amount of \$3,900.00 for bus 2015 Freightliner- Legacy #48. The motion was seconded by Vice-President Vinson and carried as follows: AYES: BOW members Keating, Vinson, and Parry (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion Carries.

President Keating stated the next bid is for bus 2015 Freightliner- Legacy #50 asking if there is a recommendation.

Attorney LaPaich stated that Ms. Tillman has recommended Jason Stimley in the amount of \$3,900.00 was the lowest bid.

Vice President Vinson made the motion to approve the Awarding of the bid to Jason Stimley in the amount of \$3,900.00 for bus 2015 Freightliner- Legacy #50. The motion was seconded by Mayor Parry and carried as follows: AYES: BOW members Keating, Vinson, and Parry (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion Carries.

AWARDING OF BIDS- Awarding of bids for a three-year lease program for eleven (11) Dodge Durango's police pursuit packages and one (1) Dodge Ram 1500- police pursuit package

Marty Corley, Chief of Operations stated that there was only one (1) bid that came in and it was from LaPorte Chrysler; Attorney advised that she reviewed the bid package and that everything was in order.

Attorney Lapaich recommended the bid to be awarded to LaPorte Chrysler Jeep Ram Inc.

President Keating asked if there were any comments from the public, there was no response.

President Keating asked if there were any comments from the board.

Further discussion ensued between Vice President Vinson and Chief Corley regarding preferences regarding preferential options in these vehicles received from a few of the MCPD officers.

Vice President Vinson made the motion to award the bid to LaPorte Chrysler Jeep Ram, Inc.; the motion was second by Mayor Parry and carried as follows: AYES: BOW members Keating, Vinson, and Parry (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion Carries.

REQUEST FOR STREETLIGHTS- Linda Berry, 120 Winnipeg Street, is requesting to have streetlights placed on her street for safety reasons

Captain Jeff Loniewski, M.C.P.D. Traffic stated that he had a chance to speak with Ms. Berry and inspected the area and is located on the west side of our city; further explaining this area has no lights advising several reasons why he recommends a streetlight to be placed on pole #963/323.

President Keating asked if there were any comments from the public at this time, there was no response.

President Keating asked if there were any comments from the Board, there was no response.

Mayor Parry made a motion to approve Captain Loniewski recommendation to place the streetlight on pole #963/323 for safety reasons, second by Vice President Vinson and approved by the following vote: AYES: BOW members, Keating, Vinson, and Parry (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion Carries

NIPSCO SERVICE- Brad Minnick, Primera Engineers, Ltd is requesting on behalf of NIPSCO to install five (5) Commercial Service Applications for various street lighting and traffic signal installations for the Double Track Project

- **Franklin Street**
- **Wabash Street**
- **11th Street & Washington**
- **Wabash Street**
- **Washington Street**

Brad Minnick, Primera Engineers, Ltd 5281 Fountain View Drive Crown Point, addressed the board advising that as the Double Track Project progresses there is a need to disconnect/reconnect street lighting controllers as well as traffic signal controllers; stating that billing for the disconnect and reconnect will be routing the bill to the correct office which he believes is the Controller's Office; that this is a process that needs to go forward and is why the commercial service applications are here before this board.

President Keating asked if there were any comments from the public at this time, there was no response.

President Keating asked if there were any comments from the Board.

Mayor Parry stated that this is an important item as well as the next one on the agenda; advising that last Friday when he received a call from the street department director and that provisions had not been made with the new installation being turned back on by the NICTD electrical contractor for street lighting in the downtown area; with Marquis Electric asking permission to tap into the boxes so the downtown area would have light, which he did.

Mayor Parry made a motion to approve NIPSCO's Commercial Service Applications to install five (5) various street lighting and traffic signals locations for the Double Track Project, second by Vice President Vinson and carried as follows: AYES: BOW members Keating, Vinson, and Parry (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion Carries.

NIPSCO SERVICE- Brad Minnick, Primera Engineers, Ltd is requesting on behalf of NIPSCO to energize twelve (12) streetlights along 11th Street for the Double Track Project

Brad Minnick, Primera Engineers, Ltd stated that this is the same situation as before, these are new proposed lights in response to the ones that have been disconnected to date or will be disconnected soon.

Discussion ensued between President Keating, Mr Vinson, Mayor Parry and Brad Minnick regarding the type of the twelve (12) lights that are going to be installed, energized as well as the (12) location.

A motion was made by Vice President Vinson, second by Mayor Parry to approve NIPSCO to energize twelve (12) streetlights along 11th Street for the Double Track Project and carried as follows AYES: BOW members Parry, Vinson, and Keating (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion Carries.

Street Closure Request -Joseph S. Henrich, Queen of All Saints Parish is requesting a street closure to have their Annual Queen of All Saints Festival on June 10th- June 12th, 2022 and would like to close Barker Avenue between Carroll and Woodland Avenue.

Captain J. Loniewski addressed the Council advising this is an annual event and that Queens always hire off duty officers to work the festival each year and that Chief Corley is in charge of this event and is sure there will be a full staff out there; so, they recommend approval to have their event.

President Keating asked if there were any comments from the public, there was no response.

President Keating asked if the board had any questions or comments.

Vice President Vinson made a motion to approve Queen of All Saints Parish to have their Festival on June 10th – 12th closing Barker Avenue between Carroll and Woodland Avenues pending the receipt of their Certificate of Insurance, second by Mayor Parry and carried as follows AYES: BOW members Parry, Vinson, and Keating (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion Carries.

Street Closure Request -Jenine Mitchell, 301 S. Woodland Avenue is requesting a street closure on the corner of Woodland Avenue and Short Street to have a friends/family event on June 18, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Jenine Mitchell, 301 S. Woodland Avenue addressed the board advising that she lives on the corner of Woodland Avenue and Short Street and it is traveled a lot asking that she would like to close Woodland Avenue down Short Street to her Alley.

Captain Loniewski addressed the board advising them they he spoke with Ms. Mitchell and he has no issue with this request; so that her guest don't have to park on Woodland but on Short Street.

Attorney Lapaich advised that since the street she is requesting to be closed is going to be used for just parking of her guest, this board may want to wave her having to have the certificate of insurance.

Mayor Parry made a motion to approve her street closure request as well as to wave the certificate of liability since Mr. Mitchell is using the blocked off area for just parking, second by Vice President Vinson and carried as follows AYES: BOW members Parry, Vinson, and Keating (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion Carries.

Contract Amendment - AMENDMENT TO 2022-2024 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MICHIGAN CITY FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE DUNES LODGE #75 REGARDING ARTICLE X (SUPPLEMENT BENEFITS), SECTION I (LATERAL TRANSFER), SUBSECTION 2

Attorney Lapaich advised that the Council has already approved this amendment, but essentially the parties met, negotiated the contract was signed but following the FOP's lead member of their negotiating team reached out to her before the city actually approved this and suggested a change; so we are requesting that the language be what was originally voted on with just the lateral transfer program and how it characterize an officer that has less than one year experience.

President Keating asked if there were any public comments, there was no response.

President Keating asked if there were any board comments at this time, there was no response.

Mayor Parry made a motion to adopt the amendment that Attorney Lapaich stated, second by Vice President Vinson.

Paul Przybylinski 1716 Washington Street – Councilman of the Second Ward and a member of the labor negotiating team; advising that he voted against this amendment stating several

reasons why they have tabled the approval for one meeting have an executive session to discuss the language, asking this board to TABLE this for one meeting.

Discussion ensued between Vice President Vinson and Paul Przybylinski regarding how the Council voted and approved this amendment with a vote of 8 – 1.

Mayor Parry and Mr. P. Przybylinski discussed whether this amendment was addressed at one of their Labor Relations Committee meetings during negotiations.

The motion was carried as follows AYES: BOW members Parry, Vinson, and Keating (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion Carries.

Request for Streetlights - Councilman Paul Przybylinski, 1716 Washington Street is requesting that the street light poles located in the 1600 -1800 blocks on Wabash Street be repositioned due to the demolition of St. Anthony's Hospital and is requesting to know when the unused/retired poles in our community are going to be removed

Paul Przybylinski 1716 Washington Street, addressed the board asking that lighting be put up because void on Wabash Street since the hospital's been demolished with the perimeter lighting is gone which would light that area up and with living in this neighborhood the safety of the neighborhood; addressing his second request on the poles that are retired and no longer in use asking where are we going; do we have to go to the Utility Regulatory Commission to get Verizon to move their equipment/wires off the poles that have been retired with them not having the authority to use them; asking this board to see what we need to do to get the poles removed and clean up some our neighborhoods.

President Keating asked Mr. Minnick if he would look at the lighting on Wabash.

Brad Minnick advised the Board that he will look at how the lighting is and the possibility of repositioning the lights along the vacant property where the hospital was on Wabash and Ripley; and that he will be able to come back at the first meeting in July.

President Keating stated that the removal of unused/retired poles located in several neighborhoods in our city has been a long-time issue; asking Mr. Minnick if he has any suggestions of what this board can do.

Mr. Minnick advised President Keating that he will further into it in terms of NIPSCO and their agreement as they call them, tenants and what the duration of those agreements are.

Mr. Minnick stating that he will try and have this information by the first meeting in July as well.

President Keating asked if there were any public comments, there was no response.

President Keating asked if there were any board questions or comments, there was no response.

Vice President Vinson made a motion to put both items Mr. P. Przybylinski brought to the board on the pending list until the first meeting in July, second by Mayor Parry and carried as follows AYES: BOW members Parry, Vinson, and Keating (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion Carries.

CLAIMS AND PAYROLL

President Keating read the following payroll docket from May 20, 2022 and the BOW Claim Docket for June 6, 2022:

PAYROLL DOCKET

May 20, 2022

City Payroll **\$ 791,418.20**

Vice President Vinson made a motion to approve the payroll docket from May 20, 2022 in the amount of \$791,418.20, second by Mayor Parry and carried as follows AYES: BOW members Parry, Vinson, and Keating (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion Carries.

CLAIMS DOCKET

June 06, 2022

Municipal	\$ 931,319.08
CDBG	\$ 24,966.83
Health & Life Ins. Fund	\$ 515,530.35
Workers Comp Trust	\$ 53,379.56
 Total Claims	 \$ 1,525,195.82

Mayor Parry made a motion to approve the BOW Claims Docket in the total amount of \$1,525,195.82, second by Vice President Vinson and carried as follows AYES: BOW members Parry, Vinson, and Keating (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion Carries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Keating stated that Brad Minnick, Primera Engineers on May 16, 2022 requested to energize four street lighting controller cabinets and one traffic signal along 11th Street.

Mr. Minnick advised that this was approved earlier on today’s agenda so this doesn’t need to be on the pending list.

President Keating stated on May 16, 2022 James Hunter, Treasurer of Commerce Square Association requested a barrier to be placed at the corner of U.S. 12 Highway 35, and Spring Street due to incidences of vehicles jumping the curb.

Captain J. Loniewski, Traffic Division requested that this be TABLED until the June 21, 2022, BOW meeting; advising that he just received all the accident reports from the state and would like the opportunity to review them with Mr. Minnick.

President Keating stated that Mr. Hunter’s request will be brought back on the pending list at our June 21, 2022, meeting.

President Keating stated at the May 16, 2022, BOW meeting Michael Ainsworth, 1204 w. 7th Street requested to purchase City owned property Parcel No. 46-01-30-485-003-000-002

Attorney Lapaich stated that she spoke with Skyler York, City Planning Director about this request and that he asked this board to deny this request at this time, advising that Mr. York spoke to the Redevelopment Commission a few months ago and that Redevelopment Commission are going to do a housing study and after looking at this lot, he believes that this lot would be a viable lot to put a house on and doesn’t want to proceed forward with it just at this time.

Discussion ensued between Mayor Parry and Planning Director York about several city owned lots/properties within the city limits that a house could be built on and the size of the lot that is being requested to purchase by Mr. Ainsworth.

Vice President Vinson questioned that this board have been entertaining requests for purchasing properties here for several month and it is always the same answer; that he has

spoke with some of the citizens that live here want to purchase a city owned property and do want to build a house asking Mr. Skyler to explain what the difference is.

Mr. York addressed Mr. Vinson's question advising that this board can't guarantee that house will get on that property being requested; that they want to work with a group that want to build several houses on different parcels that are city owned; not a person to purchase a city parcel to grow grass, garden, etc. for the rest of their lives.

President Keating asked if there were any questions or comments, there was no response.

Vice President Vinson made a motion to deny the request to Michael Ainsworth to purchase city owned property, Parcel No. 46-01-30-485-003.000-002, second by President Keating and carried as follows AYES: BOW members Vinson, and Keating (2). NAYS: BOW member Parry (1). Motion Carries.

President Keating advised on May 2, 2022, John Kelly Newcomb, Uplift and Restore, CDC requested to purchase the Old Police Annex Station Building and the property it resides on at 204 Willard Avenue Parcel NO. 46-01-29-35-30-40-0000-22 and owned by the city

President Keating asked Skyler York Planning Director for his input on this request.

Mr. York advised that this board will be receiving to take ownership of this property soon so the Redevelopment Commission can remodel and basically to have it redeveloped into something; we are asking this board to deny Mr. Newcomb's request at this time.

Vice President Vinson stated that Mr. York you are saying a couple months; there will be an announcement, or do you have the liberty to give us some sort of timeline; with Mr. York advising that they are talking to a community development corporation and that the Redevelopment Corporation is also working with them about putting houses on some of city owned properties that are vacant.

Mr. York advised that this board will be receiving a request from the Redevelopment Commission to take ownership of this property soon so the Redevelopment Commission can remodel and basically to have it redeveloped into something; we are asking the board to deny Mr. Newcomb's request at this time.

Mr. York advised Mayor Parry that through Code-Compliance if we sold this to an individual you have to give notice and walk them through every process to get the building repaired which could take one (1) to two (2) years; stating that this is a viable building.

President Keating asked if there were any questions or comments from the public, there was no response.

Vice President Vinson made a motion to deny Mr. Newcomb to purchase the city owned property located at 204 Willard Avenue and remove from the pending list, second by Mayor Parry and carried as follows AYES: BOW members Parry, Vinson, and Keating (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion Carries.

President Keating stated on April 18, 2022, Michael Vinson requested the use of an alternate detour when Franklin Street Bridge is not in service.

Mayor Parry stated that there isn't any other alternative detour besides Center Street asking further that if Captain Loniewski could shed some light on this issue.

Captain J. Loniewski stated that he spoke with Mr. Minnick and we both looked at it; advising that a few years ago Center Street and Krueger hill were resurfaced and when doing this they added angled parking for some of the businesses along Center Street, installed a new stop sign; that their recommendation would be to keep that as the main detour to the park

because if we start trying to detour this traffic further east into that neighborhood the streets are so narrow there would have significant problems moving traffic through those streets.

Mayor Parry suggested some other routes, with Captain Loniewski recommending the detour to stay with Center Street and Krueger Hill.

Vice President Vinson made a motion to approve the route the city has always used; Center Street and Krueger when the Franklin Street Bridge is not working and remove from the pending item list, second by Mayor Parry and carried as follows AYES: BOW members Parry, Vinson, and Keating (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion Carries.

President Keating stated that Michael Vinson requested the damaged guard rails be repaired on Karwick Road.

Captain Loniewski stated that he believes this is a separate matter that he believes President Keating was talking about the guardrails south of intersection of Hwy 12 on Karwick Road.

Shong Smith, Street Director Central Services 1801 Kentucky Street advised that both guardrails have been repaired; one at Karwick Road and Springland Avenue and the other at Karwick Road and Martin Luther King Drive.

Mr. Smith advised that if there is damage to city owned property was by a citizen, they are liable to the city to fix what was damaged.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Smith and Mr. Vinson regarding damage that has been done to a guardrail on Karwick Road by Krueger Middle School.

Vice President Vinson made a motion to remove this from the pending list, second by Mayor Parry and carried as follows AYES: BOW members Parry, Vinson, and Keating (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion Carries.

President Keating stated at the March 21, 2022, BOW meeting Carrie McGinty, 225 Charles Street requested to purchase the property owned by the city located behind their property at 932 W. 6th Street.

Attorney Lapaich advised that this request was brought to our board in March before the discussion took place around the housing study by the Redevelopment Commission; stating that this parcel originally was received from the county commissioners years ago, by virtue of assignment, when it went to taxes and it never got sold; when the county gave it to the city it was transferred by their parcel number not a legal description; advising that she has tried to find the legal description since March needless to say no legal description was found and to get a legal description a survey will need to be performed and that Hendricks's Engineering has offered to do a survey in the amount of \$1,200.00 for his services.

President Keating asked if the board they had any questions at this time.

Vice President Vinson asked if the cost of the survey would cover the cost of the sale; with Attorney Lapaich stating that this board could try to recoup the amount when we go to sell it and has been done in the past.

Vice President Vinson made a motion to approve the survey to be done by Hendrick's Engineering in the amount of \$1,200.00, second by Mayor Parry and carried as follows AYES: BOW members Parry, Vinson, and Keating (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion Carries.

President Keating stated on January 18, 2022, Don Przybylinski addressed the board with concerns from the public concerning the traffic markers missing on the island by Blue Chip Casino.

Brad Minnick, Primera Engineer, advised that he contacted Alan Holder, Traffic Engineer letting him know how many markers were down and expressed the interest Michigan City

hasn't gotten any response about getting them restored, particularly before winter; stating that he hasn't heard anything back from INDOT.

Mr. Minnick advised the board that he should have an answer back from INDOT on what they are going to do regarding these markers.

President Keating stated on December 1, 2022 Michael Vinson requested a lane reconfiguration to create a center turning lane on Woodland Avenue between Barker Road and Coolspring Avenue.

Captain J. Loniewski asked to hold this matter over until the June 21, 2022 BOW meeting that he just received all the accident reports from the state late last week and need the opportunity to go over them with Mr. Minnick; stating that there has been several accidents on Woodland Avenue in last five years and want to go through them to see what we can come up with if any of those accidents could have been prevented by the installation of a center lane.

President Keating stated on May 3, 2021 Councilman D. Przybylinski requested that signage (rough crossing) be place at the Ohio Street and Tilden Avenue CSX crossing.

Mayor Parry advised that both these CSX Crossing have been repaired; advising that he would like to leave these signs to slow drivers down.

Mayor Parry made motion to leave the "Rough Crossing" sign in place and remove this request from the pending list, second by Vice President Vinson and carried as follows AYES: BOW members Parry, Vinson, and Keating (3). NAYS: None (0). Motion Carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tommy Kulavik, 1316 Ohio Street, recognized that today is D-day and it is their 78th Anniversary and God Bless our troops and reminded everyone of the dates and times that you can do fireworks in the city limits and to try and keep their pets comfortable.

Brad Minnick, Primera Engineering wanted to let the board aware that he is sending out three (3) quotes for a culvert pipe to be placed at 945 S. Woodland Avenue; advising that the pipe is failing and this is located next to the Fedex facility and across the street from the Michigan City School bus barn and is working with local contractors to get pricing to bring that back to this board; and is the reason he is advising the board is it may need to be replaced before the next BOW meeting and will need a street detour as well.

President Keating asked Mr. Minnick if we should put his request on the pending list and he said that would be fine.

Councilman Gene Simmons of the Sixth Ward stated that he is here with some of constituents to address the board regarding an ongoing noise complaint that's been going on in their neighborhood and investigating and questioning the legitimacy of the business in question turning it over to Mr. Stary.

Richard Stary stated that he, his wife and his mother in-law live at 838 Odell Street; addressed the board advising that they have documents to prove what they are bringing to this board for help to resolve their issue; and that he has spoke to several people at City Hall asking what to do; stating several issues that have occurred with Mr. Knoll owner of Knoll Brothers Tree Service and his employees on a daily basis; Clouds of diesel smoke from Mr. Knoll's trucks, chipper machine and other machines running constantly three (3) or four (4) times a day; their noise meter reaching 89 inside their house with the windows closed, they referred this pollution to the IDEM with IDEM sending Mr. Knoll a letter asking them to stop running his equipment and also follow the city's noise ordinance, (presenting a packet)

Mayor Parry advised Mr. Stary (speaking for himself) that this was the first time right here that he has heard about this and will investigate it personally.

Discussion ensued between Mayor Parry and Mr. Starring regarding the business in question and that it is an empty lot with a tree service running his business from these lots.

Attorney Lapaich addressed the Mayor stating that maybe we can sit down with the Planning/Inspection Department and try to come resolve this issue.

President Keating advised that we take matters like this very seriously and as the Mayor said, he and the City attorney are going to get together, explore the situation with this being a very complex issue and each issue has to be addressed separately.

President Keating asked to put this matter on the pending items list.

Vice President Vinson made a motion to put this matter on the pending item list, second by Mayor Parry and carried as follows **AYES:** BOW members Parry, Vinson, and Keating (3). **NAYS:** None (0). **Motion Carries.**

Rodney McCormick 617 Union Street, and Vice President of the Martin Luther King Center; advising that he know Mr. Knoll as well as several of the neighbors that are present today and that he is willing to open his door to try to get some mediation, so we can get this resolved.

Paul Przybylinski, 1716 Washington Street, addressed the board about the flooding that took place several years ago in the corridor that was called Kintzele Ditch explaining the geographic tracks the water took through what parts of the city it went; questioning if the South Shore is putting a culvert in under their tracks where the flooding took place years ago, requesting the board to ask Engineer Minnick look into this matter.

President Keating advised that the questions Mr. P. Przybylinski has is he wants to know whether the South Shore is going to install a double culver.

Mr. Minnick stated that he would look at the existing plans asking this also be put on the pending item list.

Vice President Keating asked if we should put Mr. P. Przybylinski question regarding the double culvert under the South Shore tracks when doing the double track project on the list; with Engineer Minnick advising that he should have the information at the next meeting.

Vice President Vinson made a motion to put this on the pending list until the next meeting, second by Mayor Parry and carried as follows **AYES:** BOW members Parry, Vinson, and Keating (3). **NAYS:** None (0). **Motion Carries.**

Mr. Stary showed the board what the workers of Knoll Brothers Tree Service do to him at their home using a blow horn and sounding it every morning at 4:40 a.m. and several other times a day.

Dave Bela, 3044 Ohio Street addressed the Council regarding the water problems he's been following for years in the City of Michigan City for the last twenty five (25) to thirty (30) years in regards to Kintzele Ditch; GPS systems registering the flow of water down to Black ditch in Porter County from Michigan City, the dredging of Streibel Pond comparing the water level to Lake Michigan, the water level along Earl Road in the ditches are a two or three foot difference on each side of the road and the culverts under the CSX tracks are half full of crud that is preventing the water from running down further in the Hitchcock Street where water is standing, asking to have the Sanitary look into the water problems we have and clean out the ditches in our community.

Rodney McCormick, 617 Union Street commented on how many gunshots are being fired York and 11th Street, Tenth Street and Lafayette Street; the police come out to run the people away from one area and they go down a few blocks and start firing guns again; with the double track project and the removal of the lights on 11th street it is a safety issue that needs

to be address and put an end to letting these young adults; this board needs to get a plan to stop the violence and the sale of drugs in our community.

Vice President Vinson made a motion to put Mr. McCormicks concerns on the pending list, second by Mayor Parry and carried as follows **AYES:** BOW members Parry, Vinson, and Keating (3). **NAYS:** None (0). **Motion Carries.**

BOARD COMMENT

Vice President Vinson stated that he volunteered at the Singing Sands Sculpture Festival this past weekend and that he spoke with several visitors and vendors; stating that he heard nothing but positive comments as the weekend progressed the attendance increased.

Mayor Parry thanked the Park Department, the Controller's Office and everyone else that stepped up volunteered to help out making this event a success.

Mayor Parry announced that the intersection of 11th Street and Franklin Street is going to open no later than tomorrow at noon. Great news.

ADJOURNMENT

The presiding officer inquired whether there was anything else to be considered by the Board at this time and, there being none, asked for a motion to **ADJOURN** the meeting at approximately 9: a.m. Mayor Parry made the motion to Adjourn. The motion was seconded by Vice-President Vinson. **AYES:** Board of Public Works and Safety members Keating, Vinson, and Parry (3). **NAYS:** None (0). **Motion Carries.**

Gale A. Neulieb, City Clerk