

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY AND  
STORM WATER BOARD MEETING  
HELD JUNE 4, 2007  
GOSHEN, INDIANA**

The Board of Public Works and Safety and Storm Water Board of the City of Goshen met in the Council Chambers, 111 East Jefferson Street on June 4, 2007, at 4:00 P.M. for their weekly Board meeting. Mayor Kauffman was the presiding officer with members of the Board present or absent as follows:

PRESENT: Mayor Kauffman, Board Member Stegelmann, Board Member Landis

ABSENT:

OTHERS: Clerk-Treasurer Office-Assistant, City Attorney, City Planner, Director of Public Works, Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, Police Chief, Building Department Administrative Assistant, Street Commissioner, Legal Contracts and Claims Manager, Mayor's Administrative Assistant, Park Superintendent, Utilities Superintendent, Utilities Office Manager.

Minutes of the meeting of May 29, 2007 were presented. On motion of Board Member Landis and second by Board Member Stegelmann, the minutes were approved as presented.

**REQUEST TO HIRE J. ERB AS PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTER**

Fire Chief Danny Sink requested Board approval to hire Jerod Erb as a Probationary Firefighter with the Goshen Fire Department effective June 6, 2007. Mr. Erb has met all the requirements set by PERF and Chief Sink feels he would be an outstanding addition to the Fire Department.

Board Member Stegelmann moved to approve the request. Second by Board Member Landis and motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Kauffman then swore in Jerod Erb as a Probationary Firefighter with the Goshen Fire Department.

**REQUEST TO INSTALL A FENCE IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY**

Michael A. Grant, 1302 S. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Goshen, requested Board approval to install a five-foot fence in the Right-of-Way at 1302 South 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Grant stated his request was to better protect his children from traffic when they are in the yard.

City Planner Joseph Hauflaire stated Mr. Grant has not been to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) for their approval yet, further noting that if the fence is requested at four-feet instead, Mr. Grant would not require BZA approval.

Mayor Kauffman stated that according to information submitted by Mr. Grant, the fence is requested at five-feet to better protect from not only traffic but also people and dogs that would be able to jump a four-foot fence. Mayor Kauffman further noted he would like to approve the

request contingent upon approval from the BZA, however, he would prefer Mr. Grant to first approach the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Board Member Landis questioned if there were sidewalks on his side of 11<sup>th</sup> Street, to which Mr. Grant stated there were none on his side, but sidewalks were on the opposite side of the street. Board Member Landis further stated he agreed with Mayor Kauffman that he has no problems approving the request, however he also prefers Mr. Grant approach the Board of Zoning Appeals first.

Mr. Hauflaire stated the deadline to file for the June BZA meeting was June 6, 2007.

Mayor Kauffman instructed Mr. Grant to file the request with the Board of Zoning Appeals and return to the Board with the request.

**REQUEST TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS NO. 1 AND NO 2 FOR INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT COLLEGE AND MAIN, PROJECT NO. 2004-0013**

Director of Public Works Robert McCoige requested Board approval of Change Order No. 1 from the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) for Intersection Improvements at College Avenue and Main Street, Project No. 2004-0013. The Change Order is needed to establish a new pay item for the removal of the concrete pavement discovered under the asphalt at two locations, and for the removal of a tulip tree whose roots would have been damaged by the excavation of a retaining wall. Change Order No. 1 increases the contract by \$10,075.00.

Director of Public Works Robert McCoige also requested Board approval of Change Order No. 2 from INDOT for Intersection Improvements at College Avenue and Main Street, Project No. 2004-0013. The Change Order is needed to eliminate six manholes shown on the Storm Sewer Plans and connect the new curb inlets directly into the existing storm sewer manholes, per the request from the City of Goshen. This change will add two days to the road closure, making it closed 67 days instead of 65. Change Order No. 2 increases the contract amount by \$800.00.

The original contract sum was \$772,534.10. These Change Orders increase the amount by \$10,875.00, making the new total \$783,409.10, which is a 1.4% increase.

Mayor Kauffman questioned who would be replacing the tulip tree destroyed in the excavation.

Mr. McCoige stated the tree would be handled under the City's Tree Replacement Program.

Board Member Landis moved to approve the two requests. Second by Board Member Stegelmann and motion passed unanimously.

**REQUEST TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE FIRST STREET AT ROCK RUN CREEK**

Director of Public Works Robert McCoige submitted information to the Board stating the Elkhart County Highway Department has contracted the replacement of the First Street Bridge superstructure which spans Rock Run Creek. The County is requesting permission to close First Street between the railroad tracks to the south and at the "Tee" intersection of Oakridge and First Street to the north between June 11, 2007 and August 8, 2007.

The planned detour will direct traffic east/west along Wilden Avenue, on the north side, or River Avenue, on the south side, and Indiana Avenue will be used as the common north/south link. Mr. McCoige stated the Engineering Department participated in the early coordination of this project and is comfortable that the proposed traffic plan is adequate.

Board Member Stegelmann moved to approve the request. Second by Board Member Landis and motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business Mayor Kauffman moved to process claims and then to adjourn. Second by Board Member Stegelmann and motion passed unanimously.