

CITY OF BEECH GROVE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
Tuesday, January 3, 2023

Mayor Buckley called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

ROLL CALL

Board of Public Works and Safety Members Sandy Seward, Dave Harrison and Mayor Buckley were in attendance. Also, in attendance were Clerk Treasurer James Coffman and City Attorney Craig Wiley.

MEETING MINUTES

Clerk Treasurer James Coffman presented the minutes from December 19, 2022, meeting to the Board for approval. Sandy Seward made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Corporate Claims were presented for \$1,617,700.27. Sandy Seward made a motion to approve the Corporate Claims, Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Agreement – Culy Contracting-** Brent Siebenthal from Wessler discussed the agreement and work to be done by Cully Contracting for the 2023 Manhole and Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation. Culy would have 190 days to have the work completed. He said they would be lining the Sanitary Sewer on Main Street from 13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Streets, and replacing manhole covers that are structurally unsafe. Sandy Seward made a motion to approve the agreement, Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Notice to Proceed - Culy Contracting-** Mayor Buckley asked for a motion to proceed with the 2023 Manhole and Sanitary Sewer Rehab. Sandy Seward made a motion to proceed with the Notice of Award to Culy Contracting, Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

**New Hires – BGEMS –** EMS Chief Robert Cheshire made a request to hire Cathy Durkalski and Aaron Coffey as full time Paramedics and Justin Boyce, Sarah Vahle and Jason Able as full time Emergency Medical Techs. There is a need for these new hires to have staffing for both medic trucks to be in service. After planning, there is money in the 2023 budget to pay for these positions. Chief Cheshire read each new hire letter individually. Mayor Buckley asked for a motion to accept these new hires. Sandy Seward made such motion; Dave Harrison seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**New Hires – Part Time, BGEMS –** EMS Chief Robert Cheshire made a request to hire Alicia Fritschi, Adam Hurford, and

Courtney Westerfield as part time Paramedics, and Roman Gomez, Faith Kowalsky, and Kyren Winfrey as part time EMT's. Sandy Seward made such motion to approve the new part time EMS employees; Dave Harrison seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Retirement DPW-** Clerk Treasurer James Coffman read a letter to the Board regarding the retirement of David Watson. Watson has 33 years of service to the City of Beech Grove. He had no balance of sick or vacation time to be paid. Sandy Seward made the motion to accept David's retirement, Dave Harrison seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Request to Hire Public Works** – A request was made by Public Works Director Brad Meriwether to hire Frank Hamilton as a full time Commercial Driver. Hamilton would be filling a position vacated by David Watson's retirement and start on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sandy Seward made the motion to approve the hiring, Dave Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Right of Way Purchase – Nazarene Church** – Mayor Buckley discussed the right of way purchase for \$3,781.00 for the land to install a 6-foot sidewalk on the North side of Hornet Avenue. Payment would be made to the Nazarene Church. This project would keep the kids from walking in the street going to the school. Sandy Seward made the motion to approve the payment for the land purchase, Dave Harrison seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Separation of Employment – HPCC** – A letter was read regarding the termination of a part time employee that worked at the Hornet Park Community Center. Sandy Seward made the motion to approve the termination, Dave Harrison seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Request to Hire Full Time – HPCC** – A request to hire Amy Spudic as a full time Program Manager at the Community Center was requested. Spudic would be paid out of the non-reverting program Operating Funds and would start January 4, 2023. Sandy Seward made the motion to approve the hiring of Amy Spudic as Program Manager, Dave Harrison seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Request to Hire Part time HPCC** – A request was made to hire Skylar McGregor as a part time Facility Assistant. Skylar's pay would be paid out of the general fund and would not exceed more than 29 hours per week. Sandy Seward made a motion to approve the hiring of Skylar McGregor, Dave Harrison seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

#### COMMENTS

The Board wished Dave Harrison a Happy Birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Buckley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandy Seward made such motion and Dave Harrison seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm.

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Dennis B. Buckley, Mayor

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James W. Coffman, Clerk Treasurer