

**CITY OF BEECH GROVE, INDIANA  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

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

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

**MEETING MINUTES:** Clerk Treasurer, Dan McMillan presented to the Board for approval, the minutes from the October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 meeting. Ed Bell moved to accept the minutes as presented. Mayor Buckley seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

- **Corporate Claims** – Claims in the amount of **\$766,485.43** were presented to the Board for approval.

Ed Bell questioned the payment to Crossroad Engineers on the Main Street Project. He wanted to know if this was for final payment. Clerk Treasurer Dan McMillan stated this was for payment No.11 and No.12 and he just received an invoice for payment No.13; which has been sent to INDOT for reimbursement. Clerk McMillan commented that hopefully we only have a few payments left on this project. Clerk McMillan also commented that he wants the citizens to know our sidewalk project for next year will operate the same way, with an 80/20 Grant and reimbursement will come through INDOT. The payment for Miracle Recreation was for new swings in the park. Ed Bell moved to accept the claims as presented. Mayor Buckley seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Request for Street Closure-Lifebridge-**the 10th annual “Baskets of Hope” will take place on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 1:00-4:00pm. The closure would be on 7th Avenue between Albany and Main. Ed Bell asked Police Chief Swartz if this would create any problems and Chief Swartz did not see this creating a problem. Ed Bell moved to approve the road closure. Mayor Buckley seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**LPA Consultant Agreement-Crossroads-**Trent Newport from Crossroads Engineers gave a description of where sidewalks will be placed using the Safe Route to Schools Grants. As everyone is aware Brad Meriwether, Director of DPW, applied for 3 Grants for the city and was awarded all three.

Sidewalks will be placed as follows:

- Beech Grove High School- on Churchman Avenue, with flashing lights and a push button activated cross walk.
- South Grove Intermediate School -where there are no sidewalks on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and a crossing location will be installed. Crosswalks will be added. There will be no flashers added.  
Also, on Redfern Drive, west of 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue on the North Side of the street, near the duplexes and apartments.
- Beech Grove Middle School- along the ball diamonds on Detroit Street and the east side of the alley toward the ball diamonds.

The cost of Survey, Design, and permitting is \$75,700.00 and has to be paid by the City of Beech Grove. Federal Funding is \$312,460.00. The local share is \$78,140.00 and has to be paid by the City of Beech Grove. The total project cost is \$466,300.00. The city's share of \$75,700.00 and \$78,140.00 for a total of \$153,840.00 will be equally split between the city and the school. Trent commented that the schools weighed in on these projects and their input was used in completing designs and they relied heavily on the schools recommendations.. Ed Bell commented that he will be glad to see the sidewalks on Churchman Avenue installed, because he has always had a concern with the children walking there with no sidewalks. Mayor Buckley explained that the City Attorney will draw up a M.O.U between the city and the schools and then the Clerk Treasurer will invoice the school for their portion. Clerk McMillan commented that this started out with \$50,000.00 budgeted for sidewalks and with the Grants the city is going to receive; this has been parlayed into a \$500,000.00 project. This is an aggressive schedule to be designing now and building next year with Federal money doesn't happen very often. Trent also explained that professional services do not have to be bid out. The construction will be bid out through the INDOT system. Mayor Buckley deferred to City Attorney, Craig Wiley to advise the city whether or not they should move forward with entering into this contract with Crossroads Engineers. Craig recommended that the Board move forward with this contract.

Mayor Buckley moved to enter into the LPA Consultant Agreement/Contract between the City of Beech Grove, and Crossroads Engineers. The maximum shall not exceed \$75,700.00. Ed Bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Police Chief Mark Swartz**- we are still looking for the suspect involved in a stabbing 3-4 weeks ago in the area of 2400 Bischoff.

The most recent stabbing incident happened after Beech Grove High School let out. It involved 3 students that were in a fight and 2 students were cut with a knife. This did not happen on school property. After a few days of investigation we learned that the two that were cut with the knife were the instigators. We sent the information to the prosecutor and the judge has signed off on detention or warrants for all three. The two students that have the most serious felonies are now in juvenile and the third student is supposed to be taken there tonight. The cases are now in the juvenile system and will be handled in the juvenile system

No problems or complaint with trick or treating. Friday was a good choice due to the weather that came in.

Mayor Buckley thanked the Beech grove Police Department for the escort of the Beech Grove High School Band to Lucas Oil Stadium on Saturday. Chief Swartz commented that both Police and Fire volunteered their time to do that.

**Brad Meriwether, Director of DPW**- we just finished the lining of the sewer on South 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue project. It was completed in 2 days with minimal issues. The next project will be the Bellefontaine project. DPW has been continuing leaf pick up and they have plenty of salt stored in the event we have a bad winter.

Councilor Bell asked how we are doing on overtime from the storm. Brad commented that some guys worked until 1:00 and 2:00 am to begin clean up and open roads and alleys and then came back in early the next morning to continue clean up. Some employees worked over the weekend too, but we are doing ok. Mayor Buckley commended all city employees for coming in to clean up the city after the storm. There will not be an extra charge for brush pick up.

**Fire Chief Rob Cheshire**- a quick update we just completed our hose testing and we really took a hit this year. The hose failed for many different reasons- expired hose, (over 12 years old) hose coming loose from the couplings, hose splitting and it is unsafe to use. We lost 1000 feet of 5” hose, 750 feet of 3” hose and 500 feet of 1 ¾” hose. This hose will have to be replaced and it is expensive. We also had some major repairs. We had to replace the brakes on Engine No.101 and several tires that had to be replaced this month, as well as some valve issues.

We have submitted information to PERF for pension disability for one Firefighter and we still have two on light duty, so consequently overtime has been an issue, but we have worked with the Clerk Treasurer and found the funding to keep the stations staffed and still running. If you have been around the city you have seen both Fire and Police out a lot. It has been a busy month for Public Safety.

**COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Ed Bell moved to adjourn. Mayor Buckley seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 pm.

The next meeting will be held Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013, following the Board of Sanitation Meeting, at City hall in City Council Chambers.

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Dennis Buckley, Mayor

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Dan McMillan, Clerk Treasurer

Prepared by: Dan McMillan