

Board of Works and Safety
Minutes
August 17, 2011

Mayor Dilk called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Board of Works members Bob White and Mayor Dilk were present. Also attending, Clerk Treasurer Chris Duffer.

MINUTES: The August 1, 2011 meeting minutes were read. Chief Witmer clarified that the report he gave referred to in the minutes was more accurately referred to as the Police Report. Bob White motioned to amend the minutes to refer to the Safety Report as the Police Report. The motion was approved by voice vote. Bob White motioned to approve the amended minutes. Mayor Dilk seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote.

REPORTS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Bob White motioned to approve Regular Corporate Claims for August 17, 2011 in the amount of \$83,542.82. Mayor Dilk seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote. Bob White motioned to approve Manual Corporate Clients for August 17, 2011 in the amount of \$6,474.88. Mayor Dilk seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote.

Chief Pierce submitted to the Board of Works a Request to Hire Civilian Paramedics. Chief Pierce stated that at the last meeting of the Common Council a rate increase was approved for ambulance fees; based on that he would like to start the process of hiring 3 paramedics. He states this would cut overtime and allow the Engine to be staffed how it is best suited to run. Bob White asked what is the rate we were charging, what is the rate we intend to charge, what is the rate Wishard charges and what is the rate Indianapolis charges. Chief Pierce explained the rate structure. He stated the increase went in to effect on August 2, 2011. He also stated that the fees generated were projections based on past history. Mayor Dilk asked when we would begin to see the results from the rate increase and Chief Pierce answered 30 days from August 2nd. Mayor Dilk asked the Chief to explain the billing process. Chief Pierce explained that they use a computer generated run report that is uploaded to a server and at that time the billing company has access to that data and from that they generate an invoice the next business day. Bob White stated he would like to have Mr. Bye have a more active role in this decision. Further, he wants to have meetings with the Council and keep them informed and receive their input concerning this issue. Mr. White also feels the public should be kept apprised of the issue and the decisions being made. To this end Mr. White requested a couple more weeks to look at this issue with the various participants. Mayor Dilk stated that the budget had to stay flat into year 2012, and we needed to be creative if we were to increase personnel or any capital purchases this and next year. Given that we were far behind other cities with our rate structure this was a way to increase staffing. Chief Pierce asked if he could start the hiring process but not the hiring given that more time is being requested. Mayor Dilk asked if with this preprocess was there an advertisement with this. Chief Pierce responded there was. Mayor Dilk stated he wanted to hold off then as it would appear we getting ahead of ourselves. Mayor Dilk asked Chief Pierce to plan face to face meetings with Mr. White and Mr. Bye prior to the Board of Works next meeting. Bob White motioned to table the Paramedic Hiring request for two weeks. Mayor Dilk seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote.

Bob White motioned to approve a handicap parking permit for Sue Miller of 153 S. 9th. Mayor Dilk seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote.

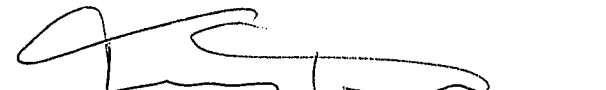
Bob White motioned to approve a handicap parking permit for Sandra L. Wheeler of 228 N. 7th. Mayor Dilk seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Chief Witmer submitted a request for a change from a 2-way stop to a 4-way stop at Bethel and 5th Avenue. Chief Witmer explained that this was not being done in an effort to slow traffic, rather as a safety measure for individuals on 5th Street leaving their parking space and entering traffic. He stated that after a traffic study the corner is somewhat blind for these individuals entering traffic flow and recommends a 4-way stop at this intersection. The clerk's office has a color copy of this request, including pictures, on file. Bob White motioned to approve the stop sign at this location. Mayor Dilk seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote.


MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: The next Board of Works meeting will be on September 6, 2011 at 6:00pm at City Hall.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD: None

ADJOURNMENT: Bob White motioned to adjourn. Mayor Dilk seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.



Terry Dilk, Mayor



Chris Duffer, Clerk Treasurer