

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 7th, 2013**

**Mayor Dennis Buckley called the meeting to order at 6:12pm.**

**ROLL CALL:** Board of Works Members Ed Bell, Sandra Seward and Mayor Dennis Buckley present. Also in attendance, were Clerk Treasurer Dan McMillan and City Attorney Craig Wiley.

**MEETING MINUTES:** The meeting minutes from the December 17th, 2012 were presented to the Board. Ed Bell moved to accept the minutes as presented. Sandra Seward seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** Mayor Buckley gave a brief description of these claims.

- **Corporate Manual Claims** – claims that do not require Board approval before payment is made.

Sandra asked about the Interstate Battery claim and whether or not this should have been a Manual or Regular claim. The biggest claim on the docket was the tax anticipation warrant for 2012 the amount of this was \$1,612,938.53. This included principal and interest, and was wired out on December 27, 2012. This was the same day we received our tax money.

Manual claims in the amount **\$2,228,498.68** were presented to the Board for approval. Sandra Seward moved to accept the claims as presented. Ed Bell seconded the Motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

- **Corporate Regular Claims -** claims that require Board approval before payment is made.

Sandra asked about the engineering fees for Lick Creek erosion and whether or not this project is completed she was told it was not. She was told it should be done by summer. The Mayor asked Ed if he had any questions he commented he was amazed by the dollar amount of some of these claims.

Regular claims in the amount of **\$48,604.39** were presented to the Board for approval. Ed Bell moved to accept the claims as presented. Sandra Seward seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Conflict of Interest Statements:**

Dan McMillan Clerk-Treasurer, co-owner of Rosebud Flowers & Gifts with his wife.

Sandra Seward moved to approve the Statement as presented. Ed Bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Margaret Fitzgerald, Clerk in Sewage Business / Mike Fitzgerald, Building Commissioner.

Ed Bell moved to approve the Statement as presented. Sandra Seward seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

The Mayor called on Fire Chief Rob Cheshire to give a brief report on the fire department. The chief stated they had received a grant for EMS turnout gear. He thanked Chief Jim Pierce for securing this grant. He stated pictures of the new fire truck are updated weekly on the fire departments facebook page. The Chief wanted to thank all the citizens who removed snow from around the fire hydrants. He also reported on ambulance collections for 2012. The projected amount for 2012 was \$400,000.00 they actually brought in \$475,000.00. He credited the increase to “out of city runs” and the boost in revenues (the city council passed), and we are now the same as Indianapolis rates. He stated Medic-102 had 249 responses the month of December. He said they have been extremely busy. He stated the Saint Francis program, for the second ambulance, hopefully, will be operational in late February, and Saint Francis is taking applications for these positions now.

The Mayor called on Police Chief Mark Swartz to give a brief report on the police department. The Chief stated the police officer in the school has been very effective. He further stated they have made twenty arrests in the school, including, five in one day, for fighting and drugs. The officer has also been conducting demonstrations with his dog in the elementary schools in the community. He stated the drug tip line resulted in an arrest of a marijuana grow lab on south 4th avenue. He also stated there was nothing new on the arson investigation on south 6th avenue. He said they have a person of interest. He stated Animal Control Officer Durbin got a new truck with a plow on it. It was put to good use during the snow storm. He plowed many of the city lots, plowing almost nonstop, for eight hours.

Brad Meriwether, Director of Public Works, was recognized and thanked for a job well done. Brad was asked how much salt we had used. He told them during the recent snow storm we probably used between 450 to 500 tons of salt. He also stated that we had quite a stockpile on hand.

**COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS:** None

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 22nd 2013 at 6:00 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Board of Works Member Ed Bell moved to adjourn. Board of Works Member, Sandra Seward seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.

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**Dennis Buckley, Mayor**

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**Dan McMillan, Clerk Treasurer**

**Prepared by:  
Dan McMillan**