

**CITY OF BEECH GROVE, INDIANA
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15th, 2014**

Mayor Dennis Buckley called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

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

MEETING MINUTES: The meeting minutes from the December 1, 2014 meeting were presented to the Board. Ed Bell moved to approve the minutes as presented. Sandy Seward Seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Corporate Claims – claims in the amount of **\$1,218,585.02** were presented to the Board for approval. Ed Bell moved to accept the claims as presented. Sandy Seward Seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

2015 Liability and Workman’s Comp. Insurance Renewal: Doug Walker, Walker Insurance
Doug stated there will be an increase of 10% for the renewal. He cited the following reasons as being partly responsible for the increases:

- Six chargeable auto accidents
- Increase in payrolls
- Purchases of new equipment for all departments

They reviewed the past five years of claims history and the insurance company has lost money. This renewal takes effect December 19th, 2014.

Sandy Seward moved to approve the insurance renewal. Ed Bell Seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

2015 Professional Services Agreement – Wessler : The city attorney stated this is a standard agreement that the Board has approved in previous years. Mayor Buckley asked if this could be approved since it was not bid out. City Attorney Craig Wiley explained this could be done because it is professional services and a utility.

Sandy Seward moved to approve this agreement; which is not to exceed \$10,000.00. Ed Bell Seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Approval to Purchase Hot Patch Machine-Presented by DPW Director Brad Meriwether
The Hot Patch Machine was budgeted in the 2015 budget. The purchase price was up to \$28,500.00 and Brad will come back with two quotes for this machine.

Ed Bell moved to have Brad get two quotes for the approval to purchase this hot patch machine. Sandy Seward Seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Request for Step Increase – Fire Department: Paul Cloyd –Presented by Chief Cheshire
His base pay will increase to \$2,289.33 starting January 2nd, 2015. Ed Bell moved to approve the increase for Paul Cloyd, Sandy Seward seconded the Motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Request for Step Increase – Fire Department: Robert Metcalfe- Presented by Chief Cheshire
His base pay will increase to \$2289.86 per pay starting January 2nd, 2015 Sandy Seward moved to approve the increase for Robert Metcalfe. Ed Bell Seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Battalion Chief Resignation – Fire Department: Keric Fitzgerald-Presented by Chief Cheshire
His original resignation date was November 17th, 2014, but was not accepted by Mayor Buckley. After this resignation he will return to the position of Merit Lieutenant. Sandy Seward moved to accept Keric Fitzgerald's resignation as Battalion Chief, effective December 15th, 2014. Ed Bell Seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

DPW Resignation: Roy Edwards / Permission to Hire- Presented by DPW Director Brad Meriwether

Ed Bell moved to accept the resignation of Roy Edwards, Sandy Seward Seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote. Sandy Seward made a Motion to give permission to Brad to hire someone for this position, Ed Bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Handicapped Parking Application

Linda Sy 222 N. 6th Ave. Ed Bell moved to approve the parking permit, Sandy Seward Seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Parks Surplus- Presented by Parks Director Tom Hannon

Tom would like to surplus two lawnmowers, a 2006 Simplicity, and a 2008 Big Dog. Sandy wanted to know if either of these mowers run she was told yes but they were not needed and too costly to keep. Ed Bell made a Motion to surplus these two lawnmowers, Sandy Seward seconded the Motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Fire Department Union Contract for 2015 – 2017- Presented by Local # 416 Representative, Aaron Jeannette

This contract will be in effect from December 15th, 2014-July 31st, 2017. Section # 10 Meal allowance will increase from \$12.00 per duty day to \$14.00 per duty day. The Fire Department will receive a 3% increase or a cost of living increase during this time. They would also like to increase Captains pay by \$1,500.00 a year and an Engineer pay by \$1,000.00 a year. Section #5 DEHP is new

to the contract. Section #5 DEHP or a Deferred Compensation Plan will be through Nationwide Retirement Solutions. This is not budgeted for the year 2015. The earliest this would start is June 1st, 2016. Every Firefighter would receive \$100.00 per year and receive \$500.00 to buy back one day for perfect attendance for the DEHP. Sandy Seward questioned whether we should table or revisit this part of the contract. She asked Mayor Buckley for his thoughts and he thought it should be approved as presented. Clerk Treasurer McMillan stated that for the record he is opposed to Section #5. Sandy Seward moved to approve the contract as presented. Ed Bell Seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS:

Ed Bell wished everyone a happy holiday. He said Police and Fire do a great job and also DPW. Sandy Seward stated all our employees do a good job.

ADJOURNMENT:

Sandy Seward moved to adjourn. Ed Bell Seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7.04 pm The next Board of Works Meeting will be held on Monday, January 5, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Dennis Buckley, Mayor

Dan McMillan, Clerk Treasurer

Prepared by: Dan McMillan